

**BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN WEST  
MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF IDAHO, Incorporated  
(BMW Motorcycle Club of Idaho, INC) April 2001  
(amended April 2003)**

**ARTICLE I NAME, ORGANIZATION, AND FOUNDING**

This nonprofit club is known as the Bavarian Mountain West Motorcycle Club of Idaho, Incorporated. Founded in Boise, Idaho 1974 and incorporated June 2003.

**ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Club is to promote interest in ownership of BMW motorcycles; to promote safety and riding skills for persons who enjoy and appreciate BMW motorcycles; to exchange technical information among members and/or to acquire it from appropriate outside sources; and to promote and present a better image of motorcyclists to the general public. Club Motto: "We stress riding companionship, technical assistance and great fun".

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this Club shall:

**Section 3.1** Be open to BMW motorcycle owners who support the purpose stated above and meet the standards of conduct prescribed by the membership.

**Section 3.2** Membership is contingent on the individuals' payment of dues, good conduct and continued support of the Club purposes.

**Section 3.3** Members shall participate in Club activities on a reasonable basis

**Section 3.4** A current member who ceases to own a BMW motorcycle may remain a member of the Club so long as they pay the required membership dues on time and otherwise meet the standards of conduct required. However, the validity of any membership shall lapse if that member while no longer owning a BMW motorcycle, acquires a non BMW motorcycle. In such case, the individual must meet the preceding requirements in this Article in order to be eligible for membership consideration.

**ARTICLE IV DUES**

**Section 4.1** The annual dues shall be determined by the membership at the beginning of each calendar year and published in the newsletter or club website.

**Section 4.2** Dues shall be due and payable to the Treasurer annually, beginning January 1, and delinquent after February 15 of each year. Members not paying by March 31 will be automatically suspended.

**Section 4.3** New members dues shall be pro-rated on the basis of the number of months remaining in the year.

**Section 4.4** In the event of dissolution of the Club, all distribution of remaining funds and assets shall be determined according to Articles of Incorporation, Seven, c.

**ARTICLE V ELECTIONS**

**Section 5.1** The affairs of this Club shall be controlled by the membership. The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers. The following officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Editor, shall be elected from the Club membership. Candidates for office also must be members of the national BMWMOA organization.

**Section 5.2** Candidates for office receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a term of one year commencing with the January election meeting.

**Section 5.3** Annual elections of officers shall be held in January. All members in good standing shall be notified, either in print or electronically, at least one month in advance of the election.

**Section 5.4** Any officer may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership.

**Section 5.5** Vacancies in all offices shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers for the duration.

**Section 5.6** Prohibits the re-election of any officer who has failed to attend at least 50% of the previous years' business meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

**Section 6.1** The administration of the Club shall be conducted by the officers, reference Article V.

**Section 6.2** Duties of the President: (a) Preside at all meetings, (b) Promote objectives and purposes of this Club, (c) Appoint committees, designate chairpersons, and define the scope and authority of their duties, (d) Perform duties specifically pertaining to this office, (e) Inform the Vice President of the President's inability to preside at any meeting.

**Section 6.3** Duties of the Vice President: (a) Perform the duties of the President in case of absence or inability of the latter, (b) Serve as Activities Coordinator for Club events, (c) Perform any other duties assigned by the President.

**Section 6.4** Duties of the Treasurer: (a) Receive, record, and report all dues, property donated to, paid to, or owned by the Club, (b) Authorize to maintain bank accounts in the name of the Club, (c) Keep an account of all receipts and disbursements so that a statement of the financial condition of the Club is available upon request by the officers or general membership, (d) Prepare a quarterly report for the Board of Directors and an annual financial report at the end of the calendar year for all members, (e) Maintain an up to date membership list and ensure that new members are notified of their acceptance and are provided with a copy of the Bylaws, (f) Coordinate these duties with the Club Editor, (g) Perform any other duties which may be assigned by the President.

**Section 6.5** Duties of the Secretary: (a) Keep a record of the Membership meetings, business meetings, and other events of the Club, (b) Coordinate and prepare communications required of the Club to maintain the business and historical records of the Club, (c) Maintain a special file for all activities and business events requiring action and ensure that appropriate persons are advised and action initiated, (d) Perform other duties assigned by the President.

**Section 6.6** Duties of the Editor: (a) Publish and mail to the membership a newsletter as needed setting forth events or items of interest to the membership, (b) Publish a current membership/phone list in the newsletter at least once a year, normally

in April (c) Assist the Treasurer in maintaining a current membership list, (d) Submit to the Treasurer reimbursable expenses incurred with publication and distribution of the newsletter (e) Submit to the Treasurer reimbursable expenses incurred with publication and distribution of the newsletter.

## **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

**Section 7.1** Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of this Club.

**Section 7.2** At least one business meeting shall be held in each quarter of the calendar year. Social meetings may be held in addition to business meetings.

**Section 7.3** The majority vote of all members present and voting in person or by proxy at a general meeting properly called, will be required for the passage of all resolutions. One vote is allowed per paid membership.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

**Section 8.1** The Bylaws may be amended or replaced by a two-thirds vote of all members present or by ballot.

**Section 8.2** Such amendment or proposal to repeal or change the Bylaws shall first be submitted to the membership in writing at least one month before consideration.

**Section 8.3** Any Club member in good standing may submit an amendment or proposal to repeal or change the Bylaws.

**Section 8.4** (a) Notification or proposed changed to the Club Bylaws will be made via newsletter at least one month prior to voting, (b) Bylaws may be changed by vote of members present and by members absent who wish to vote by mail, (c) Mailed in ballots must be received by the Secretary in time for the scheduled meeting for this vote, (d) Newsletter Editor shall provide a ballot for this purpose at least one week prior to mail in deadline, (e) The Secretary shall summarize the results of the voting and forward same to the Editor for publication in the next scheduled newsletter (f) Bylaw changes will become effective upon determination of the final ballot results.

## **ARTICLE IX CONDUCT**

**Section 9.1** Any member may be dismissed from membership as a result of a vote of two-thirds of attending members (not less than one-half of total membership) at a regular business meeting. Such vote may not be taken until after such time as the officers determine by simple majority vote that the member be warned concerning inappropriate behavior and such warning has been given.

**Section 9.2** The following shall be basis for, but not limitations on, disciplinary measures: (a) unsafe riding habits, especially any activity that jeopardizes the safety of other persons, (b) illegal or obnoxious behavior to the detriment of the Club's image, (c) failure to comply with membership requirements set forth in Article 3.

## **ARTICLE X NON-MEMBERS / GUESTS**

**Section 10.1** Non-member BMW motorcycles and owners of other makes of motorcycles are welcome at rides and social gatherings of the Club as long as they are invited guests of the specific members present.

**Section 10.2** Guests must agree to abide by the Club rules and standards of conduct. See Article IX. Members who bring guests shall be responsible for the guest's behavior.