

# **Baltimore Yehudim Riders**

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### **ARTICLE 1: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Baltimore Yehudim Riders (aka "BYR") of Baltimore, Maryland serves to provide members of the Jewish faith or those who identify with the Jewish people a safe motorcycling environment and social interaction. We share a passion for motorcycle riding and a desire to merge this with ideals of our faith such as tzedaka (charity) and tikkum olam (Jewish acts of kindness). The social activities of the membership will promote worthy educational and charitable pursuits beneficial to the Jewish community and the broader non-Jewish community.

### **ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP**

Active members are encouraged to embrace the club's mission, hold a valid motorcycle license endorsement and have paid their dues in full. While BYR is clearly a Jewish organization, any interested party who embraces these By-laws may join. No individual member is authorized to make statements on behalf of the organization to the public or press unless authorized by the Board or in disposition of their officer duties. The Board has the unequivocal right to accept or reject any applicant. Active member: a member who is current on club dues, rides in at least two annual BYR involved motorcycle events, attend all scheduled bi-annual meetings & participate in most BYR sanctioned rides. Baltimore Yehudim Riders club family membership includes the rider and immediate family only.

### **ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS**

The officers of BYR shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall constitute the operating Board of Directors (Board). Positions other than President and Vice President may be combined, at the discretion of the Board. Officers shall hold their positions for two years. An existing officer may run for office for successive terms. Annual elections shall be held in October/November preceding the end of term, with the installation of officers held during the last meeting of the year. Terms will run concurrently with the calendar (January through December).

### **ARTICLE 4: OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **i. President**

- a. The duty of the president shall be to:
  - i. Preside at all meetings
  - ii. Have general supervision of organization affairs
  - iii. Personally represent the organization on appropriate occasions and in business contacts
  - iv. Assist other officers in their records, correspondence and duties
  - v. Appoint people to serve as officers if an elected officer's position becomes vacant

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- vi. Create and appoint additional positions within the organization as may be appropriate and in the best interests and greater good of Baltimore Yehudim Riders
  - vii. Foster within the organization a feeling of community, common purpose, and a shared desire to be a part of Baltimore Yehudim Riders and its stated mission.
2. Vice President
- a. The duty of the vice-president shall be to:
    - i. Perform the duties of the president in his/her absence
    - ii. Assume the function of President in his/her absence
    - iii. Serve as President for the remainder of the president's term if the president resigns and immediately appoint a new vice-president
    - iv. Share in the President's work load, assisting the President to the best of his/her abilities
3. Secretary
- a. The duty of the secretary shall be to:
    - i. Keep records and/or minutes of all organization meetings
    - ii. Send out notices of events and regular or special meetings, via email, mail, or telephone
    - iii. Work closely with the Web Master to assure prompt posting of information and updates to the Web Site
    - iv. Attend to all correspondence as may be necessary
    - v. Perform such other duties as may be assigned that normally fall into the category of this office
4. Treasurer
- a. The duties of the treasurer shall be to:
    - i. Maintain bank accounts and financial records
    - ii. Deliver financial reports on a timely basis to the Board and the membership
    - iii. Maintain a clear and detailed accounting record which will always be available for review
    - iv. Collect dues from all members
    - v. Collect all other money paid, and pay all expenditures with the approval of the Board
5. BYR Special Officer Positions
- a. Jewish Motorcycle Alliance (JMA) Liaison

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### **ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board will perform in a manner conducive with the best interests of BYR as its core responsibility, directing the organization toward fulfilling its goals as stated herein, while assuring our codes of conduct are always maintained. The Board, consisting of the officers of the organization, will meet to address organization issues related to the affairs of the organization and its activities. These meetings can be called by any board member with notification to all other officers by phone or email. These meetings can take place in person, over the internet, or via telephone conference.

### **ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS**

There shall be a minimum of two formal board meetings each calendar year. The requirement for a quorum is a minimum of three quarters (3/4) of the board. The first shall take place in the spring, and the second shall take place in the fall. As noted above, any board member can call for a meeting based on current organization activities requiring such action. Any gathering of the members at large, i.e. a social or ride may also be considered a suitable environment for the board to conduct official organization business if a quorum is present and if the members have been properly pre-noticed.

### **ARTICLE 7: MEETING PROCEDURES**

Roberts Rules of Order will be the general guide for conducting organization meetings.

### **ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS**

Only active members shall be eligible to vote or hold office. A plurality vote by all active members present at the meeting, or previously mailed or e-mailed into the meeting, is sufficient to elect officers. The first three weeks in October prospective candidates will submit their name to the board of the respective position for which that individual would like to run. The secretary will advise the membership of those individuals who are running for the various offices. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of November there will an election and the results will be announced before the end of the calendar year.

### **ARTICLE 9: ANNUAL DUES**

Annual dues shall be determined by the Board each year by January 1st and will be stipulated at the BYR meetings as well as being posted in on the Yahoo! Group Website. New members must pay dues within 30 days of membership acceptance, otherwise their application may be denied. Existing members who are renewing must pay their dues no later than March 1st of any year. If a member does not "renew" their membership in a timely manner, by March 1st, then in such event if that member chooses to renew their

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membership, after that date they will pay the prevailing "new member" rate for membership. The dues may be adjusted by the board as necessary.

### **ARTICLE 10: DONATIONS**

The Board, at its discretion, and from time to time, may choose to support charitable causes, organizations, events, fundraisers, etc. The Board will decide what events, if any, it will support.

### **ARTICLE 11: EXPENDITURES, DISSOLUTION AND DISBURSEMENT**

Any member in good standing may recommend disbursements once approved by the Board. Expenditures may be approved at any recognized meeting, in person or by electronic means if a quorum of two thirds (2/3) membership is present and if the members have been properly notified. No individual of the BYR may derive personal monetary gain from any monies collected or raised, no matter the method. If profits are earned (e.g., income exceeding costs), for example during the sale of BYR patches, T-shirts or Website advertising, the funds earned will go into an BYR account, to be used in a manner consistent with this charter as determined and decided by the Board or membership. If BYR ceases to be functional and dissolution is the only option, the members remaining at that time will choose the manner in which any funds that may exist in the BYR bank/checking account shall be disbursed.

### **ARTICLE 12: ASSETS**

Any Member whose membership in Baltimore Yehudim Riders that has been terminated by resignation, membership revocation, or other cause shall forfeit all rights of membership thereof, including any refund from the Baltimore Yehudim Riders. No member has any property rights in any assets of the BYR. Furthermore, no surplus funds of Baltimore Yehudim Riders (if any) shall inure to the benefit of any member of Baltimore Yehudim Riders.

### **ARTICLE 13: HONORARY MEMBER STATUS**

Any member, for example someone who no longer actively rides a motorcycle and wishes to remain a member, or has relocated out of the BYR area, may apply or be nominated for honorary membership status. The President, at its sole discretion, is empowered to grant this status. Honorary members will not be liable for dues nor will they have voting privileges, but will be entitled to attend meetings, display the club logo, and wear the BYR patch.

