

Indianapolis HOG Chapter No. 1

By-Laws and Policies

Revised: November 2019

PURPOSE: Indianapolis HOG Chapter No. 1 is a local organization, founded and sponsored by Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis. This Chapter was formed to offer Harley Owners Group members responsible motorcycling activities on a local level. Chapter activities shall be conducted in a manner consistent with a family-oriented philosophy.

Article I Name

The Chapter name will be Indianapolis HOG Chapter No. 1

Article II Order of Precedence

Section 1. All Federal, State and Local laws apply

Section 2. Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Section 3. National Harley Owners Group

Section 4. Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis, Fishers, Indiana

Section 5. Indianapolis HOG Chapter No. 1 chapter By-Laws, per the National Handbook, "Chapter By-Laws, if needed, may not replace, supersede or conflict with this Charter and H.O.G. Operation Policies".

Article III Eligibility

Section 1. Verification of National Membership
At the time of his/her renewal each member shall present their current National HOG verification.

Section 2. Membership Dues
Dues deadline is the third meeting of the new calendar year. After which time non-renewed members are removed from the roster. There are no pro-rated dues.

Article IV Membership

Section 1. Membership dues shall not exceed the maximum amount established by National Harley Owners Group.

Section 2. To adjust membership dues, it will be necessary to make a motion at a regularly scheduled chapter meeting. It must be seconded, then it will be tabled until the

next regularly scheduled meeting. At that meeting, a second reading of the motion will be done. The motion will pass or fail based on the majority consensus of members present.

Section 3. Local members in good standing are the only persons eligible to vote on chapter issues.

Section 4. Chapter Meetings
Stated meetings shall be held once per month. At each meeting, the chapter treasury report shall be read. The National Chapter Handbook, Chapter Charter, and By-laws shall be available for inspection. All meetings shall be open for anyone interested in H.O.G.

Section 5. Officer Meetings
The director shall call at least one officers' meeting per quarter with a quorum of 50% elected officers. All officers are requested to be present at the officers' meeting. Meetings shall be announced and transparent to general membership.

Article V Officers

All officers shall be per National Harley Owners Group Charter guidelines with the following exceptions:

Section 1. Sergeant-at-Arms – Duties shall be to help conduct monthly Chapter meetings in an orderly fashion and assist with crowd control at all Chapter activities and events.

Section 2. Awards Chair – Duties will be to purchase awards, plaques and trophies for the chapter as necessary. Manage rider awards programs for the Chapter.

Section 3. Fund Raising Chair – Duties will be to collect monies and give those monies to the Treasurer for deposit.

Section 4. Historian – A secured repository at the dealership will be provided in which the historian is expected to make frequent and regular deposits of records and pictures to be stored.

Article VI Elections of Offices

Section 1. No officer may hold more than one office in any HOG Chapter at the same time. Each officer is elected to a term of one year. Terms will begin in January and end in December of each year.

Section 2. An officer listing will be posted no later than the November Chapter meeting at Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis. Those members seeking an officer position

should sign up for the office of their choice. Elections will take place at the December Chapter meeting. The member receiving the majority of the votes shall be declared elected to that office. In the event of a tie or no member received a majority vote, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes. All candidates must be a valid National HOG and Chapter member.

Section 3. Candidates will be presented in the order stated in Article V. The director will call for further nominations from the floor for each office. The votes will be cast for that office before nominations for the next office will begin. All voting will be done by ballot unless there is only one candidate, at which time a show of hands will be acceptable. At that time the candidate wins by acclamation.

Section 4. Candidates need not be present at the election provided they have given prior consent for the nomination to the Director.

Section 5. Absentee ballots will be permitted if properly signed and given to the director prior to election day.

Section 6. If an officer is unable to fulfill their term, that officer must notify the Director. At the next regularly scheduled Chapter meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor for the purpose of filling that position. The member receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to that position and will complete the remainder of the term.

Article VII Activities

Section 1. All Non-Chapter members must sign a Release Form before participation in any open activity or event.

Section 2. Anyone who is not a member of Harley Owners Group, or a member of this Chapter, or not a Harley-Davidson rider, will not be permitted to participate in member chapter events.

Article VIII Suspension

Section 1. Officers or members can be suspended from the chapter for conduct that is undesirable or for excessive violations of any rule of the Chapter. The Sponsoring Dealer may terminate a person's membership if the Sponsoring Dealer, in the Sponsoring Dealer's sole discretion, determines that a member's conduct is undesirable or contrary to the Sponsoring Dealer's interest.

Article IX Amendments

Section 1. Every five (5) years a Chairperson will be appointed by the Chapter Director to review the By-Laws. If deemed necessary, a committee of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) chapter members will volunteer or be selected to review the Chapter By-Laws. They will make recommendations for By-Law revisions; then normal By-Law provisions will apply.

Section 2. Amendments must be presented and read at a regularly scheduled Chapter meeting. At the next regularly scheduled Chapter meeting a second reading of the proposed amendment(s) is required. A majority vote by the members present is required for ratification.

Section 3. The Chapter may see fit to amend the By-Laws at any time.

Article X Dissolution Clause

Section 1. Disposition of the Chapter assets shall be made at the time of dissolution. After all expenses have been paid at the time of dissolution, all liquid assets shall be donated to Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Article XI Procedure

Section 1. Chapter Business shall be conducted using “Robert’s Rules” except where otherwise stated in the By-Laws.

Notice: Indiana Annual Report of Non-Profit Corporation must be filed by July 31 each year.
Forms will be mailed to the Chapter Director of record.
Indiana Annual Report of Non-Profit Corporation
Indiana Secretary of Corporation Division
302 W Washington Street – Room E018
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204