



BYLAWS

DESCRIPTION AND VALUES OF CLUB

The Blood and Fire motorcycle club is open to any motorcycle enthusiast who is wants to be a part of a brotherhood.

The Club will be governed by five (5) officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt. At Arms. Any member holding an office within the Club, will wear a patch designating their office. This patch will be worn on the front, upper third of the Club vest. The rules of succession between offices will not be practiced within the Blood and Fire motorcycle club. (Example: If the Club Treasurer were to quit, or not be able to perform his duties, the Sgt. At Arms would not automatically move up into that position because he might not be qualified for or want that position.) If an officer does not, or is unable to perform his duties, or quits his office, it will be the responsibility of the President to appoint someone to that position until the regularly scheduled election. The 5 governing officers will meet once every quarter. Other offices include Road Captain.

Elections will be held every two (2) years on the FIRST MONDAY in March for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt. At Arms. Any member wishing to run for an office will submit his name to the Club Secretary by the February General Meeting, prior to the election. When the President steps down, the next President has to stand for election every two years.

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside over all officer and general membership meetings. He will oversee all affairs of the Club and may appoint persons or committees as may be required for Club business. If any officer in the Club is unable to, or fails to perform his duties, it is the responsibility of the President to appoint a replacement until the general election.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall perform all duties incumbent upon the President during the absence of the President.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings and shall keep the minutes at all monthly meetings. Within one week of the monthly meetings he will distribute the minutes to the Club membership, either in writing or by email.

TREASURER

The Treasurer must account for all income and expenditures of the Club. He will maintain an accounting journal and log all transactions by the Club. He will give a financial report at each monthly meeting showing the current wealth of the Club. He must insure that all disbursements of Club money are approved as follows: Disbursements under R1000 must be with the knowledge & approval of the Pres. and V-Pres. Disbursements of R1000 and under R5000 must be approved by majority vote of the five (5) Club officers. Disbursements of R5000 or more, must have unanimous



approval by the officers. He will be responsible for collecting any and all Dues or Fees required by the Club.

SGT AT ARMS

The Sgt at Arms shall promote safety throughout the Club. His duties include maintaining order during all Club meetings, events and functions, and to protect the rights of the Club and it's members. It is also his duty to manage all complaints and to bring them to the attention of the President. The Sgt. At Arms will also keep an up to date record of all members to make sure that each member's motorcycle driver's license, motorcycle insurance, bike registration and inspection are all current.

ROAD CAPTAIN

The Road Captain shall be responsible for the safety of the membership any time the Club rides as a group. He will review routes for safety concerns, and will assist other riders in practicing safe driving while traveling in formation. He will be responsible for scheduling departure times and locations for trips or rides, and will communicate this information to all the membership. In the event that the Senior Road Captain is unable to take part in a Club run or trip, he will pick a Road Captain and two (2) Assistants to lead the Club in his absence, and will help them in their preparation, if needed.

All decisions affecting the Club will be voted on by the membership present. The voting membership, or FULL MEMBERS, consist of only patched members that wear the South Africa bottom rocker on the back of their Club vest. In the event a tie vote occurs, the final decision will rest with a majority vote by the Five Club officers.

The Club patches will consist of five (5) back patches, and a chapter patch to be worn on the front of the Club vest. Back patches consist of a top rocker that reads "Blood and Fire motorcycle club", a bottom rocker that reads "South Africa", a center patch of the "DEATH HEAD", which is the Club emblem, and two (1) small patches that read "MC". ALL PATCHES MUST BE SEWN ON. Blood and Fire motorcycle club retains ownership of all patches. Any member leaving the Club, for any reason, will return all patches to any ACTIVE MEMBER of the Club within 48 hours of leaving. NO OTHER PATCHES WILL BE WORN ON THE BACK OF A MEMBERS VEST.

MONTHLY MEETINGS will be held on the First (1st) MONDAY of each month at a designated location. These meetings are very important, and every member should make every attempt to attend the monthly meetings. For the Club to thrive and prosper, it requires the participation of every member. Any member, upon learning that they will be unable to attend these meetings, or any other event planned by the Club, should send out an email to the membership advising them of the situation. This will prevent time lost or wasted, waiting on a member that is not going to attend.

DUES & FEES: Monthly dues will be paid by the last day of each month. For FULL members and PROSPECTS, the monthly dues will be R350. The only other FEE that the Club has is the ONE TIME, NON-REFUNDABLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEE of R600. Any other fees needed for the day to day operation of the Club will be dealt with on an individual basis and voted on by the membership.

