### NORTHERN NEW MEXICO STREET RODDERS

#### **BYLAWS**

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**FARMINGTON NM 87499** 

AND VOTED BY THE BOARD

# Article 1 (Name)

- 1. Club name is "Northern New Mexico Street Rodders" of Farmington, New Mexico.
- 2. The club is registered as a non-profit organization with the State of New Mexico
- 3. The registration number is 1850031.
- 4. Logo(s) for letterhead, apparel, advertisement, should be approved by the Board

### Article II (Objectives)

- 1. To promote interest in various forms of "Automobile" activity. The club is open to all forms of street rods, muscle cars, classics, originals, rat rods, lowriders, motorcycles, trucks, modern, tuners, work projects etc.
- 2. To conduct club functions and activities in a manner benefitting the sport and to encourage a better understanding of "Automobilists" as a constructive group among members of the public and community, to help foster strong positive relations in our community.

### Article III (Membership)

- 1. "Active Member" is defined as any club member with currently paid dues and attends at least six NNMSR events of which 3 must general meetings during the year.
- 2. Membership in the club is by paid dues. Dues are for a Primary household member at a full rate, a Spouse or partner may become a member by paying dues which are equal to half of the primary member's dues. (Spouses/partners may attend meetings and events but will not be considered voting members unless they pay dues.
- 3. Junior Membership is for any youth between the ages of 12-18. They do not have to have a primary family member as a paid member. The junior dues are to be half of the rate for full primary membership.
- 4. Any person interested in the automobile activities are eligible for membership. Ownership of a vehicle is not a requirement for membership.
- 5. The club Board reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone and to terminate membership of anyone by a majority vote of the board members for conduct reflecting on the NNMSR's in a undesirable light. Examples, but not limited to are; Conviction of a Felony, Street Racing, Fighting, Assault, theft of club property, any actions that reflect negatively or have a negative impact on the reputation of the club.
- 6. All members are encouraged to maintain and operate their vehicles in a safe manner.
- 7. All members should conduct themselves in a friendly, professional manner when representing the club, at club functions, when fundraising for the club and at other community events.
- 8. Officers and Board Members will receive Membership for the year(s) they serve at for no fee (FREE). However, their spouse/partner will still need to pay dues.

### Article IV (Dues)

- 1. Membership dues are per year, due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and will be considered delinquent if not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Members who are in the delinquent status will be removed from active status and will not receive club emails, newsletters or any club membership perks.
- 2. Dues are for the calendar year only and cannot be carried forward or transferred to the next year except for NEW members joining in September-December.
- 3. Acceptance or joining our group on Facebook does not constitute membership in the Club.
- 4. Membership dues are non-refundable and not transferable.

# Article V (Officers)

1. The Board of Directors of the club will consist of ten (10) members.

President-Officer

Vice President-Officer

Secretary-Officer

**Assistant Secretary-Officer** 

Treasurer-Officer

Assistant Treasurer-Officer

And Four (4) Board Members at Large.

- 2. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer cannot be a spouse/partner/relative of any NNMSR officer.
- 3. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, should be filled only by someone that has previously served on the Board of directors.
- 4. Officers and Board members are expected to make every effort to attend each, and every board meeting, monthly general meeting and club sponsored events.

#### Article VI (Elections)

- 1. All nominees for the "Board of Directors" shall be Active Members and Current on their dues.
- Any member accepting a board position should do so with the understanding, willingness
  and expectation to fulfill their commitment to the best of their ability. The board retains the
  right to remove from office any officer or board member, by a majority vote of the board,
  due to not fulfilling their duties, abuse of their position, bad conduct etc.
- 3. Any Officer/Board member that is removed from their position will not be eligible to hold any position on the board of directors in the future.
- 4. If an Officer or board member is removed or resigns their position, the position will be filled by a "Special Election" at the next general meeting and will be elected to fill the positions to complete the vacated position's term.
- 5. In the event of the President resigned or being removed from office, the Vice President will become the Interim President, until a "Special Election" can be held at the next general meeting.
- 6. Elections will be held the second month following the close of the annual Car show.
- 7. Elections will be done by a paper ballot, not by a show of hands.
- 8. An effort will be made to allow active/current members who cannot attend the election meeting to vote by proxy, mail, phone, text....to be determined by the board.

- 9. The general membership understands that by electing Officers and Board members, they entrust the officers and board members to make club decisions and transactions for the benefit of the club.
- 10. Nominations for electing the Board of directors will be the month before the Election (the month following the car show). Nominees are encouraged but need not be present to be elected to office but must communicate their willingness to serve.
- 11. Only Paid/Active members will be able to vote in elections or any items to voted on by the general membership.
- 12. All Officers/Board members will take office immediately following the election.
- 13. Officers and the board of directors will be elected to a term of two years.
- 14. The maximum term of officers and board members will be 2 fully elected two year terms unless they request an over-ride of the by-laws by a majority vote of both the Board of directors and the Active/Paid general members. Over-rides will only be allowed one (2year) term.
- 15. To provide Continuity between outgoing and incoming officers of the club, The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two board members at large will run for election on even numbered years. The Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and two board members at large will run for election on odd numbered years. (Any vacancy to any position will be filled by a "Special Election" to complete the current term of the vacated position.

