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Bylaws

Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. Chapter BC V

British Columbia Chapter V, is an affiliated chartered member of the BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, Inc., which is a non-profit corporation headquartered in the Bangor/Brewer area of Maine, in the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the "International." This chapter will have its own by-laws, however in no case will anything be done in conflict with the Constitution and by-laws of the parent corporation, the "International." This Chapter's by-laws are set forth as the following:

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Name:

The name of this Chapter (hereinafter sometimes referred to as Chapter or BC V) is Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. Inc., British Columbia Chapter V

Purpose:

The purposes of this Chapter are to provide for the mutual assistance, enforcement, education, physical, mental and social benefit of its members and the general public; to promote and advance the sport of motorcycling and the safety of motorcycling; to serve the interests of motorcycle owners and users; to promote, by example and any other acceptable means, safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles; and to develop a fraternal spirit between law enforcement personnel and the general public.

Officers of the Chapter:

The officers of BC V will be:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Immediate Past President

Board of Directors:

The business of BC V shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall be elected bi-annually, on even years, by the Chapter members. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate Past President, as well as three (3) additional Directors, or if the Secretary/Treasurer is held as one office, then four (4) additional Directors will be needed. The Directors may be assigned areas of oversight and may also be the Ride Captain, By-laws Officer or any other position.

Other Positions:

The Chapter may establish other positions including but not restricted to:

Quartermaster
Ride Captain
By-laws Officer
Safety Officer
Information Officer
Sergeant at Arms



The Chapter Executive may establish committees to assist in Chapter operations, as needed. Either an Executive Officer or Director will head the committee and report back to the Executive/membership.

Membership Classifications:

There are four membership classifications for BC V:

Regular

Associate

Honorary

Special Honorary (Chaplain)

Only those who qualify under the applicable provisions of the International Constitution may be granted membership in the respective classifications. If there is any question as to whether a person qualifies for a particular classification, International will have the final say.

Dress and Deportment:

Dress for Chapter events shall be in good taste and worn in such a manner to project a positive image of BC V and the Blue Knights. Long pants and either a Chapter or International Blue Knights crested shirt or an un-offensive shirt are to be worn at Chapter events, unless the event calls for a more relaxed mode of clothing. By un-offensive it is meant a shirt that is either plain or, if crested, one that is tasteful and will not be offensive to either other members or members of the general public. In any case, the clothing is to be in good taste. Apparel such as fighting rings or crests, logos, prints or silk screening that are not conducive to projecting a positive image are not to be worn.

While at a Chapter or Blue Knights function, members will conduct themselves in a manner that presents both Blue Knights International and this Chapter in a positive light.

Social Media Policy

If posting material or commenting on any Blue Knights related items, members are accountable for what they publish in open public social media that reflect the Blue Knights family. Members should identify themselves, don't misrepresent Blue Knights, post meaningful, respectful comments, use common sense and courtesy and stick to their area of expertise. If disagreeing with someone else's opinions, keep it appropriate and polite.

Members are not to comment on anything related to legal matters, litigation, or any parties Blue Knights International may be in litigation with. Internal crisis matters within the organization itself are not to be discussed.

The Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. Social Media Policy in its entirety is to be the guidelines that will be followed. The above noted are a partial summation of those policies.



General By-Laws:

1. All by-laws of the BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, Inc., will be adopted and adhered to, in their entirety. If there is any discrepancy between these by-laws and those of International, the latter will take precedence.
2. BC V Executive Officers may spend up to a maximum of \$200. (two-hundred dollars) of Chapter funds at its discretion without a vote of the general membership.
3. A member in good standing with another chapter of Blue Knights will be required to pay the transfer fee to International if transferring to this Chapter of the BLUE KNIGHTS.
4. BC V Charter Certificate is to be displayed and/or available for inspection upon request.
5. A schedule of dates for Chapter meetings will be determined by the Chapter Executive and adequate notification of all dates, times and locations of meetings will be made available to all Chapter members by the executive.
6. Spouses of BC V members in good standing are welcome at all BC V events. Only members in good standing have the right to vote on Chapter matters. For the purposes of this by-law, a spouse is defined as a legal marriage or a common-law relationship with a minimum one (1) year.
7. Elections of officers will be held at the last regular meeting of the year with the newly elected officers taking power at the close of the meeting. Each officer will hold office for a period of two (2) years, with elections taking place on even years. The executive officers and Directors will be elected by the membership and the other positions will be appointed, with the approval of the membership.
8. (a) An Honorary member of the BLUE KNIGHTS BC V must attend a minimum of two (2) regularly schedule Chapter meetings and/or two (2) BLUE KNIGHTS functions per year. Failure to do so will result in the Honorary member's membership being denied on the next renewal year. As per the International By-Laws, Honorary members must be voted on each year to maintain their honorary membership.

(b) Regular and Associate members of the BLUE KNIGHTS BC V must attend at least one (1) Chapter meeting and one (1) BLUE KNIGHT event/function per year. Failure to do so will result in the member's membership being denied on the next renewal year. If valid extenuating circumstances exist, the executive can decide to allow the membership to continue, advising the membership of their reasons. The membership would have the option to request a vote of approval if need be.



