

Gruene Chapter Harley Owners Group By-laws and SOP

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By laws must, by National HOG rules, be approved by the dealer and can not supersede the National HOG charter, by-laws or procedures.

Eligibility

All officers and their families are eligible the club raffles, 50/50, game prizes, the Birthday drawing, the Christmas party gifts / drawings, and any other club activity the same as a general member...

The only person who is ineligible will be the person making the actually drawings.

Finances

There shall be a yearly, outside audit of the books, by an accountant.

The statements will be mailed to the Assistant Director, shown to the Director and given to the Treasure as a check and balance.

All checks shall have two officers' signatures.

Expenditures over \$2001.00 must be approved by the membership.

Any capitol purchase must be approve by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a regular scheduled monthly meeting. The capitol purchase shall become the property of the dealer.

Members wishing to use capitol items must prove insurance responsibility and leave a deposit to ensure proper use, replacement and return of item.

Officers

Officers are appointed by the Director with the approval of the Dealership.

Director can dismissed for cause with the approval of the Dealer

The director and the officers serve at the discretion of the dealer and can be dismissed by the dealer without cause or reason.

The Director serves a one year term extendable by the dealer

Officers serve a one year term extendable by the director with approval of the dealer

All officers serve at the discretion of the director and may be dismissed for just cause with approval of the dealer.

If the majority of officers feel that the director should be removed for just cause, the assistant director will gather the necessary votes and reasons and present these to the dealer with the recommendation that the dealer consider removal of the director for causes listed and that the dealer name a interim director until such time that the dealer feels it necessary to name a permanent director.

All e-mails to members, information, and activities that are GCHOG sponsored or affiliated must be approved by the director before implementation.

Officers or members should not contact the Dealer directly about HOG business. All contact should be through the chapter director.

Road Names

Road names may be given under the following circumstances. GCHOG will not promote large rocker or "Third Patch" road names, road names that are vulgar or insinulative. Road names shall be given by the officers and road captains and can be from suggestions by the membership. Road names will be presented at regular club meetings and will be on a SMALL, upward Rocker that the member may place anywhere they wish on their garment. We will not prohibit members from wearing patches of their own choosing.

Names can be suggested by anyone

You can not name yourself

Officers will vote on road name at officers meeting

Road Name will be ordered and purchased by the chapter

Road Names will ONLY be on a small downward rocker

HOG members will be discouraged from making and placing road names on a large rocker under the HOG patch on the back.

Names Tags

Anyone who is a national member in good standing may join and be an active member with full rights and privileges, the GCHOG. The only restriction is that NAME TAGS can not be purchased except as replacement for a lost GCHOG (Not from another chapter.) Your first GCHOG name tag must be earned by completing the specific activities. The chapter will then purchase the name tag at no cost to the member and present it at a regular chapter meeting.

Party

If gifts or prizes are given away at a chapter party the following procedure will be followed.

The officers will make a recommendation to the general membership on the amount to be spent and approved by a majority vote.

All funds for gifts or prizes will be spent at Gruene HD. Any exception must be approved by the dealer.

All members in good standing with the local and national HOG club will be eligible for the minimum number of chances.

The procedure in earning additional chances to win gifts or prizes must be well advertised so the majority of members would have reasonable expectation to be aware and participate. (Punch cards)

All members in good standing will be eligible to earn extra chances with out partiality or preference.

Members will be responsible to keep track of their own extra chances as set up by the club

Road Captains

The Head Road Captain and Safety Officer will be chosen by a minimum of two former or serving Safety officers and/or HRC with approval of the Director.

Road Captains may be chosen or appointed by the HRC, Safety Officer and Director to assist the HRC after necessary training

To qualify for Road Capt you must complete the following

One observe lead

One observe Sweep

One lead, observed by a RC

One sweep, observed by a RC

Complete MAF approved Advanced Rider Course prior to observed rides.

Additional stipulations may be outlined in the Gruene Chapter Road Captain Handbook.

The By-laws will take precedence over the GCRC handbook.

RC patch will be presented by the HRC.

RC in training will be given a shoulder braid to signify their status

RC who lead 3 or more rides will be presented "*Captains Bars*" to signify their participation.

To maintain GCHOG RC status

1. Complete the ERC at least once every 3 years
2. Lead or sweep at least 3 rides per year
3. Participate in any skill review stipulated by the HRC, Safety Officer, and/or Officers.

Duties and Responsibilities

RC shall serve at greeters at all GCHOG events.

Additional stipulations may be outlined in the Gruene Chapter Road Captain Handbook.

Ethics

HOG is a non-political, non – religious, family oriented motorcycle group.

Members Behavior and/or Actions should be such that it is not intrusive or insulting to anyone, male or female, member or non-member, public or private. Care needs to be taken at all times so as to not bring shame or embarrassment to us as a group. Public image and good standing in the community is a must so we can continue to receive help from the dealer as well as the community.

Members are asked to represent the Chapter and the Dealer in the highest manner possible while wearing the GCHOG or Gruene HD name.