

## **Red River Riders ATV Club**

The below by-laws were approved by a vote of the members on May 17, 2006. No updates have been made since this time.

### ***DEFINITIONS:***

- Member(s) - The term member refers to Class A and Class B members as defined below. The term Member also includes Officers and Directors unless otherwise stated in the context of its use below.
- Officer - An Officer is a Class A member that holds the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Safety Officer within the Organization.
- Director - A Director is a member of the Board or Directors. Officers are by virtue of their position members of the Board of Directors.
- Organization – Red River Riders ATV Club.
- Board - the Board of Directors.
- Rolling Calendar Year - A rolling calendar year is defined as the 12 months immediately preceding the current date. For example: if Today was March 22, 2006 the rolling calendar year would include the past twelve months up to and including March 22, 2007.

### ***ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose***

#### *1. Section 1:*

1. The name of the organization shall be Red River Riders ATV Club herein after referred to as the Organization or club.

#### *Section 2:*

2. The purpose of this club are:
  - To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of ATVing;
  - To provide a medium for the exchange of ATVing information;
  - To develop a fraternal spirit among local ATVers and other recreational enthusiasts;
  - To serve the interests of ATVing owners;
  - To defend such owners against discriminatory legislations, regulations and burdensome taxation;
  - To own or lease property for club uses;
  - To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the club and in the general public interest.

### ***ARTICLE II - Membership***

#### *1. Section 1:*

1. Membership in the club shall consist of the following class(es):

- a. Active Members
- b. Associate and Honorary Members

*Section 2:*

- 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:*

- 3. Applications for membership shall be made in writing addressed to the Secretary of the club on the appropriate form containing an agreement by the applicant to abide by the required dues and purposes of the club.

*Section 4:*

- 4. Each active member is recommended to be a member of the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM).

*Section 5:*

- 5. A member may resign from the club at any time upon written notice to the Secretary.

*Section 6:*

- 6. 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 by-laws of the club. Termination of any member shall not release said member from the obligations to pay all dues and other amounts owed to the period of membership.

*Section 7:*

- 7. The Board of Directors may establish the qualifications and the rights of Associate and Honorary Members.

**ARTICLE III - Dues**

*1. Section 1:*

- 1. 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.

*Section 2:*

- 2. The dues payable to this club shall be sufficient to include membership in the ATVAM and the proper amount shall be forwarded to that organization at the appropriate time.

**ARTICLE IV - Fiscal Year**

*1. Section 1:*

- 1. The fiscal year of the club shall commence on the first day of March and end on the twenty-eighth day of February. Dues paid by March first of each year.

## **ARTICLE V - Management**

### *1. Section 1:*

1. The management of the club is vested in the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI - Officers**

### *1. Section 1:*

1. The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, ATVAM representative, and two boards of Directors members. These seven shall constitute the clubs Board of the Directors.

### *Section 2:*

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

### *Section 3:*

3. All officers shall take office immediately upon election (first meeting in March ) and hold office for a term of one-year or until successors shall have been elected and qualified. An officer's term is not to exceed two consecutive years. A director's term is not to exceed two consecutive two-year terms.

### *Section 4:*

4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of its Board of Directors and shall oversee and coordinate such committees as are authorized by the Club. He or she shall be a member of ex-officio of all such committees and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned to him or her by these by-laws and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all standing committees and special committees of the Club.

### *Section 5:*

5. The Vice-President shall assist the President and assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or incapacity, Vice President shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President in his/her absence.

### *Section 6:*

6. The Secretary shall keep all club records, except financial records, including minutes of meetings, roster of members, list of committees and their members; shall send out notice of meetings, received applications for membership, and discharge all of the usual secretarial functions of the office required by these by-laws. The Secretary shall also notify all members of any special meetings that may occur.

### *Section 7:*

7. The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the club and have charge of its funds. He or she shall keep all of the funds in a bank approved by the Club

and in the name of the Club. Withdrawals shall be made by check signed in such manner as maybe approved from time to time by the Club. A Treasurer's report shall be prepared for each Board Meeting and an annual audit shall be prepared and submitted at the March membership meeting.

*Section 8:*

8. The Board of Directors shall be 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 of by action of the membership at a regular or special meeting shall be decided by the Board of Directors. The board shall meet at the call of the President or of a majority of the members of the Board. A report on all actions taken by the Board of Directors shall be made to the membership at the next following meeting. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall be required for a quorum.

*Section 9:*

9. The ATVAM Representative shall attend as many meetings of the Board of Directors of ATVAM as possible, and shall represent the interests of the club at those meetings.

*Section 10:*

10. All officers shall have such other powers and duties as required by law.

*Section 11:*

11. Removal of officers - Any officer not doing their job under these by-laws may be removed by a majority vote by the Board of Directors, or at a regular scheduled meeting with 30 day notice of membership.

**ARTICLE VII - General membership Meetings**

1. *Section 1:*

1. The annual Meeting of the members of the club shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The major business of this meeting shall be the election of the Board of Directors.

*Section 2:*

2. The President or the Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings of the members of the club monthly at the time and place fixed by resolution at the previous meeting or as designated.

*Section 3:*

3. Special meetings of the club may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, or by any group of 8 active members by giving adequate notice of time, place and purpose of such special meetings.

*Section 4:*

4. Written notices of the time and place of the Annual and all other meetings of

the membership shall be prepared and distributed to the membership by the Secretary or President.

*Section 5:*

5. The active members at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. A minimum of 10 members constitute a quorum. Any formal action taken at any meeting of the membership shall require a majority vote of these active members present. Each active member age 18 or older shall be entitled to one vote.

**ARTICLE VIII - Election Procedures**

1. *Section 1:*

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

*Section 2:*

2. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least two directors and two members.

*Section 3:*

3. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination candidates for election to the Board of Directors for each prospective vacancy from among the names of the qualified members club.

*Section 4:*

4. Nominations by the Nominating Committee shall be made at the regular or special meeting of the club held in February of each year. At least 15 days advance notice shall be given the membership prior to the nomination meeting. A nominating committee may be appointed or elected to make nominations, but whether or not such nominating committee is used, nominations shall be permitted from the floor at the nomination meeting. All regular elections shall be held at the March meeting.

*Section 5:*

5. To be eligible for office a member must be a qualified member.

*Section 6:*

6. Officers and directors shall be elected by secret ballot vote and the balloting shall be so conducted as to afford to all qualified members a reasonable opportunity to vote. At least fifteen days advance notice shall be given the membership prior to the holding of the election.

**ARTICLE IX - Miscellaneous Provisions**

1. *Section 1:*

1. Roberts Rules of Order revised shall be the guide in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

*Section 2:*

2. No possession of alcohol or drugs while operating your ATV during club events.

**ARTICLE X - Amendments**

*1. Section 1:*

1. The by-laws may be appended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the active members attending the annual meeting, or at any meeting at the club provided 30 days notice of intend to amend is published.

**ARTICLE XI - Splitting of the Club**

*1. Section 1:*

1. If the club should split, the assets and liabilities shall be distributed in proportion to the continuing and splitting members. The board of directors shall determine the value of the current assets and shall determine which assets shall remain with the current club and which shall be transferred to the splitting club.

**ARTICLE XII - Dissolution**

*1. Section 1:*

1. In the event that this club shall disband all the assets shall be disbursed determined by the board of directors.

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

Secretary

Dated May 17, 2006