Responsibilities of FULL MEMBERS: A full patch member MUST own a motorcycle. A full member must make an effort to attend all meetings, events, and functions, and be dedicated to maintaining the Blood and Fire motorcycle club. He must help out other members in any way possible,



whenever possible. He must show appropriate respect to fellow members, and other clubs. He must be a mentor to Prospects, showing them the ways of the Club. He must always remember that when he wears the patches of the Blood and Fire motorcycle club, that he represents the whole Club, and must never act in a manner that would bring discredit or dishonor to the Club. He MUST wear Club vest at all Club functions and events. Any FULL MEMBER that has not attended any Club events, functions, or meetings for Six (6) Months, will be asked to turn in his Patches to one of the five Club officers. The exception to this rule would be if the member, or his family, has a medical emergency that would prevent him from being active in the club for long periods of time. The Club Officers will deal with these situations on an individual basis, and will make decisions accordingly.

PROSPECT Responsibilities: To become a member of the Blood and Fire motorcycle club, a person is required to PROSPECT for a period of time, during which the Prospect must attend certain Club functions, thus giving the sitting membership time to get to know the individual. During this period, the Prospect will wear a PROSPECT patch on the back of his vest. Once the Prospect receives his PROSPECT patch, it is his responsibility to see that his patch has been sewn properly onto a vest, and worn to the next Club event that he attends. No other patch will be worn on the back of the Prospect's vest during this period. Before a Prospect can become a FULL member, he must attend at least FOUR (4) Club events, and MUST attend three (3) Monthly Meetings. (A Club Event is defined as any event scheduled by the Club, in which at least Three (3) Full Patch wearing members are in attendance.) The Prospect must pay his Membership Application Fee of R600.00 before he can receive his Prospect patch. A Prospect will NEVER attend a Club function without his Club vest. During the Prospect period, the Prospect should make every attempt to meet ALL sitting members of the Club by introducing himself, shaking hands, and making sure that the sitting members know he is serious about becoming a member of the Blood and Fire motorcycle club. At weekly breakfasts or dinners, it is the Prospects duty to enter the restaurant first to insure that seating arrangements are ready for the membership when they arrive. For the safety of the Prospect during his Prospecting period, the Prospect will only wear his Prospect patch when he is either riding to or from a Club function, or when he is riding with another full patch member of the Club. A club function is defined as any event such as Club meetings, breakfast, dinner, any ride or run, or any event where the Club gathers. A full patch member is defined as any member wearing full back patches with a South Africa bottom rocker. Prior to joining the Club and receiving their Prospect Patch, all new Prospects must show proof that they have a current and valid Driver's License with a Motorcycle Endorsement. They must also show that they have current Insurance on the motorcycle they will be riding in the Club. Likewise, the Prospect's Inspection and Registration must be current on their bike.

PROSPECT SPONSOR Responsibilities: A Sponsor must be a mentor to the Prospect, and guide him through the process of becoming a member of the Blood and Fire motorcycle club. It is the Sponsor's job to make sure that the Prospect knows the requirements to become a member, and to keep track of where his Prospect is in the process. Once the Prospect has completed all the requirements to become a member, it is the Sponsor's job to bring this to the attention of the President. The Sponsor will advise the President that the Prospect has completed his requirements. At the next general meeting, the President will call for a vote of membership on the Prospect.

PROSPECT VOTING: Once a Prospect has completed the requirements as set forth within these Bylaws, and the Prospect's Sponsor has advised the President that the Prospect is ready for a vote, the Prospect will be voted on during the next scheduled monthly meeting. To become a member, the Prospect must receive a majority vote of the voting membership present. Any negative votes



must be explained to the membership. If the Prospect does not receive a majority vote, the decision will be made by the Club officers whether to extend the Prospect's time, or to dismiss the Prospect. The Prospect will not be present in the room during the voting process. If the Prospect receives a majority vote for full membership, he will be awarded his patches.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: If any member within the Club should do anything that causes dissension among the members, or does anything that goes against the Blood and Fire motorcycle club values, the matter will be brought to the attention of the President. The President will turn the matter over to the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt At Arms, who will look into the matter and act accordingly.

Occasionally, situations will arise that involve special circumstances. Such situations will be handled by the five (5) Club officers, and it will be up to them to determine what action will be taken in these matters.

The Blood and Fire motorcycle club is a Registered Trademark, and are protected by the South African Patent and Trademark Office.

It is the purpose of these Bylaws to preserve and protect the integrity and character of the Club for its membership, and to promote the ideals this club was founded for, brotherhood, fun, fellowship, and riding.