9. All meetings will be held in an orderly fashion conforming to "Roberts Rules of Order." All breaches of "Roberts Rules of Order" will be subject to a fine assessed by the Sergeant at Arms. If the Sergeant at Arms is not present, the President may delegate a temporary Sergeant at Arms for that meeting. All funds collected will be used to defray costs at organized club events/functions.
10. When members of BC V are participating in an organized event with the Chapter, or any other Chapter of the BLUE KNIGHTS, or at any function where the member is representing the BLUE KNIGHTS, and/or while wearing the BLUE KNIGHTS colors, an approved helmet will be worn at all times while operating a motorcycle. All members when wearing BLUE KNIGHTS colors or representing the BLUE KNIGHTS will strive to promote safety, courteous operation of a motorcycle and set an appropriate example for all to follow. The BLUE KNIGHTS colors are defined as the rocker set on the back of a vest or jacket and/or the Chapters club jacket. The one-piece patch is also recognized as BLUE KNIGHTS colors. This by-law applies at all events, even those held in "no helmet required" jurisdictions.
11. During Chapter rides, participants will be organized into groups to facilitate the flow of traffic and enhance safety by lessening the frequency of 4 (four) wheel vehicles cutting into the group. Each group will have a member who will be familiar with the route to be taken in case of separation. Speed limits are to be adhered to and each group will have sufficient space between themselves to allow room for several vehicles. Courtesy is to be exercised at all times. The Ride Captain has authority over all rides.
12. If a member attends an event where alcoholic beverages are available or a stop is made at a drinking establishment, that member will govern themselves accordingly. Members will do nothing to cause embarrassment to the BLUE KNIGHTS BC V. At no time will a member drive, or operate a motorcycle, while impaired. At no time will a member knowing another member is impaired, allow that member to drive, or operate a motorcycle.
13. All members will endeavor to offer assistance to other motorcyclists in apparent distress at roadside breakdowns, unless it is apparent that assistance is already available to the motorcyclist.
14. The social goal of BC V is to promote family involvement and camaraderie between member families and to have fun safely.
15. The civil goal of BC V is to promote awareness in the general public that only a very small percentage of motorcyclists are bad and most are good people. It is also to educate the public in motorcycle awareness, and the fact that we too, have rights on the road.



16. A member in good standing is one who has paid the annual dues as set out by the Chapter Executive and who abides by the bylaws of the Chapter and of the International.
17. A member shall cease to be a member of the BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB Inc.
 - a. By delivering his or her resignation in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter or by mailing it to the address of the Chapter
 - b. On his or her death and being promoted to Heaven I Chapter
 - c. On being expelled from the Chapter
 - d. On his or her failure to renew their membership upon expiration of the membership
 - e. Upon a change of occupation resulting in his or her qualifications not meeting those as outlined in the classes of membership designated by the International bylaws
18. Any member found to be in violation of these Bylaws may be deemed to be a member "not in good standing."

19. Passing Club Motions/Voting

For a Motion to be passed a Quorum must be met:

For the purpose of our Club a Quorum will consist of;

1/3 of the voting Club including 1/3 of the Executive;

Must pass with 50% + 1 of the voting members in attendance.

It is also noted that remote contact to vote via video conferencing is acceptable.

If anyone is unable to attend and would like to vote by proxy through another member this must be done in writing.

Discipline:

This Chapter may suspend or remove a member for cause. Prior to suspension or removal, the member will be served a written notice containing a specific outline of the charge against them and the proposed action to be taken. Such notice to the member may be by personal service or certified mail return receipt requested, or its equivalent. However, no action may go into effect until the member waives their right to appeal the decision, the allotted time for appeal to the next level has expired, or all appeals have been exhausted and the appeal has been denied by the final arbitration board, or designated committee thereof.



If a member is dissatisfied with a decision, they may appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of the decision. Said appeal may be in person or by written brief, in either case, a written brief shall be submitted.

Appeals of final Chapter decisions will be heard by the Executive of the West Coast Conference (Conference) of the BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, Inc, or designated committee thereof. An appeal of a final Conference level decision will be heard by the International Board or a committee designated by the Board to hear such an appeal.

The member under review will have thirty (30) days of such final decision by the Conference to file an appeal to International.

Failure by the member, or other parties, to take the proper action to appeal or request a review within the thirty (30) days shall be considered to be a waiver of the right to appeal the decision. This applies to appeals or reviews at the Chapter and/or Conference levels.

Decisions by International, after a full hearing by the Board or its designated committee, shall be considered final.

In emergency circumstances, where immediate action is necessary to protect the involved parties or the organization from civil liability or criminal liability, action may be taken immediately by the Board of Directors, and the member/former member shall be allowed a reconsideration hearing within the allotted time for an appeal under normal circumstances. If action is taken under this clause, International shall immediately be informed of the action.

Alteration or addition to By-Laws

These bylaws may be altered or added to only by a Notice of Motion and a vote conducted by the Chapter members on the Notice of Motion at a general meeting of the Chapter.