

NEW ZEALAND GOLD WING
RIDERS INC.

CONSTITUTION
AND
RULES

TITLE

1. This club shall be called THE NEW ZEALAND GOLD WING RIDERS INC., hereinafter called “the club”.

OBJECTS

2. To encourage friendship and co-operation between all those who own or use the Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, Honda Gold wing motorcycle trike conversion and Honda Gold wing motorcycles with side car outfits.
3. To regularly distribute to members a newsletter/magazine which shall report upon the activities of the club and it's members and upon such matters which may be of interest to the members.
4. To co-operate with other motorcycle clubs and motoring organisations in the promotion, furtherance and protection of all matters consistent with the objects of the club and with motorcycling in general; and to encourage a spirit of mutual co-operation and understanding between all such organisations and the public in general.

MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership of the club shall be by application in writing to the secretary and shall be in the following categories:-

- (a) **ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP** shall be open to any person who rides a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle.
- (b) **JOINT MEMBERSHIP** shall be open to any two persons who regularly ride and/or travel as a passenger on a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle.
- (c) **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** shall be open to the spouse/partner of a deceased/separated Ordinary or Joint member, or an Ordinary or Joint member who, for any reason, is temporarily or permanently unable to ride a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. Associate membership shall be granted by the National Committee.
- (d) **BUSINESS SUPPORTIVE MEMBERSHIP** shall be open to those business organisations who wish to support the objectives of the club and its members. Full particulars of these members shall be advertised in each issue of the club newsletter/magazine and included in the club register of members.
- (e) **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** may be granted to members who have rendered signal service to the club or the community in general. Life Membership is subject to the recommendation of the National Committee, and to the approval of the members able to vote at any general meeting of the club. Life Membership entitles the member to all privileges of an Ordinary Member.

(f) All classes of membership, except Business Supportive Membership, carry the same rights and privileges as Ordinary members.

(6) Membership of the club may be terminated for the following reasons:-

(a) Death of the member.

(b) Resignation from the club.

(c) Subscriptions unpaid three months after due date.

(d) Improper conduct by a member which is likely to bring the club and any member(s) into disrepute.

(e) Any member(s) affected by 6(d) shall at all times be given the right of natural justice.

7(a) Termination of membership is subject to appeal to a general meeting of those members able to vote at any general meeting of the club.

7(b) Any club member who has had their membership terminated shall not be eligible to participate in any club activity or event.

PRIVILEGES

8. Every member shall receive free of charge, a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the club, a membership card, a membership register, and any subsequent amendments to the Constitution and Rules, which at all time remain the property of the club and must be returned when the member leaves the club.

9. Every member shall be entitled to wear the badge and

colours of the club.

10. Every member shall receive, when published (on payment when any charge is made) all journals, newsletters, magazines and other literature published for general circulation, by or on behalf of the club.
11. Every member shall be entitled to take part in any club sponsored activity.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

12. The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Immediate Past President (1 year), Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer together with such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the running of the efficient running of the club.
13. There shall be a National Committee consisting of the President, Immediate Past President (1 year), Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer together with such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the efficient running of the club, plus no more than five (5) Ordinary members.
14. All officers and the committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and should any office become vacant, the National Committee may appoint a member to fill such vacancy. Any office bearer ceasing to be a member of the club shall, in effect, cease to be an office bearer.
15. Candidates for office or committee must be either Ordinary or Joint members of the club. Only Ordinary or Joint members may propose and second any

candidate for office or committee.

16(a). Nominations of candidates for office or committee must be made in writing to the secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Where no written nominations have been received then nominations from the floor of the meeting may be made.

16(b) Notices of Motions and remits must be in writing, in the correct form, to the secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the AGM, and must show the printed name and signature of the proposer and seconder, who must be financial members.

17. The National Committee shall be authorised to appoint any temporary sub-committee deemed necessary to organise a special activity of the club.

18. Meeting of the National Committee shall be held as and when required, but at least once a year.

MANAGEMENT

19. The management and control of the affairs of the club shall be vested in the National Committee which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the club in General Meeting.

20. The National Committee is empowered to purchase or acquire for the club any real or personal property, or

any right or privilege which the club shall decide to purchase or acquire, at such price and generally upon such terms and conditions as they think fit, and give and execute mortgages over the lands purchased or acquired for the balance of the purchase monies upon such terms and conditions as the National Committee shall think fit, and further to borrow or raise monies upon mortgages of real or personal property of the club or any parts thereof or upon debentures or mortgage debentures of the club, and to issue such debentures or mortgage debentures charging the whole or ant part of the assets of the club and to execute mortgages to secure such debentures or to borrow from banks or other persons with or without security.

21. The National Committee shall enter into all such negotiations, contracts and agreements in the name and on behalf of the club as may be considered expedient for the purpose of the club. It shall invest the funds of the club on real or personal property in such manner as it thinks fit, and shall do all such additional acts as the club is authorised by its objects to perform.
22. The National Committee shall provide a Common Seal for the club and make regulations for its safe custody and use, and make and execute all such instruments and assurances as may be necessary, provided that the Common Seal of the club shall not be affixed to any instrument except in pursuance of a resolution of the National Committee for the time being, in the

presence of one member of the National Committee and the Secretary for the time being. This Common Seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary of the club.

23. A quorum for meetings of the National Committee shall comprise five (5) members.
24. The minutes of every meeting of the National Committee and of every General Meeting of the club shall be circulated to every member of the club as soon as practicable after the meeting, and one (1) copy shall be filed at the office of the Secretary.

