

# BYLAWS

## BOISE ATV TRAIL RIDERS



### Article I – Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the “Boise ATV Trail Riders” hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### Article II – Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Club is:

- A. To foster, promote and enhance the use of All-Terrain Vehicles (hereinafter referred to as ATVs) for recreational purposes in the State of Idaho.
- B. To encourage, promote, and educate the safe and responsible use of ATVs.
- C. To organize and sponsor ATV rides and events.
- D. To cooperate with public land management and/or regulatory agencies, but always reserving the right to oppose regulations or actions the Club considers unfair and/or not serving the best interests of the members.
- E. To sponsor the enactment of fair state, federal and private land use laws and regulations pertaining to the ownership and operation of ATVs. To actively oppose such laws and regulations as are determined to be detrimental to the best interests of the members.
- F. To actively seek out and build mutually beneficial relationships with other recreational users of public land.

Section 2. The Club recognizes that organized ATV competition is an important part of recreational use of such machines.

### Article III – Membership

Section 1. The Club shall have the following classes of Membership:

- A. **Individual Membership** – A person who engages in recreational ATV use and who subscribes to and supports the purposes of the Club. It shall have one vote.
- B. **Spouse/Family Membership** – An individual membership plus spouse and unmarried children under 18 years of age. This membership shall have up to two votes by those adults attending any meeting where a matter is put to a vote.
- C. **Business/Sponsor Membership** – A commercial enterprise that subscribes to and supports the purposes of the Club. This is a non voting membership
- D. **Associate Membership** – Persons or organizations wish to support the Club and/or participate in its social activities. This is a non-voting membership.
- E. **Honorary Membership** – Persons worthy of special recognition for activities and accomplishments in furtherance of the purposes and goals of the Club. This is a non-voting membership.

Section 2. Membership is open upon payment of dues to all persons who meet one or more of the above definitions without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin. A member may resign from the Club at any time.

Section 3. Membership in the Club will be terminated for non-payment of dues and any membership may be terminated by a vote of the full Board for such cause as deemed appropriate.

#### **Article IV – Dues**

Section 1. Dues may be fixed and adjusted from time to time, but not more than once annually. Changes may be recommended by the Board of Directors and must be approved by the vote of the membership. Dues are fixed as follows:

Individual Member	\$15
Spouse/Family Member	\$20
Business/Sponsor	\$60
Associate Member	\$10
Honorary Member	No fee

#### **Article V – Membership Year**

Section 1. The Membership year of the Club starts January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Section 2. Members joining the months of October, November or December of the current year will not expire until the following year. Example: Join in October 2009 – expiration date would be January 1, the following year.

#### **Article VI – Management**

Section 1. The management of the Club is vested in the **Board of Directors** consisting of The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure, and three Directors all elected by the membership, except as provided below for the filling of mid-term vacancies. The immediate Past-President shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board shall meet as needed to handle the business of the Club. Meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board members. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board. Meetings are open to all members of the Club.

Section 3. Any program, project or other expenditure projected to cost more than \$300 requires ratification by a vote of the members.

Section 4. At the December meeting the President shall appoint a three-member committee to review the last year's financial activity and records and make a report of the audit to be presented at the March meeting prior to election

Section 5. If any vacancies occur on the Board of Directors, the remaining members shall elect a successor to complete the un-expired term.

Section 6. Any member who is nominated and accepts an elected office in the Club and who fails to attend three consecutive stated meetings may, at the discretion of the Board, have his/her office declared vacant, excepting cases of sickness or excused absence.

## **Article VII – Duties of Officers and Directors**

- Section 1. The President or his/her appointee shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she may appoint committees to attend to the business of the Club.
- Section 2. The Vice-President shall, during the absence or temporary incapacity of the President, perform the duties and have the powers of the President.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep all the records of the Club, minutes of meetings, lists of Committees, and discharge all of the usual secretarial duties associated with the office as required by the Bylaws. When needed, he/she will work with the Membership Committee in regards to membership applications.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all dues, via the Membership Committee, and other monies, and be the custodian thereof. He/she shall disburse such funds under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep such records as are necessary, submit a report at each regular meeting of the Club and make the records available to and cooperate fully with the committee appointed to prepare the annual financial review and audit.
- Section 5. Directors may chair committees or perform such duties as are assigned by the Board.

## **Article VIII – Membership Meetings**

- Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held once a month and will be posted on the Club's web page and/or announced at the meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Board or by the written request of at least twelve (12) members.
- Section 2. At any regular or special meeting of the Club of which all members in good standing have been notified, a quorum shall consist of those attending. Notification is defined as depositing the Club's newsletter, E-mail, phone call, or other meeting notice in the US Mail bearing the member's address of record at seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- Section 3. At any regular or special meeting, resolutions may be adopted and instructions may be issued to the Officers and/or the Board of Directors, provided that they do not abridge powers specifically granted to them by these Bylaws.

## **Article IX – Rules of Order**

- Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern this Club in all matters to which they are applicable, including meetings of the membership and the Board.

## **Article X – Elections**

- Section 1. At the January meeting, the President or his/her appointee shall appoint a Nominating Committee, to be chaired by a Past-President if available. No later than the March meeting this Committee shall present the names of at least one qualified candidate for each position available. Additional nominations of qualified candidates may be made from the floor immediately prior to the election. All nominees must express an interest in the position and a willingness to serve if elected.