

# Old Pueblo Riders

Bylaws (Revised 9/8/19)

501(c)(3)

Name: The name of the organization is the Old Pueblo Riders, referred to as the “Group” in this document.

Affiliation: The Group was originally affiliated with the Indian Riders Group, Inc., as a member club. This affiliation no longer exists. Some Group members, those that ride Indians, maintain individual associate memberships in the Indian Riders Group, Inc. [Titus 08/2006]

Sponsorship: The Group was once sponsored by the local Indian dealership, All American Motorcycles, Inc. This sponsorship no longer exists. All American Motorcycles, Inc., is no longer an Indian dealership. [Titus 08/2006]

Purpose: Old Pueblo Riders is a social, charitable and educational organization. The purpose of the Group is to bring together individuals interested in motorcycles and motorcycling and to promote the ideals this group was founded for: fun, fellowship, service and safe riding. It is the goal of the Group to promote safety, share relevant information, and provide opportunities for shared motorcycling experiences. The Group will periodically organize and engage in activities such as seminars and cross-country motorcycle trips.

Old Pueblo Riders (OPR) is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, OPR shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of OPR shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Dissolution clause: In the event of the merger or dissolution of OPR for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of OPR shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of OPR and its affairs, to any like-minded organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

Membership: Members of the Group are those individuals that have applied (asked) for membership and have been endorsed by a majority vote of the Group. Members need

not own or ride a motorcycle. No one will be barred from membership because of race, religion, gender, national origin or physical handicap.

**Voting:** Each member, in good standing, is entitled to one vote. All major decisions affecting the Group will be voted on by the membership present. The voting membership consists of only active Group members in good standing. A motion must be made and seconded to be considered for discussion and a vote. In the event a tie vote occurs, the final decision will rest with a majority vote by the Executive Committee. The right to vote may be transferred by written proxy. All votes within the Group will be by simple majority. A quorum of one half of the members in good standing is required for all official Group business.

**Officers:** The Officers of the Group will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sargent-at-Arms. Officers of the Group must be members in good standing. Officers are elected at-large for terms of one year. Vacancies that arise will be filled by a vote of the general membership as soon as possible after they occur. Officers of the Group form and act as the Executive Committee of the Group.

The President will act as spokesman and representative of the Group in dealings with other motorcycle organizations and clubs. The President will conduct all regular and special meetings and set the agenda for such meetings. The President may appoint committees and other non-governing positions as he/she sees fit.

The Vice-President will assume the position of President and act in the President's place when the duties of the President are required and the President is not present.

The Secretary is responsible for correspondence and record keeping for the Group. The Secretary will ensure (either personally or through appointment) that records of Group meetings are maintained and that the Group has an adequate and current on-line (web) presence.

The Treasurer is responsible for accepting, managing and disbursing funds in support of the Group. The Treasurer will insure that an accurate annual report of accounts is made available to the membership.

The Sargent-at-Arms is responsible for maintaining order, settling disputes and securing the tradition(s) of the Group. He/She will oversee the Road Captain committee.

**Committees:** There will be a permanent Road Captain committee. It will consist of a Chairman and from one to three members. The Chairman will be selected by a vote of the membership. The committee members will be chosen by the Chairman. Members of this committee will be designated Road Captains for the Group. As such they are encouraged to seek whatever formal training, experience and educational material that is available.

The Road Captain and assistants should be familiar with the ride route and be able to take the lead if the group gets separated. The Road Captain will coordinate departure times, meet up locations, routes for rides, and assist with communication of this information to the membership. The Road Captain will review routes for safety concerns, conduct pre-ride safety meeting and will assist other riders in practicing safe riding techniques.

Meetings: The Group will conduct periodic meetings. Every attempt will be made to hold such meetings at least every other month. The date and location of these meetings will be publicized as far in advance as is practical. The meeting held in (or near) the month of September is designated as the Annual General Membership meeting. At the Annual General Membership meeting, the Officers will report on the previous year's activities and the election of Officers for the following year will take place.

Dues: As a condition of good standing in the Group, all members must pay any subscriptions and fees levied by the Executive Committee. At a minimum, this amounts to an annual membership subscription set by the Executive Committee.

Group Patches: Group patches may only be worn by the Group member and their member passenger (if applicable) who are in good standing. Based on availability and as soon as possible after paying initial dues, a new member will receive a large Old Pueblo Riders patch. If the new members significant other plans to participate with the Group as a passenger on the members motorcycle, upon dues having been paid for the significant other, they will also receive a patch. Members may purchase a small Old Pueblo Rider patch.

If a member wishes to discontinue their membership they are to notify the OPR President and at the same time return all OPR patches. If an individual's membership is revoked by the Group for infractions of the conditions contained in these Bylaws, all Group patches are to be immediately returned to an active Group member

PATCHES, PINS AND APPAREL will be designed in accordance with OPR guidelines decided by the governing officers.

Rides: The general membership may, at its pleasure, schedule motorcycle trips of various lengths, destinations and difficulty in support of the Group's goals. When such rides are planned under the auspices of the Group, details will be arrived at by consensus to include as many members as possible. The Executive Committee will act as arbiter in the planning of such rides. Group rides may be organized in conjunction with other motorcycle clubs and groups.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS: Full members are encouraged to attend meetings, events, and functions, and be dedicated to maintaining and growing the Group. Members are expected to abide by the Group Bylaws and the code of conduct prescribed within. Members must show appropriate respect to fellow members and other organizations. Members are encouraged to mentor new members and new riders. Based on their affiliation with OPR, each member represents the Group as a whole and should always act in a manner that positively represents every brother and sister in the Group, whether or not they are wearing their OPR patch.

SAFETY: On a Group ride, each individual is not only responsible for their own safety but also other members of the Group. Riders should be familiar with and practice safe riding techniques. The road captain will review key safety requirements before all rides. Any

safety questions or concerns should be discussed before the ride and at any time there is a concern. In order to keep the group safe, the ride captain may need to take the following actions to address safety concerns or violations:

- 1) Discussion and counseling with an individual rider about an unsafe incident or practice
- 2) Placing a rider at the back of the pack with a safety escort,
- 3) Suspend the Rider from current ride and elevate the incident to Executive Committee for further action. (See Disciplinary Action section)

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Members are expected to abide by these Bylaws and the code of conduct prescribed within, and all safety requirements. If any member within the Group violates provisions, the matter will be brought to the attention of the President. The President will convene the Executive Committee to determine the relevant facts and determine the appropriate course of action. The intent is to provide education/awareness and offer feedback/guidance, for initial infractions. A majority vote is required for any action.

**Bylaws:** Proposals to change these bylaws may be made at any time; but will be considered only at the next Annual General Membership meeting. Proposals will be disseminated to the membership so that they can be discussed adequately prior to any vote.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chad Johnson, OPR President

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike DeLeone, OPR Vice President

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Titus Purdin, OPR Secretary

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schaefer, OPR Treasure

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlie Emery, OPR Sargent-at-Arms