

ABATE DIST. 13



BY-LAWS

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By-Laws Letter of Approval

These by-laws are for the purpose of providing a source of guidelines and rules for the members of District 13 North Central Arkansas. Any conflicts between these by-laws and the ABATE State Constitution shall make the conflict within this publication void and no items within these by-laws will over ride any item in the ABATE State Constitution.

These By-Laws have been submitted to the Officers, Board of Directors and General Membership and have been accepted and approved as the official by-laws for District 13 North Central Arkansas on this 2nd Day of December in the year 2001.

_____ Date _____
President

_____ Date _____
Vice President

_____ Date _____
Secretary

ABATE of Arkansas Mission Statement

- 1. TO initiate, endorse, and sponsor educational programs: Rider safety, public awareness, legislative & affirmative action, and individual freedoms and rights. .**
- 2. TO create and promote a positive public image of motor-cyclists groups: to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda, and the "Hollywood Image".**
- 3. To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel, and the general public. To benefit the less fortunate (among our group or outside) through organized activities - such as blood runs, toy drives general donations, other fund raising activities and coordinated events sponsored by other approved organizations whether or not related.**
- 4. To serve as an information source pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, A.B.A.T.E. lobbying and endorsements, and voter awareness.**
- 5. To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational. legislative, educational, and charitable activities. activities.**

DUES

Annual dues shall apply as follows, In accordance with the ABATE State dues requirements. Membership is \$_____ per year, \$_____ per year for joint membership, \$_____ per year for associate membership.

ELECTIONS

Nominations will be held annually in January and elections will be in February with the elected officers taking office immediately. This applies to Elected Officers and State Board Reps. Appointed positions will be filled as soon as possible.

OFFICERS

- Elected

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt. at Arms will be elected by the members.

- Appointed

The Road Captain, Chaplain, Historian, Legislature Coordinator, Contact Person, and Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President and approved by the members present at a regular meeting.

At the request of any Officer the President may appoint an assistant.

State Board Reps

- Shall be elected at the same time as Officers. The nominees getting the most votes shall be elected reps. The other reps shall be elected as alternates. The number of reps and alternates shall be in compliance with the constitution of ABATE State.
- State Board Reps are required to attend State Board Meetings or arrange for alternates to attend in their absence.
- State Board Reps need to be available for all the State Board Meetings.

Board of Directors (District Level)

1. The control and management of the affairs of the district shall be vested in the District Board of Directors.
2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms shall be members of the Board of Directors in District 13.
3. All members of the District Board of Directors shall be active members in good standing. Roll call shall be taken at each District Board meeting. In the event a District Board member misses two (2) consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings, a letter shall be sent requesting response from said member as

to his reason for absence. If no response is received by the scheduled meeting of the Board, said person shall be removed from the District Board.

4. The maximum number of District Board members shall be twenty (20).
5. Regular meetings of the District Board shall be scheduled by the District/President at least monthly.
6. Special meetings of the District Board of Directors may be called at any time by the president or by any five (5) directors acting in concert.
7. A majority of Directors in office being present shall constitute a quorum to conduct regular business. Any business requiring more than a simple majority vote must be conducted at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The District Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur between elections except that of President.
8. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the District Board meetings which shall be read to the general membership at general meetings.
9. The District Board shall have general supervision over all disbursements of the Treasurer and shall appoint an auditing committee who may audit the accounts and records biannually.
10. The District Board shall have the power to appoint committees from among the membership.
11. All district ABATE publications are to be approved by the District Board of Directors. A minimum of forty percent (40%) of the District Board members and the President shall be required to review and approve items prior to release, i. e., special event flyers, posters, informational leaflets and releases.
12. District Board decisions may be overridden by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the general membership in attendance at a regularly scheduled general meeting.

MEETINGS

A prayer will be done at the start of each meeting. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed during meetings.

District 13 shall be recognized as District 13 North – Central Arkansas.

Monthly General Meeting will be at a location approved by majority membership at a regular meeting.

- **Order of Business**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Devotional
4. Reading of Minutes
5. Treasurers Report
6. Sick & Visitation
7. Introduction of Guest/New Members
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Considering Resolutions
11. Ride Reports
12. Other
13. Adjourn

Agendas

To insure meetings are conducted in a manner that will benefit the membership the most, any member should request to the President any concern, idea, or discussion the member desires to address be placed on the agenda for the upcoming meeting. This should be done as soon as possible prior to the meeting. The President recognizes the members from the floor and any member may speak at the meeting without being on the agenda, however the subject may be postponed until a later date.

Dates & Times

General Meeting will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month, the location of each meeting will be announced at the close of the previous meeting and published in any media sources available. The meeting will start promptly at 10 AM. General Meetings may be changed to accommodate events by the vote of the members at the meeting prior to the meeting to be changed.

District Board Meetings will be left to the discretion of the board.

- **Conduct**

All members shall conduct themselves in a respectful manner during all meetings. Members shall show respect for the officers presiding over the meetings as well as each other. It is asked that devices that may distract from the

attention of the meeting be minimized. Getting up and moving around or going in and out of the meeting be kept to a minimum.

District business will be conducted in the meeting not in the parking lot after the meeting.

- **Closing**

Meeting shall be closed by a motion made and carried after business has been satisfied. Next meeting date, time, and location shall be announced if available. The Road Captain will have a ride meeting after the General meeting if a ride is planned.

RIDES

The 1st and 3rd Sunday rides will be called the Breakfast Club.

Group rides shall be led by the Road Captain, or another person appointed by the Road Captain.

- **Road Captain & Asst. Road Captain**

Shall conduct pre-ride meetings prior to each ride. Plan trips and routes for the ride. Lead the ride or appoint someone to lead the ride.

- **Sgt. at Arms**

In addition to duties and responsibilities within the State Constitution:

Sgt. At Arms is responsible enforcing safe practices by the participants and has the authority to ask any participant to leave the group should he feel their actions are unsafe to the rest of the group.

- **Safety**

All members shall conduct themselves in a way that preserves the safety of everyone. Any member acting in an unsafe manner that could result in the injury or death of others will be warned and may be asked to leave the group.

- **Discipline**

1. Any member participating in the ride may be removed from the ride for failure to follow instructions of the Road Captain or committing actions that endanger other riders.
2. A participant may be removed from the ride if he/she is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs whereby the person's action could cause injury to other members.
3. A member can only be removed from the present ride, however continuous removal from group rides is grounds to suspend the member from the district. Suspensions must be in compliance with ABATE State Constitution and District By-Laws under section of Members Conduct.

EVENTS Sponsored by the District

- **Poker Runs**

Prizes shall be determined by the coordinators. Prizes may be changed at the discretion of the coordinator with approval of the district board.

- **Bike Shows**

Classes and prizes for all bike shows will be determined by the event coordinators with approval of the board. Prizes may consist of Trophies, Certificates, Ribbons, Medals, Cash or any combination of prizes stated.

- **Other Events, Parties, Rallies etc.**

1. All events sponsored by the district, it shall become the responsibility of the district to return all areas or properties to the condition in which they were prior to the event, or cause it to be done.
2. All area that we cohabitate during an event shall be left clean and in a condition equal to the condition prior to our cohabitation.
3. Permission from property owners or managers shall be confirmed 72 hours prior to an event, unless an emergency is declared by (2) two officers. In the event of a declared emergency permission is still required however the time restraints are lifted.
4. All properties owners/managers that allow the district use of their facility or property shall receive a token of appreciation in the form of a letter, certificate of appreciation or plaque.

MEMBERS CONDUCT

- No one is to make any decisions or commitments on behalf of District 13 without District 13 board approval.
- Volunteering other District 13 members or supplies without proper authorization will not be tolerated.
- **Courtesy** – Shall be extended to other members at all times.
- **Public Information** – Any information released to the public, written, recorded or other media shall be in compliance with the constitution of the State Board of Directors.
- **Respect** – Respect of other members and their property shall be required at all times.

Discipline

1. Any member may be suspended by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the District Board in attendance at a regularly scheduled board meeting.
2. Any member under suspension shall not be entitled to vote or participate in any district activities or social events.

3. Any member suspended for (4) four consecutive months shall automatically be dropped from the district membership roll.
4. All members shall abide by the corporation's Articles, Constitution and By-Laws, United States laws, and laws of the state of Arkansas.
5. No district or individual of a district shall enter into an agreement or make policy decisions affecting any other districts without the express written permission from the State Board of Directors.
6. Any member may bring charges against another member for misconduct prejudicial to the interest of the district.
7. Written specific charges must be submitted to the Sgt at Arms. All charges shall be read before the District Board only.
8. The District Board shall Suspend, Fine, Expel, or take other actions as deemed appropriate.
9. An accused member shall be allowed to present his case to the District Board prior to the board taking any actions or making any judgment against the accused.
10. The accused shall be notified of any decisions made by the board within (7) seven days of hearing charges.

Charities & Donations

- All charitable donations must be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Treasurer/Secretary has the authority to purchase flowers in the event that a member or the member's immediate family suffers a death or serious illness. In the event both, the Secretary and the Treasurer are unavailable they may delegate this duty to another member of the district.

HONARY MEMBERS

- Phil Barnett
- Mickey & Peggy McKee

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

All amendments to these By-Laws shall be in writing. Amendments will be reviewed by the District Board and approved. Amendments may be made from the general membership at regularly scheduled meetings, by motions made and carried that affect the district for an indefinite time.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

• Committees

Committees may be appointed by the President for the purpose of investigation, obtaining information, or research, whereby the district will be able to make well informed decisions. The committee is voluntary and must consist of district members in good standing. Committees shall report directly to the President, and shall be released by the President when their assignment has been completed.

- **Logo**

The District will have a Logo, logos will be submitted to the district board for review, then approved by the district.

- **District Supplies and Equipment Use**

No member shall borrow, take, use or promise the use of any property, or materials owned by the district without prior permission from the District Board of Directors.

- **Contact Person**

Contact person contacts expired members and ask them to renew or why they do not want to renew, expenses of the contact person will be reimbursed.

