

O.C.N.Y.H.O.G. CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Vails Gate, New York

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Harley Owners Group
OCNYHOG, Vails Gate, NY
Preamble :

The Purpose of Orange County H.O.G., henceforth referred to as “Chapter”, is to promote responsible motorcycling activities for Harley Owners Group members, by conducting chapter activities and encouraging participation in other H.O.G. Events while maintaining a family-orientated philosophy. The goal of our chapter is to generate and increased level of enthusiasm for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Our chapter is a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE I

Name and Affiliation

The Organization shall be known as Orange County, NY (H.O.G.) Chapter, Inc. The sponsor Is Moroney’s Harley Davidson, 813 Union Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Corporation are

- A) To create a loyalty and bond between the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company, the Harley-Davidson Dealers, and Harley-Davidson customers.
- B) To be a family-oriented organization which should appeal to all H.O.G. members.
- C) To encourage members to use their motorcycles and to enjoy the company of fellow members
- D) To improve and maintain a positive public image of the company, the Dealers, and the Riders.
- E) To assist Harley-Davidson and it’s Dealers in marketing to new and existing customers.
- F) To do any and all other things permitted by the laws of New York under which this Chapter is incorporated and of acts of amendatory or supplemental thereto.
- G) The number of meetings and frequency of meetings shall be one per month unless changed by the membership. Meetings will be held each month at a time and place so designated by the Chapter officers and members.
- H) A quorum for a meeting shall consist of a majority of the membership in good standing.

ARTICLE III

Duties and Composition of the Board of Directors/Officers

- A) To manage the affairs of the OCHOG Chapter Harley Owners Group, Vails Gate, New York.
- B) To appoint committees to carry out the objectives of the chapter.
- C) To employ such persons necessary for the successful evolution of the objectives of the Chapter.
- D) To give, at least once a year, a full and complete report of the corporations activities to its membership.
- E) To employ what mechanism for funding of the OCHOG Chapter, Vails Gate, NY as shall be deemed appropriate by the Baord of Directors.
- F) To fulfill all legal obligations imposed by the State of New York.
- G) To insure adequate representation, the Board shall be composed of at least Four (4) Members who are also officers of the corporation. The Four (4) Directors/Officers shall be:

1- Director

* Works with the sponsoring dealer to uphold the HOG Charter and operating policies

- * Assumes overall responsibility for the Administration of the HOG Charter and Implementation of Harley Owners Group policies.

- * Conducts Chapter meetings.

- * Coordinates Chapter officers responsibilities.

- * Directs HOG correspondence to fellow officers and membership as necessary.

The Director may be appointed by the Sponsoring Dealer or nominated and approved by vote of the Chapter members.

2- Assistant Director

- * Assists the director as needed

- * Informs the Chapter members of HOG programs and benefits.

- * Conducts new member orientation.

- * Acts as the liaison between chapter and the state Rally committee.

The assistant director is nominated and approved by vote of the Chapter membership.

3- Treasurer

- * Responsible for all monies and financial transactions, including the checking account.

- * Aforesaid checking account to require two signatures (Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary) on all checks.

- * Shall have all financial records available and audit ready at all times.

- * Oversees the preparation of Chapter Federal, State and Local Tax returns.

- * Reports summerized financial transactions to members monthly

- * Submits Annual financial Report to HOG

The Treasurer is nominated and approved by vote of the Chapter membership

3 - Secretary

- * Oversees the administrative needs of the chapter.

- * Keeps minutes of all chapter meetings, formal/informal

- * Ensures that risk management requirements set forth by chapter insurance program, including

procurement of necessary release forms, are met for all chapter activities.(works w/Director).

- * Submits various reports to HOG, including Annual registration

The Secretary is nominated and approved by vote of the Chapter membership

ARTICLE IV

Specialized Duties

Section 1 -Activities Officer

Activities Officer will assist the Chapter Director with carrying out the event plans with special duties assigned by the Chapter Director (monthly events, special events, charity funds)

The Activities Officer shall inform the membership of H.O.G. And Harley-Davidson Inc.