DUTIES

25. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the club and in the President's absence the Vice President shall preside.
26. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President in the discharge of the President's duties and in the President's absence to officiate in the President's stead.
27. In the absence of the President and the Vice President it shall be the duty of a member who may be elected thereto by a majority of the members present, and able to vote, to take the chair at any meeting of the club.
28. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:-
 - (a) To keep a true record of all meetings of the national

Committee and of the club in books provided for the purpose.

- (b) To file all documents, records, reports and communications with the club, and to bring them before such meetings as may properly deal with them.
- (c) To conduct the correspondence of the club.
- (d) To notify those members, liable, of every meeting except standing meetings.
- (e) In case of inability to attend any meeting, to cause the meeting books and papers to be conveyed to the place of the meeting.
- (f) To do all things that are within the general duties of the Secretary.

29. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:-

- (a) To receive all monies due to the club and pay all bills contracted by to when passed for payment by the National Committee, keeping a correct record of such in a book provided for the purpose.
- (b) To produce at each meeting a statement of accounts and at the Annual General Meeting a Balance Sheet of the receipts and expenditure of the past year and a report generally upon the finances of the club.

- (c) To have custody of the funds of the club and to keep account of the same in such a manner as will at any time clearly show the true financial position of the club.
- (d) To pay all monies collected, as soon as practicable and without deduction, to the account of the club.
- (e) To incur no liability in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor make any payment in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) without prior approval of the National Committee.

MEETINGS

- 30. The Annual General meeting shall be held, where practicable, during the third (3rd) weekend in November in each year and at such meeting the Balance Sheet and Statements of Accounts along with other reports shall be submitted for adoption and any other business as may be seem necessary may be conducted.
- 31. The venue for each Annual General Meeting shall be decided at a previous meeting not more than two (2) years ahead, and not less than one (1) year ahead, and whenever possible the meetings shall alternate between the North and South Islands.
- 32. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by order of the National Committee, or on a requisition signed by at least ten (10) financial Ordinary or Joint members, or three (3) members of

the National Committee; such requisitions to state clearly the object of the meeting.

33. Fourteen (14) days notice of an Annual and seven (7) days notice for a Special General Meeting shall be given to the members by advertisement or otherwise, stating the object and business of such a meeting.
34. No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote on any question in which the member is personally interested.
35. Every Ordinary and Joint member, who is financial at the time of a meeting, shall have one (1) vote. The Chairman shall, where there is an equality of votes, have a casting vote in addition to that person's individual vote.
36. The Chairman shall, where a ballot is not expressly provided for in these rules, decide any question upon a show of hands in the first place provided however, that any three (3) members may demand a ballot.
37. Any question shall be decided by a simple majority, except those which add to, delete from, of alter in any way the Constitution and Rules which must be decided by three-quarters (75%) of the votes recorded. A Notice of Motion of any proposed addition, deletion or alteration to the Constitution and Rules shall be given to members in circular or advertisement convening the meeting.

CLUB FUNDS

38. The funds and property of the club shall be solely devoted to the objects specified in Articles 2,3, & 4 hereof, and no pecuniary gain shall be derivable by any member from the operations or property of the club except as a salaried officer or in the course of a normal commercial relationship.
39. If upon the winding up of the club there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the club but shall be given to some other motorcycle club or motoring organisation having similar objects, or to a recognised charity, to be determined by a majority of members of the club at the time of its winding up.
40. The club books shall be audited each year and the National Committee is empowered to arrange an audit at any time. An audit Balance Sheet showing the true position at that date shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
41. No honorarium shall be paid to any officer of the club except on a recommendation of the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
42. Subscriptions for each membership category shall be set, by the members eligible to vote, each year at the Annual General Meeting.

43. Subscriptions (as set in clause 42) fall due on the day following the Annual General meeting, and are to be paid within three (3) months of this date. Members who have not paid their subscription within three (3) months of this date may have their membership cancelled.
44. The financial year of the club shall be from the 1st of September to the 31st of August.
45. Should the National Committee find, at any time, that there is not sufficient funds at their disposal to carry on the affairs of the club, they shall call a Special General Meeting and place the financial position and their suggestions for meeting the same before such meeting, which shall have the power to make a levy or call on the members equal to the estimated amount of such deficiency, and notice of such levy or call shall immediately be posted to every Ordinary or Joint Member. Any member failing to pay such levy or call after the expiration of two (2) calendar months from date thereof, shall at the discretion of the National Committee, have their membership cancelled upon, insufficient explanation being given by such member. Provided always that such a levy or call shall not exceed half (50%) of any current subscription rate in any one (1) year.

GENERAL

46. Any Ordinary or Joint member who cease to fulfil the requirements of their membership shall remain

Ordinary or Joint Members till the end of the financial year, at which time they may, if eligible, apply for Associate membership.

47. Any financial member of any overseas club, owning or riding a Gold Wing Motor Cycle, while visiting New Zealand may be afforded the privileges of the club and take part in any organised club event.
48. No member of the club shall publish, or caused to be published, any letter or document referring to the club or purporting to be published in its name, without the prior written permission of the National Committee. Any liability arising from any publication made without such permission shall be entirely the responsibility of the individual or individuals concerned.
49. No member shall behave in such a manner as to bring the club, or any member, into disrepute.
50. The National Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and Rules, have the power to make and enforce such by-laws as they from time to time may consider necessary for the efficient working of the club.
51. **The organiser of any of the Club's official Rallies, AGM or Events, shall, within a three (3) month period, have completed a Balance Sheet for that event, and have it published in the 'Gold Wing News' magazine.**

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

52. The edition of the Constitution and Rules of the NEW ZEALAND GOLD WING RIDERS Inc shall come into effect on the 01st day of December 2006.

