

OSSEO AREA DUSTY RIDERS

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes of this club are:

- To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of ATVing;
- To provide a medium for the exchange of ATV information;
- To develop a fraternal spirit among local ATV enthusiasts;
- To serve the interests of ATV owners
- To defend ATV owners against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation;
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the club and in the general public interest

ARTICLE II. GENERAL RULES

Section 1. The general rules Club members agree to follow are:

- Club members must stay on established trails at all times unless a specific area is designated as a playground for open riding;
- All regulations and rules of the DNR and local municipalities will be observed at all times;
- No littering at any time;
- No member of the club can hold a landowner or any other member liable for injuries or equipment damage suffered while riding on established trails or participating in club activities;
- Club members will ensure the safety of others by periodic stops during group rides to make sure all members are accounted for;
- Violators of the Club rules may be brought before the club for recommendation of termination of membership

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the club shall consist of:

- a) Active members who have paid club dues
- b) Sponsors who have paid business sponsorship dues
- c) Honorary members – landowners who have allowed the use of their property and will have voting privileges
- d) Guests will be allowed on club rides so long as they have signed a temporary membership form releasing the club of any liability and paid guest dues if applicable

Section 2. Active membership is available to all ATV owners and enthusiasts without regard to sex, race or religious beliefs. Active membership shall extend to all members of a co-habiting family.

Section 3. Applications for membership shall be made on the appropriate form containing an agreement by the applicant to abide by the By-laws and purposes of the club, and by paying the required dues.

Section 4. A member or officer of the club may resign from the club at any time upon written notice to the Secretary/Treasurer. Membership dues are not refundable.

Section 5. Membership in the club may be terminated by majority vote of the Board of Directors in the event of nonpayment of dues or other action not consistent with the By-laws of the club. Termination of

any member shall not release him/her from the obligation to pay any amounts owed to the club for the period of membership.

Section 6. The amount of dues as well as the time for their payment shall be determined from time to time by action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV. FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the club shall run from the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and four Board members. These seven shall constitute the club's Board of Directors.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected from the membership by plurality vote who are in attendance at the Annual meeting held in the month of April. Vacancies occurring between such elections shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors at any meeting.

Section 3. All officers shall take office immediately upon election and hold office for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and oversee and coordinate any committees authorized by the club.

Section 5. The Vice President, during the absence or temporary incapacity of the President shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President.

Section 6. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep all club records including minutes of meetings, roster of members, list of committees and their members; shall send out notice of special meetings, be responsible for the monthly newsletter, and perform any other usual secretarial functions. He/She shall keep all financial records of the club and have charge of its funds. He/She shall keep all funds in a bank approved by the club and in the name of the club. He/She shall disburse funds under direction and approval of the club. A Secretary's report and Treasurer's report shall be prepared for each meeting and approved by the club. An annual financial audit shall be prepared and submitted at the April annual meeting.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the club except when meetings of the club are in session. All matters affecting the policies, aims and means of accomplishing the purposes of the club not specifically provided for in this constitution or by action of the membership at a regular or special meeting shall be decided by the Board of Directors. The Board shall appoint or approve all standing and special committees of the Club. The Board shall meet at the call of the president. A report on all actions taken by the Board shall be made to the membership at every meeting. A motion shall be made and seconded to approve reports.

Section 8. All officers shall have other powers and duties as are required by law.

ARTICLE VI. GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the club shall be held in April. The major business of this meeting shall be the election of officers and approval of the financial audit.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the club shall be held monthly at the time and place fixed by resolution at the previous meeting or as designated by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 3. Anyone who wishes to speak from the floor must identify himself/herself to the membership.

Section 4. Special meetings of the club may be called by the Board of Directors, President or by any group of at least five active members by giving adequate notice of the time, place and purpose of the special meeting.

Section 5. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting and all other regular meetings of the club shall be made through the monthly newsletter.

Section 6. The active members present at any club meeting shall constitute a quorum. Any formal action taken at any meeting shall require a majority vote of the active members present. Each active member age 18 or older shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1. A “qualified member” is an active member age 18 or older whose dues are paid.

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made from the floor. To be eligible for office, a member must be a qualified member present at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Officers and directors shall be elected by majority vote of those qualified members present.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the active members present at a meeting.

ARTICLE IX. SPLITTING OF THE CLUB

Section 1. If the club should split, the assets and liabilities shall remain with the club. Members splitting from the club agree that they hold no claim to the assets of the club.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event the club shall disband, all assets shall be distributed to non-profit organizations as determined by the club.

The foregoing By-laws were approved by a majority of the active members present at a meeting of the membership of the club.

Dated: 5/15/08

Penny Flikkshaug
Secretary/Treasurer