Related activities. Oversees the collection of Release Forms for chapter Events. Recruits and instructs volunteers for chapter activities.

The Activities Officer is usually appointed by the Director.

Section 2 - Head Road Captain(s)

Assists in planning routes for chapter rides, including Poker Run route. Educates chapter

members about riding techniques. Works in conjunction with Safety Officer to ensure all Safety rules are followed. Informs members of any Hand Signals used by the chapter on group rides. Acts as a guide for organized chapter rides.

The Head Road Captain(s) is usually appointed by the Director.

Section 3 - Ladies of Harley Officer

Duties shall be to extend a welcome to all Ladies of the membership to join in and participate in rides and special events hosted by Ladies of Harley and all other Chapter events, and to work with the Activities Officer.

The Ladies of Harley Officer is usually appointed by the Director.

Section 4 - Editor

Authors, edits and facilitates the distribution of Chapter Publications. Informs chapter members of Chapter Activities by printing them in the Chapter Newsletter. Promotes HOG's fun, Family-orientated philosophy in all Chapter publications. Sends a copy of all publications to the HOG Office.

The Editor is usually appointed by the Director.

Section 5 - Photographer/Historian

Takes and organizes chapter photos for chapter publications, HOG Tales, and a chapter history Album. Organizes written accounts of chapter activities, records names of chapter officers, notes membership levels, etc.. Organizes photos of chapter activities, officers, members, etc ..

The Photographer/Historian is usually appointed by the Director.

Section 6 - Web Master

This Position of " Web Master " ; does require a Computer - Internet Access - Web Page editing software.

Also the Web Master Must maintain the Chapter Web Site in accordance to Harley-Davidson Guidelines. Update the Web Site with Monthly Newsletter, Chapter photos and generally Family orientated material.

ARTICLE V

Term of Office

Section 1

The term of the Primary Officers shall be no less than one year. Officers, upon election by the Chapter, The Chapter Director, if appointed by the Sponsoring Dealer, may serve at the Discretion of the sponsoring dealer, as may the other Chapter Officers.

Section 2

No officer listed in Article III may hold more than one office at a time unless Approved by the Sponsoring Dealer and/or Chapter Director.

Section 3

The sponsoring Dealer, Jim Moroney's Harley-Davidson Sales and Service, reserves the right to reject any elected officer or committee it deems unsatisfactory to serve the office or position

elected or appointed to.

Section 4

An officer of this chapter may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board, with chapter approval, whenever in its judgement, it is in the best interest of the chapter. Such removal shall be without prejudice.

Section 5

If an officer resigns a position due to: illness, changed residence, etc. Or is removed from office By the Executive Board, this will constitute a vacancy. This vacancy will be filled by announcing the vacancy in the newsletter and at the very next regular chapter meeting. Nominations and Election to be held at the following chapter meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Fiscal

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be the calendar year January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations:

Each primary Officer of the Chapter will have a tenure of one-year consisting of January thru December (unless re-elected to serve longer). Each September, during the last year of tenure, at the regularly scheduled meeting, all members in good standing may place their names in nomination for the offices held. In the September newsletter, the names of all members in Nomination will be listed. This will repeat at the October and again in November regularly scheduled meetings. At the regularly schedule December meeting, a vote by paper ballot for each office will be taken. The member receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner. The above process will take place with the approval of the Sponsoring Dealer and may be changed and modified by said Sponsoring Dealer.

ARTICLE VIII

Membership

Section 1

All Harley Owners Group members in good standing are eligible for membership in the local Chapter. An expired membership in the H.O.G. National organization automatically terminates that member from the local Chapter. We will try and make an effort to notify members when Their membership expires, but it is the sole responsibility of the member to maintain their Memberships, with both National H.O.G. And Local. It will be a requirement to attend 3 general meetings minium to be able to vote on key issues and Officers.

