

South Metro ATV Club

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this club shall be South Metro ATV Club.

Section 2. The purposes of this club are:

- To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of ATVing;
- To provide a medium for the exchange of ATVing information;
- To develop a fraternal spirit among local ATVers and other recreational enthusiasts;
- To serve the interests of ATV owners;
- To defend such owners against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation;
- To own or lease property for club uses;
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the club and in the general public interest.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1. Membership in the club shall consist of the following class(es):

a) Active Members

b) Associate and Honorary Members (optional)

Section 2. Active membership is available to all ATV owners and enthusiasts without regard to sex, race or religious beliefs. Active membership shall extend to all members of a co-habiting family.

Section 3. Application for membership shall be made in writing addressed to the Secretary of the club providing pertinent information for the purposes of the club.

Section 4. It shall be an option of the active member to also become a member of the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM).

Section 4. A member may resign from the club at any time upon written notice to the Secretary or failure to pay dues.

Section 6. Membership in the club may be terminated by majority vote of the Board of Directors in the event of nonpayment of dues or other action not consistent with the By-laws of the club. Termination of any member shall not release said member from the obligation to pay all dues and other amounts owed for the period of membership.

Section 7. The Board of Directors may establish the qualifications and rights of Associate and Honorary Members.

ARTICLE III – Dues

Section 1. The amount of dues as well as the time for their payment shall be determined from time to time by action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the club shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

ARTICLE V – Management

Section 1. The management of the club is vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Three Board of Directors members. These seven shall constitute the club's Board of Directors. All officers shall be active members of the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM).

Section 2. The officers shall be elected from the membership by plurality vote who are in attendance at the membership meeting held in the month of November. Vacancies occurring between such elections shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors at any Board meeting.

Section 3. All officers shall take office January 1st following the election and hold office for a term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of its Board of Directors and shall oversee and coordinate such committees as are authorized by the Club. He or she shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned to him or her by these bylaws and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all standing committees and special committees of the club.

Section 5. The Vice-President, during the absence or temporary incapacity of the President, shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep all club records, except financial records, including minutes of meetings, roster of members, list of committees and their members; shall send out notices of meetings, received applications for membership, and discharge all of the usual secretarial functions of the office required by these bylaws.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the club and have charge of its funds. He or she shall keep all of the funds in a bank approved by the Club and in the name of the club. He or she shall disburse such funds of the club under direction of the Club. Withdrawals shall be made by check signed in such manner as may be approved from time to time by the Club. A Treasurer's report shall be prepared for each Board Meeting and an annual audit shall be prepared and submitted at the March Membership meeting.

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the club except when meetings of the club are in session. All matters affecting the policies, aims and means of accomplishing the purposes of the club not specifically provided for in this constitution or by action of the membership at a regular or special meeting shall be decided by the Board of Directors. The board shall meet at the call of the president or of a majority of the members of the board. A report on all actions taken by the Board of Directors shall be required for a quorum.

Section 9. All officers shall have such other powers and duties as are required by law.

Section 10. Removal of officers – Any officer not doing their job under these bylaws may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or at a regular scheduled meeting with 30 day notice of membership.

ARTICLE VII - General Membership Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the members of the club shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The Major business of this meeting shall be the election of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the members of the club shall be held monthly at the time and place fixed by resolution at the previous meeting or as designated by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Special meetings of the club may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, or by any group of 15 active members by giving adequate notice of the time, place and purpose of such special meetings.

Section 4. Written notices of the time and place of the Annual and all other meetings of the membership shall be prepared and distributed to the membership by the Secretary.

Section 5. The active members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. Any formal action taken at any meeting of the membership shall require a majority vote of these active members present. Each active member age 18 or older shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE VIII – Election Procedures

Section 1. A “qualified member” is an active member age 18 or older whose dues are paid.

Section 2. Nominations can be made by any qualified member in writing to the Club Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting in November, or verbally during the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. In the event of multiple nominations for officer or director positions, a secret ballot vote shall be conducted by the Secretary as to afford all qualified members in attendance at the Annual Meeting a reasonable opportunity to vote.

Section 4. To be eligible for office a member must be a qualified member.

Section 5 At least fifteen days advance notice shall be given the membership prior to the holding of the election.

ARTICLE IX – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order revised shall be the guide in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the active members attending the Annual Meeting, or at any meeting of the club provided 30 days notice of intent to amend is published.

ARTICLE XI – Splitting of the Club

Section 1. If the club should split, the assets and liabilities shall be distributed in proportion to the continuing and splitting members. The Board of Directors shall determine the value of the current assets and shall determine which assets shall remain with the current club and which shall be transferred to the splitting club.

ARTICLE XII – Dissolution

Section 1. In the event that this club shall disband, all assets shall be disbursed to a nonprofit organization as determined by the Board of Directors.

The forgoing bylaws were approved by a majority of the active members present at a meeting of the membership of the above organization.

Dated: As Amended May 2, 2007

Amended April 17, 2019

Secretary