

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

## **OF THE**

### **BNL MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

#### **ARTICLE I – Name**

This organization shall be known as CYCLETRONS.

#### **ARTICLE II – Object**

The purpose of this club is to a) promote motorcycle safety, b) upgrade the image of the motorcyclist, c) to serve as a vehicle to share our common interest, d) to keep abreast of upcoming legislation concerning the motorcyclist, and e) to have a plain old good time.

#### **ARTICLE III – Membership**

Membership in the club shall entitle the members (along with their spouses and minor children and guests, as well as retired employees) to the use of facilities of the club. Membership is open to employees of BNL, official Laboratory guests, and full time employees of the following on-site facilities: Bank, Brookhaven Center, Cafeteria, Gas Station and the U.S. Post Office; also those service contract people who are employed full time on site.

#### **ARTICLE IV – Duties of Officers**

1. President – It shall be the duty of the President to take command of the club, preside at all meetings and enforce the laws and regulations of the club. He shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees.
2. Vice-President – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence, to officiate in his stead.
3. Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Secretary:
  - a. To take and distribute the minutes of meetings and to have custody of all records and files connected with the proceedings of the club.
  - b. To keep a current and correct roll of all members.
  - c. To issue a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to new members upon payment of dues.
  - d. To conduct the correspondence of the club.
  - e. To give notice of all meetings of the club.
  - f. In case of inability to attend any meeting, to cause the necessary records and files to be conveyed to the place of meeting.
  - g. To turn over to the successor, at the expiration of the office, all records and files in his/her possession belonging to the club.
4. Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:
  - a. To collect and receive all dues and other moneys due to the club and deposit same in a bank account in the name of the club.
  - b. To pay all bills contracted by the President or Vice President, or their authorized representatives; proposed expenditures shall be approved by the Treasurer in advance.
  - c. To keep account of all moneys received and paid.

- d. To make a report at each meeting of expenditures and account balance(s).
- e. To notify the Secretary of new members.
- f. To turn over to the successor, at the expiration of the office, all moneys, affects and papers in his/her possession belonging to the club.

## **ARTICLE V – Election of Officers**

A call for nominees shall be made at the October meeting; candidates shall be announced at the November meeting. If there are no volunteers, the existing slate of officers is carried over. Election of officers shall take place at the December meeting. Majority vote of members present shall rule. Election by secret ballot, if necessary. New officers start their term in January.

## **ARTICLE VI – Audit Committee**

A committee of three members shall be appointed by the President at the January meeting to audit the Treasurer's books. They will report their findings to the President and membership at the February meeting.

## **ARTICLE – VII Quorum**

Six (6) members (and at least one officer) shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII – Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws**

Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be proposed and read at two consecutive meetings and distributed to the membership by email, followed by a vote at the following meeting. A majority vote shall carry.

## **ARTICLE IX – Dues**

The annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10) and shall be payable to the treasurer at the first meeting in January or upon new membership.

## **ARTICLE X – Meetings**

There shall be a meeting of the club the second Thursday of every month at Bldg 400, except in special circumstances. Any change to the time and/or location of the meeting shall be proposed and approved by the members at a prior meeting. All meetings will be announced in the BNL "Bulletin" and via email.

## **ARTICLE XI – Order of Business**

The order of business at the meetings of the club shall be:

First: Reading of Minutes and Treasurer Report

Second: Communications to the Secretary

Third: Report of Officers

Fourth: Reports of standing committees

Fifth: Reports of Activities Chairpersons

Sixth: Unfinished business

Seventh: hold 50/50 raffle

Eighth: Adjournment

## **ARTICLE XII – Discipline**

All motorcycles and their equipment must comply with New York State Traffic and Safety laws. Any member guilty of conduct injurious to the character or welfare of the club or deemed unsafe in the handling of their equipment may be suspended or expelled from the club by a vote of the membership.

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