

BYLAWS OF THE GREATER ATLANTA BRITISH MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.** Any person interested in the goals and aspirations of the Greater Atlanta British Motorcycle Association ("GABMA") may apply for membership through any active member, and, upon depositing the annual dues with the Treasurer may stand for election to membership at the next regular meeting by a majority vote of the active GABMA members present at that meeting.
- 1.2 **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.** Only GABMA members who have been duly elected and are currently paid to date in their dues shall have conferred upon them the mantle of official and active GABMA membership, complete with voting and monthly newsletter privileges. Inactive members shall not be eligible to vote at any GABMA meeting, nor can an inactive member hold office.
- 1.3 **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.** Any and all persons attending the GABMA "British in the Blue Ridge Rally" (the "Rally") upon paying the associate membership fee of \$10.00 or the entrance fee for the Rally shall have conferred upon them the mantle of official GABMA associate membership, which consists of all rights granted active members except the right to vote and the receipt of the newsletter by mail. Associate members may pick up surplus copies of the newsletter at any regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Associate membership shall lapse on the opening date of the next scheduled Rally.
- 1.4 **ANNUAL DUES.** Annual dues shall be set by majority vote of the GABMA membership at the Annual (December) meeting. Annual dues shall not be set at less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 without amending the by-laws. Annual dues for the following calendar year shall be payable in October of each year. Any member whose dues remain unpaid by January 31 shall lose active status.
- 1.5 **EXPULSION.** Any active or associate member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming a GABMA member; provided however, that charges must be brought in writing and signed by the accuser, and the accused shall be given notice of a hearing before no less than two-thirds of the Executive Committee with an opportunity to be heard and present witnesses in his defense. The GABMA Barrister shall preside over any such hearing. The Executive Committee shall take evidence and report its findings to the membership with a recommendation of whether the accused's membership should be terminated. If the Executive Committee recommends termination of the accused's membership, a two-thirds vote of the active members present at a regular meeting is required to overrule the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- 1.6 **AMA MEMBERSHIP.** All active GABMA members are strongly encouraged to join the American Motorcycle Association ("AMA").
- 1.7 **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** GABMA is an equal opportunity organization, and membership and the right to hold office herein shall not be denied to any applicant on the basis of sex, race, religious beliefs, national or ethnic origin, or even if he/she drives a Harley or a rice-rocket, although GABMA reserves the right to publicly chastise members in the latter category.

ARTICLE 2: MEETINGS

- 2.1 **TIME OF MEETINGS.** In general, meetings shall be held the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at a mutually inconvenient location within the Metropolitan Atlanta Area, preferably inside the I-285 loop.
- 2.2 **LOCATION OF MEETINGS.** The location of the meetings shall be voted on by GABMA members at least annually, and the President may elect to change the time and place of up to two meetings per year, other

than the annual meeting, without a vote of GABMA members by giving written notice in the monthly newsletter immediately preceding said meeting.

2.3 ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting shall be held each December at the location last voted for by GABMA members, and for the purpose of electing the GABMA officers, in addition to the usual order of business described in ARTICLE 1.

2.4 SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings for GABMA members or the GABMA Executive committee may be called at any time for any purpose or purposes by the President, the Vice-President, or a simple majority of the Executive Committee, and shall be called upon a request in writing signed or endorsed by a majority of all active GABMA members entitled to vote on the business to be transacted at such meeting. Such a written request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting. Business transacted at all special meetings of members shall be confined to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice of the meeting.

2.5 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS. The parliamentary proceedings of the Greater GABMA shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

2.6 ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business to be discussed at each official meeting shall generally be as follows:

- 2.6.1 Roll call of officers;
- 2.6.2 Reading of minutes of previous meeting;
- 2.6.3 Report of the officers;
- 2.6.4 Old business; and
- 2.6.5 New business.

ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS

3.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee shall consist of all duly elected officers of the GABMA.

3.2 OFFICERS. The GABMA officers shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Barrister, the Rally Director and the Road Captain.

3.3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. All GABMA officers shall be elected at the Annual (October) Meeting of each year by a majority vote of the active GABMA members present. All officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected or qualified. Should any officer be unable to complete his term, the President shall appoint a responsible GABMA member to the vacant position for the remainder of the term of office.

