

OUTBACKRIDERS, INC.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – TITLE AND PURPOSE

Section 1: This Non-Profit Corporation is designated, and shall be known as “Outbackriders, Inc”.

Section 2: This Non-Profit, as a 501©7, is formed for these purposes:

- a. To promote all legal and safe All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM), and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) usage.
- b. This Non-Profit Corporation’s goals are to achieve the following:
 - (1) To help foster ATV, OHM, and UTV usage, awareness, educational, athletic, safety and recreational purposes.
 - (2) To educate citizens regarding ATV, OHM, and UTV usage.
- c. To engage in any lawful activity.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) Directors.

Section 2: All officers shall be elected on a rotating basis. President and Secretary will be elected in odd years. The Vice President and Treasurer will be elected in even years. Directors will be elected every two years, with two (2) being elected in odd years and three (3) in even years.

Section 3: There shall be no term limits.

Section 4: Election of Officers shall take place at the December meeting. Officers and Directors will take office on January 1st of the following year. The Secretary shall cause to be communicated to members listed on the membership role, a notice stating the time and place of the meeting and elections, by our “facebook” page and on our official website. The time and place of our meetings will usually be printed in the local newspaper.

Section 5: Should a Club Office become vacant, the President shall select an interim Officer, with the Executive Board approval, and the appointment shall remain valid until the next election.

Section 6: All elections of Club Officers shall be by secret ballot, except when a candidate is unopposed.

Section 7: The President shall appoint three (3) members to serve as election tellers, if needed, who shall receive and count all ballots in the presence of the members in attendance. There shall be no "Absentee Ballots".

Section 8: Any board member who fails to attend more than three scheduled meetings in a calendar year, without just cause, may be removed from office.

Section 9: Voting privileges are available to any member 18 years of age or older.

ARTICLE III – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

ARTICLE IV – THE PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings. The President shall enforce observances of the Club's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE V – THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall, in absence of the Present, preside at meetings and perform such other duties of the President as may be necessary at the time. The Vice President shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be delegated thereunto by the President or prescribed by the Board of Directors. In the event the President can no longer fulfill his/her duties as President, the Vice President will assume the office of the President.

ARTICLE VI – THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of all meetings.
2. Communicate the date, time and location of all meetings to the members, as prescribed in Article II, Section 4.

3. Communicate notices required by the Constitution and By-Laws, to the members.
4. Maintain the Corporation's books and records, and keep copies of all minutes.

ARTICLE VII – THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

1. Deposit to the proper accounts, all funds received; draw on those accounts for routine expenditures and those directed by the members; keep accurate records of all those receipts and expenditures.
2. Submit a report of the same to each Officer at membership meetings, and in such special meetings as concerns finance.
3. The Treasurer shall also submit the books annually, if requested, to the Board of Directors and shall deliver the books and attendant materials, in a good order, to a duly elected or appointed successor.

ARTICLE VIII – DIRECTORS

The Directors shall oversee the general management of the club affairs.

Section 1: The Directors will act on behalf of the club membership in event of any emergency or other decision that need to be made, when it is not feasible to the entire membership together.

Section 2: Each Director will be in charge of a specific committee, as directed by the President, i.e. rides; fair; parades, etc.

ARTICLE IX – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1: Yearly des shall be \$25.00 for individual and \$30.00 for families (immediate family members only).

- a. All four (4) Executive Board positions are to receive free memberships to the Club, from this date forward. Any Officer who, after five (5) consecutive years on the board, resigns, or leaves, in good standing, shall receive a free life-time membership to the club. This to show appreciation for the work they are performing or have performed for the betterment of OUR CLUB. If a person leaves the position without five (5) consecutive he/she shall resume regular dues payment and new elective shall receive the free membership.
- b. Any member, who has volunteered to work on any of our trails, on a work bee, for more than ten (10) recorded hours in any one year, shall receive a free membership for the following year.

