

Rockland Bicycling Club By-laws

The by-laws were presented at the April 27, 2011 general membership meeting and were favorably received.

Name and Purpose

The name of the organization shall be Rockland Bicycling Club, hereinafter referred to as the "Club" or "RBC".

The Club is a volunteer group, and its purpose is to promote recreation, health and mobility through cycling and cycling-related activities in and around Rockland County. We also promote the safe, utilitarian and recreational use of bicycles, and we support advocacy groups as they promote cycling education for the motorist, for the cyclist, and for the general public. We provide opportunities to improve bicycling skills and to socialize with other bicyclists. To summarize, we like bikes, we like riding them, and we like riding them with other people.

We are committed to safety. We require that helmets approved by recognized safety standards organizations must be worn on all club or club-sanctioned rides.

Membership

Membership is attained by paying the appropriate annual dues and by completing and submitting a membership application.

Membership shall be open to any person over the age of 16. A membership may include either one person or a family. A family consists of married persons and /or persons with the same permanent address. The club shall maintain a non-discriminatory admissions policy with membership available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability.

The benefits of membership shall include the right to participate in all club activities and vote on all issues subject to membership approval as provided for herein.

A vote of the membership means a vote by those members in good standing using a method designated by the Board.

The cost of membership shall be determined by the Board and shall be payable annually on January 1st. The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31st. New memberships paid after September 30th will be effective immediately and continue through the entire subsequent membership period beginning on the following January 1st.

Membership shall be suspended if annual dues have not been paid within ninety (90) days of renewal date. Upon payment, membership will be reinstated retroactively to January 1st.

Meetings

General membership meetings will be held at least nine (9) times per year at a time and location determined by the Board. Meetings will be announced on the club's website at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

The annual meeting will be held in the month of December. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect the board for the following year. Notice of the annual meeting shall be made on the club's website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.

The Board

The Board shall be the governing body of the club and shall make operational and policy decisions for the club and act by majority vote, except as otherwise provided herein. The Board shall provide general supervision of the affairs of the club.

The Board shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting; the Board members will serve a term of one year and must be members in good standing.

The Board shall manage the business affairs of the club.

No one Board member shall make expenditures or commit the club's assets for any capital investments exceeding \$250.00 without the approval of the Board.

The Board shall meet at least monthly at such time and place as it determines and at any other such times as it deems necessary.

The Board must approve the formation of committees or project groups and concur in the appointment of their chairpersons.

In the event of a Board member's resignation, the remaining Board members shall announce a special election to be held at a general membership meeting of the club. This special election shall be held within two (2) months of the date of the resignation.

The Board shall vote for club officers from within the Board. The Board positions are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

The Board shall maintain a written record of all board meetings.

A Board member may be removed for the following reasons: illegal, unethical, incompetent, negligent, or destructive behavior. A Board member can also be removed for continued absenteeism or misconduct. Any Club member may request the removal of an officer for any of the above reasons. A motion to remove a Board member can be made at any general meeting. Upon being made and seconded and voted for by a majority of the members present, the motion shall be considered valid.

Upon issuance of the valid motion, a hearing shall be set by the Board. The Board will hear the complaint and the defense. Two-thirds (2/3) majority of Board members present at the time of voting is needed for passing of the motion to remove. The Board member who is under consideration for removal shall have a vote in the issue.

Should the motion pass, a decision to remove the Board member must be made by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those club members present at the next general meeting after the issuance of the vote for removal by the Board.

Officers

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board and general membership. The president shall be responsible for the overall direction of the club's activities and maintaining the quality of all programs.

The vice-president will be responsible for the quality, variety and safety of the club's ride programs. The vice-president shall also be responsible for the duties of recruitment, orientation and training of ride leaders.

In the president's absence the vice-president shall, in the interim, assume duties of the president.

The president and vice-president shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

The secretary shall have charge of all board correspondence, shall record the minutes of general membership meetings and shall post the minutes electronically within ten (10) days after said meeting.

The treasurer shall be responsible for receiving, depositing and disbursing club funds as well as maintaining club financial records and all required filings.

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at any general membership meeting provided that a written notice of the proposed amendment is given at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.