Section 2

Suspension

If, by decision of the Chapter Officers/Director, a member's conduct at more than one event is

undesirable, that member will receive a written/oral reprimand, a second offense will be reviewed by the Officers/Director of OCNYHOG Chapter of Harley Owners Group, Vails Gate, NY. Who will have the authority, if deemed necessary, to suspend a membership.

Section 3

Reinstatement

Will be approved by the Sponsoring Dealer, Chapter Director and/or Chapter Officers.

Section 4

Riding

While riding all members and guests will ride as a group and obey all instructions given by the Road Captains. All members and guests will strictly adhere to the riding policies of this chapter And all local traffic laws.

ARTICLE IX

Dues:

Annual Chapter dues in the amount of Twenty-Four Dollars (\$24.00) a year will be payable every January, and run through to December of that year. Dues may be paid at the regularly scheduled Chapter meeting. Membership must be renewed annually and each member, upon paying dues, will receive a membership card. Primary Officers election in the new year, will have their local dues paid for by the Chapter.

Chapter Meetings:

Regular monthly meetings of the membership will be held on the second Sunday of the month, Unless otherwise notified. Minutes will be taken at each meeting and past minutes will be read A financial Report from the Treasurer will follow the reading of past meeting minutes. All Chapter business, old and new, will be discussed at the regular Chapter meetings. This will include all chapter officer activities and any committee reports.

Executive Board Meeting:

The Executive Board Meeting will be an open door meeting to be held no less than four times a Year. All Officers must be notified prior to meeting being held. The purpose of this meeting will be to ensure communications between chapter officers. Minutes of the meeting will be taken and Made available for member review.

ARTICLE X

Section 1 - Guest

HOG Members may bring a guest to any OCNYHOG Chapter event, however, those guests are **Not** entitled to the same benefits as the members.

These benefits include (but are not limited to) voting privileges and chapter paid events

Children (16 and under) of a member will have paid events covered and are welcome at all Chapter functions. Children of guests are welcomed, but are not entitled to chapter benefits It should be noted that to be a local OCNYHOG chapter member, you must be a National HOG

Member in good standing.

Activities

Section 1

Activities designated by the OCNYHOG chapter, Vails Gate, NY shall consist of at least One event per month starting in April and ending in October.

Section 2

Special activities will be those held November through March unless events come forward.

Section 3

National H.O.G. Events (in the area) will receive priority over monthly event scheduling.

Section 4

The Activities Officer, Chapter Director or his/her designee will supervise all monthly Events.

ARTICLE XI

Newsletter

The objective of the newsletter is to convey to the Chapter membership information on the chapter events. The Chapter newsletter will be published a minimum of six (6) times a year with the maximum of twelve (12) newsletters in any one calendar year. All information to be printed must be approved by the director or the Sponsoring Dealer.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Section 1

The Chapter may see fit to amend these By-Laws at any time

Section 2

Amendments must be presented and read at a meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting.

Section 3

Amendments will be done at regular meetings with the majority vote.

ARTICLE XIII

Dissolution Clause

The disposition of the Chapter assets shall be made at the time of dissolution as follows: After All expenses have been paid at the time of dissolution, assets shall be donated to a charity.

ARTICLE XIV

Disclaimer

While the local chapter may be affiliated with H.O.G., it maintains a separate, independent

entity responsible for its actions. All Harley Owners Group members and their Guest(s) participate voluntarily and at their own-risk in H.O.G. And H.O.G. Chapter activities. The Sponsoring dealer, H.O.G., and Harley-Davidson, Inc. And its subsidiaries and local chapter Officers are and shall be released and held harmless by the member/guest for any injury or loss to the member/guest or to his or her property which may result from participating in H.O.G. and H.O.G. Chapter activities. This means that each and every member of the local chapter and their guest(s) have no ground for legal action against the sponsoring dealer, H.O.G., Harley-Davidson, Inc., or it's subsidiaries and their employees for any injury resulting to them or their property.