Section 2: Application for membership may be made by any person who has attained 18 years of age. Membership shall include privileges for the member's spouse/significant other and children providing they live in the same household.

Section 3: Memberships shall be from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The membership of any person joining the club, prior to October 15th, shall expire on December 31st of that year. The membership of any person joining the club after October 15th, shall expire on December 31st of the following year.

Section 4: Any member of this club being called in or enlisting in the armed Forces of this Country, which causes such person to be prohibited from enjoying the benefits of the club, shall be carried on the club rolls, dues and assessment free, for the period of such service or until ninety (90) days after discharge.

Section 5: Special assessments on the club membership must be for a stated purpose and must be proposed in a scheduled members meeting. Such assessments shall be communicated to the members and must be approved by the majority vote in the next scheduled members meeting or advertised special meeting. The assessed funds must be used for that stated purpose.

Section 6: Effective December 10, 2019, members will no longer be required to show proof of registration or insurance. All members will have the proper registrations and insurance on their machines. The club WILL NOT be held responsible for anyone not having the above.

ARTICLE X – APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Section 1: Any large expenditure of club monies shall require a majority vote of members present at a schedule meeting, or a special meeting called as provided for in the By-Laws. A written explanation of the expense, or invoice, shall be provided to the Treasurer. All payments shall be made from the clubs checking account. However, unanticipated expenses not exceeding \$200 per occurrence or aggregating to maximum of \$300 between meetings shall be allowed. All “normal” expenses shall be paid without necessity of Board approval.

Section 2: The Club’s checking account shall be (and is) set up to require two signatures for all checks issued.

Section 3: Persons given authority to sign club checks shall be limited to the Officers and one (1) Director, who shall be selected by the President.

ARTICLE XI – MEANING AND INTENT

If the meaning or intent of any part of this Constitution and By-Laws is questioned, the Club Officers, after due deliberation shall, by consensus, provide the official interpretation.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended through the following procedures only:

Section 1: Any proposed amendment shall be presented as “New Business” at a members meeting. A draft of the proposal shall be communicated to the members.

Section 2: At the next scheduled members meeting, the Secretary shall again read the proposed amendment as “Unfinished Business”. The proposal shall then be discussed and revised as required by majority vote. If the proposal is accepted, voted on, and passed, it shall be considered to be the final form, and the revised Constitution and By-Laws shall be made available to members online, and if necessary by hard copy.

BY – LAWS

ARTICLE 1 – MEETINGS

Section 1: The regular meetings of this club shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise scheduled. In such instances the alternate date shall be communicated to the members. All meetings will be held at the Conservation Building at the Clinton County Fairgrounds, State Rte 22B, Morrisonville, NY, unless otherwise posted.

Section 2: The order of business in regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
4. Applications for membership.
5. Treasurers report.
6. Reports of special committees.
7. Reading of communications.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New Business.
10. Verify time and location of next meeting.
11. Adjournment.

Section 3: The order of business in special meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Transaction of business for which the meeting was called.
4. Adjournment.

Section 4: Meetings of the Board of Directors shall require that at least five (5) members of the board be present, to have quorum, and to conduct business.

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Section 5: All By-Laws of the Corporation shall be subject to alteration or repeal, and new By-Laws may be made, by a majority vote of the members entitled to vote, upon due notice to members at a regular scheduled meeting.

Section 6: The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter or repeal, from time to time, By-Laws of the Corporation, also with proper notice to the members.

ARTICLE VII – AMMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended through the following procedure:

Any member may propose amendment of these By-Laws as “New Business” at any scheduled members meeting. A two-thirds majority of members present and voting shall be required for adoption of the proposed amendment. Such amendment shall follow the procedure described in Article XII of our Constitution.

This Constitution and By-Laws were created on July 12, 2009.

Amended by the members on November 10, 2014.

Also amended by the members on December 10, 2019.

Amended by members on May 10 2021