### Article VII (Duties of the Board of Directors)

- 1. The President will preside over all meetings, act as coordinating officer to all committees, schedule meetings and elections, and carry out the directives of the membership as much as practical upon research of items brought to the board's attention. The President shall be a non-voting board member except in the event of a tie. Then the President shall cast the tie-breaking vote. The President must submit form 8822-B(Change of Responsible Party- Social Security Number) with the Internal Revenue Service, within 60 days of taking office.
- 2. The President or any other Officer/board member, will NOT make any "Executive" decisions. All decisions and/or changes to decisions that have already be voted on or approved by the board, shall not be changed unless a majority of the board members are contacted to revise or vote on a particular item, which cannot be addressed at the regular board meeting because of time constraints.
- 3. The Vice-President shall be a voting member of the Board. The Vice President shall assist the President with execution of his/her duties and will chair the board meeting and/or general meeting(s) in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be come the "Acting President" in the event of the President taking a leave of absence, leaving the club or being unable to perform duties, until there is a special election to fulfill the vacancy.
- 4. The Treasurer will maintain the club accounting books, make disbursements as needed, and keep the current status of the finances of the club. The Treasurer will make the club financial report available to all board members and an "overview" available to all active club members.
- 5. The Secretary will maintain a record (written/typed) of all board meetings and general meetings. They are responsible for newsletters, correspondence, emails and keep records of Sponsors, Vendors, Membership and attendance of meetings.
- 6. The Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary shall assist the Treasurer and Secretary with the execution of their duties with the expectation that they will grow into the Treasurer and Secretary, respectively thereby maintaining the continuity of the office. (Which still must be elected by the membership)

- 7. Board Members at large shall assist with organizing all club activities, form committees, oversight of committees for club events such as fundraising, rod runs, cook outs, etc. Board members should encourage participation from all general membership.
- 8. The officers and board members are volunteers, no wage or salary will be paid to them.

### Article VIII (Meetings)

- 1. The Board will meet during the week prior to the general meeting in order to prepare for the general meeting. As well as other times deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the club and any other special occasion that may arise.
- 2. The board shall be notified in advance of any guest(s) attending the board meeting and the reason for their attendance.
- 3. Guests to the board meeting shall be allowed 10-15 minutes for their discussion and will be excused, so that the board may conduct their business.
- 4. The Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer shall meet monthly with the board to go over the financial statement.
- 5. General Meetings shall be held once a month unless special occasions warrant otherwise.
- 6. Attendance records shall be kept for all meetings
- 7. Guest Speakers at the general meeting will be afforded a Maximum of 15 minutes and a board member will be responsible to be a time keep and politely notify the guest that their time has expired.
- 8. Any member with active status may submit ideas in writing and/or in person (with prior notification) to the board at a board meeting. The board will review the proposal and decide whether to accept or reject the proposal and will notify the originator and explain the board's decision.

### Article IX (Operating Accounts)

- 1. The club will maintain an operating account for the purpose of funding club activities.
- 2. The account(s) will be funded from membership dues, club sponsored events and donations.
- 3. The status of the account(s) will be reported to club members at the general meeting.
- 4. The board is responsible for maintaining the account and ensuring that an adequate amount is carried forward to support the ensuring year's activities.
- 5. The board will draft a budget for the year's activities, the month following the election.
- 6. No expenditures will be made (except for operating bills that are ongoing, such as web page, storage facilities, post office box etc.) without board approval.
- 7. The board will routinely review the status of the operating account(s) and any impact on scheduled events to include the need to increase the fees for participation in club sponsored events.

### Article X (Charitable Account)

- 1. The club maintains an account to support local community charitable activities.
- 2. The club will maintain a reasonable amount to be determined by the board to fund charitable events.
- 3. The board will annually review the organizations supported by the club and present to the club their recommendations for the current year and amount given to each specific charity.
- 4. Organizations selected by the club must meet state of New Mexico definition of a charitable organization.

5. Approval by the club requires a majority vote of the active members present at the general meeting.

## Article XI (Assets of the Club)

- 1. The assets of the club may not be used for any activity other than club events.
- 2. No member of the club may give away, donate, sell or otherwise dispose of any club assets.
- 3. If club money is used to purchase any item, the item is the property of the club and deemed a club asset.
- 4. Any asset needing to be disposed of shall be done so by meeting of the board, and final disposition of the asset shall be reported to the club, along with any necessary documentation. