



US SPYDER RYDERS

Shenandoah Valley Chapter



MISSION STATEMENT

The US Spyder Ryders motorcycle riding club aims to promote Can-Am On-Road Products, Spyders, and Rykers while having fun and doing good for our community and local charities. We accomplish this objective with positive interaction within our community while providing a safe and controlled environment for our members during all our functions. We pride ourselves in the involvement of many community and charitable events. We will have local rides, long-distance rides, socials, and fundraiser activities.

BYLAWS

MEMBERSHIP

There are two membership classifications in the US Spyder Ryders Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Full Members, and Associate Members. To become a Full Member, an individual must be a Spyder/Ryker Owner or Passenger, pay the annual dues (if collected), and accept the Bylaws of the club. A non-Spyder/Ryker owner may achieve Associate Membership via sponsorship of a club member in good standing. Associate Members are subject to the same Bylaws as all members and accept the Bylaws of the club to gain membership. Members are required to partake in at least one club-supported community service event and at least two group riding events per year to be classified as being in good standing. If the club-supported community service event is a riding event, that event can qualify as a required riding event. Full Members may also sponsor up to one Associate Member per calendar year. Professional and courteous behavior is expected from all members. This includes dealing with fellow club members, any club affiliate (i.e., sponsoring dealerships, charity organizations, other clubs, etc.), affiliated and non-affiliated organizations and the general public. Any member not acting professionally or courteously will be subject to review by the Board for possible disciplinary action or membership termination.

DUES

At this time, the US Spyder Ryders Shenandoah Valley chapter does not elect to charge dues for membership. However, the chapter does reserve the right to require charge dues at a later date as necessary and approved by the Board.

WAIVER/INSURANCE

All members agree to carry insurance coverage to protect themselves, their passengers, their vehicle, and anyone involved in an accident with them. All members also agree to hold the club and all Board members harmless from any accidents or injuries that occur to the Member during club activities.

MEETINGS

The general membership will meet each January to elect officers/board members during the Annual Club Meeting. The Board of Directors and general membership will meet monthly to discuss and vote on any operational issues of the club which require their attention. Meetings may be either in person or virtual. Should the Board deem it necessary, they may also call special meetings of the membership. These meetings should be used to update the general membership on the club's operation and discuss any issues requiring immediate membership input or vote. Special meeting announcements will be posted on the club website a minimum of five days before the scheduled meeting. All meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order (current release).

VOTING RIGHTS

Only members in good standing are authorized to vote. Proxy votes are permitted but only if approved by the Board. All votes will be passed by a simple majority of members in good standing present at the time (or by approved proxy) of the vote. In the event of a tie, the board of directors will vote and decide with a simple majority vote.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

While riding and fellowship are significant aspects of the club, we should all commit to supporting our community and charitable causes that the membership or Board deems as club-sponsored activities. The club will support a minimum of one charitable organization event per year. All supported organizations or events must be approved by the membership by majority vote and be verified 501c3 organizations.

OFFICERS

Annually, in January, the membership will elect the following officers to the chapter board of directors: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will then appoint members in good standing to additional board of director positions such as Road Captain, Chaplain, Public Relations Officer, and others as needed. These individuals will comprise the Board of Directors, who will run the club's day-to-day operations. Officers who perform more than one function will be seen as only one voting member on the Board. Officers will be required to perform the following duties and their elected duties.

- 1) Be present for at least three group riding events during the year.
- 2) Assist in coordinating two group rides or events within the year that they are in office
- 3) Attend a minimum of two board meetings along with the Annual Club Meeting

Should an officer not fulfill their obligations, the Board of Directors may elect to act and remove the officer from office with a 2/3 vote of all Board Members. Should an officer be removed, a replacement officer may be appointed into office by the Board of Directors for the duration of the term. Notification will be sent to the membership explaining the reason for the removal of any officer along with the named replacement should one be named. Members may only be elected to office if they are in good standing with the club and present for the annual meeting unless unable to attend due to circumstances beyond their control. If unable to attend, candidates must notify the chapter Secretary as soon as possible. Additionally, said absence must be communicated to the membership before the vote is conducted.

MEDIA SITES

All club media sites (including but not limited to Facebook and Club websites) will be used solely to promote the operations and events of this club. Any comments on these sites deemed inappropriate by the Webmaster, Public Affairs Officer, or President will be removed, and notification of the removal will be sent to each Board of Directors and the Member (s) involved. Continued abuse will result in the Webmaster, Public Affairs Officer, or President suspending member privileges on all media sites along with a review by the Board of Directors for possible further disciplinary action or termination of membership.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Should a member be placed on disciplinary action by the Board, said Member will not be allowed to participate in club-supported events for a stated duration which will be decided by the Board depending on the offense. If a member is placed on multiple disciplinary actions over a rolling two-year period, said Member's membership will be terminated. If the Board feels the actions of the Member are considered conduct unbecoming of the club, the Board may move to terminate the Member's membership. During any disciplinary action, the Member (s) being brought up on corrective action will have a chance to state their position during the investigation period.

BY-LAW CHANGES

All proposed by-law changes must be presented to the board for consideration during November meetings and will be discussed and voted on during December meetings. Proposed by-laws must pass with a simple majority vote of membership in good standing and present at the meeting or by proxy if approved by the Board. By-law changes may be recommended by any member in good standing.



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TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

By the end of the membership/calendar year, members deemed not in good standing under the bylaws will be considered inactive and may be terminated. Should members wish to terminate their membership, they may do so at any time with written notification to the Secretary. Terminating membership either by the Member or by disciplinary action will result in the Member losing access to all club media sites. If membership is terminated, all rights to wear or display US Spyder Ryder patches, stickers, logos, etc., are also forfeited.

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Members whose membership has lapsed for more than 30 days or former members who are not in good standing must be reviewed by the Board of Directors before membership can be reinstated. Should the Board elect not to reinstate the Member's membership, any prorated dues (if collected) will be returned to the party that submitted them.

ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

I _____ (*Member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of US SPYDER RYDERS on this day the _____ of _____ (*month*) _____ (*year*).

Signed: _____ (*signature*)

Printed: _____

If acceptance of Bylaws has been signed by an Associate Member, the name and signature below must also include the sponsoring Member's name and signature.

Sponsoring Members Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information for Member / Associate Member Accepting Bylaws:

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____