3.4 DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The principal duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- 3.4.1 To act for GABMA in all matters ordered by the active GABMA members;
- 3.4.2 To make final decisions upon member expulsions;
- 3.4.3 To properly investigate and present to the GABMA members all business or other situations involving activities of great importance to GABMA;
- 3.4.4 To have control over all GABMA affairs; and
- 3.4.5 To prepare at least one recommendation of nomination for each GABMA officer position to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

3.5 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The principal duties of the President shall be as follows:

- 3.5.1 To preside at all GABMA meetings;
- 3.5.2 To have general supervision of GABMA affairs;
- 3.5.3 To appoint any person or committee not otherwise ordered by the active GABMA members;
- 3.5.4 To personally represent GABMA on proper occasions;
- 3.5.5 To act as GABMA's primary business representative;
- 3.5.6 To assist all other GABMA officers in their records, correspondence and other duties;
- 3.5.7 To review all financial transactions with the Treasurer and to co-sign all checks made payable on the GABMA account;
- 3.5.8 To promote interest on the part of each GABMA member, each and every prospective members and other interested parties in GABMA life and activities; and
- 3.5.9 To vote only when necessary to break a tie.

3.6 DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT. The principal duties of the Vice- president shall be to perform the duties of the President in his absence or to serve otherwise at the President's direction.

3.7 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

- 3.7.1 To keep a record of all GABMA meetings;
- 3.7.2 To send out notices of regular or special meetings;
- 3.7.3 To handle all GABMA correspondence;
- 3.7.4 To publish the monthly newsletter; and
- 3.7.5 To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

3.8 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER. The principal duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- 3.8.1 To collect dues from all GABMA members;
- 3.8.2 To collect all other monies due GABMA;
- 3.8.3 To maintain and preserve all GABMA banking relationships and financial records, and to confer with the President periodically regarding the same;
- 3.8.4 To promptly pay all just debts out of GABMA funds as agreed to by the President and/or the Executive Committee;
- 3.8.5 To work closely with the Rally Director in making necessary financial arrangements to ensure the success of the annual rally; and

3.8.6 To maintain and be responsible for applicable GABMA tax filings and records.

3.9 DUTIES OF THE BARRISTER. The principal duties of the Barrister shall be as follows:

3.9.1 To monitor state and federal legislative activities affecting motorcycling;

3.9.2 To communicate to the district legislative officer of the American Motorcycle Association ("AMA") Congress and to delegate any legislative activities identified;

3.9.3 To communicate with the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Foundation and such other organizations that promote motorcycle safety and other programs beneficial to motorcyclists through lobbying and other lawful means;

3.9.4 To work with the district AMA congress delegates and AMA government relations department to promote programs and legislation that will benefit motorcyclists;

3.9.5 To review and approve all written communication to be officially released by GABMA which involves legislative, tax, potential liability, or other legal ramifications to GABMA; and

3.9.6 To act as the GABMA Insurance Communications Officer for all GABMA sponsored and AMA sanctioned events, including, but not limited to the following:

3.9.6.1 To ensure that said events are properly sanctioned by the AMA with liability insurance intact;

3.9.6.2 To review the registration procedures and see that an adequate supply of all sign-up materials, releases, waivers of liability and other forms are available at said event;

3.9.6.3 To research and consolidate information on all participant or spectator mishaps and occurrences;

3.9.6.4 To complete and mail the required injury report forms required by the insurer and the AMA within 24 hours after said event; and

3.9.6.5 To immediately report any serious accident to the insurer and the AMA during said event.

3.10 DUTIES OF THE ROAD CAPTAIN. The principal duties of the Road Captain shall be as follows:

3.10.1 To plan all GABMA tours, runs, activities, etc., excluding the Annual "British in the Blue Ridge Rally" unless otherwise requested by the Rally Director;

3.10.2 To lead the GABMA membership in formation riding, parades and other activities;

3.10.3 To arouse interest in GABMA activities and the activities of other motorcycle clubs and organizations;

3.10.4 To assist in handling club socials, parties, teas and other functions;

3.10.5 To enforce all rules of group riding;

3.10.6 To select assistants from the GABMA membership to aid in special projects; and

3.10.7 To promote motorcycle safety with GABMA members.

3.11 DUTIES OF THE RALLY DIRECTOR. The principal duties of the Rally Director shall be follows:

- 3.11.1 To organize, promote, plan, direct, orchestrate and otherwise do everything necessary to ensure the continued success of the GABMA Annual "British in the Blue Ridge Rally" (the "Rally") to be held each summer at a campground or similar location in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia;
- 3.11.2 To arouse interest in GABMA Rally activities and to solicit the participation of other motorcycle clubs and organizations in said rally;
- 3.11.3 To assist in handling club socials, parties, teas and other functions at the Rally;
- 3.11.4 To select assistants from the GABMA membership and officers to perform all necessary functions at the Rally;
- 3.11.5 To see that said assistants and the GABMA officers perform their assigned duties during the Rally, with the privilege of inflicting severe and personal verbal abuse upon individual sluggards, slackers and incompetents among the aforesaid during the Rally and for a period not to exceed twelve months thereafter; and
- 3.11.6 To promote motorcycle safety among GABMA members and all others attending the Rally.
- 3.11.7 The Rally Director shall have the discretion and authority to make all operating decisions during the Rally as necessary. Such decisions may be vetoed by two-thirds of the standing Executive Committee.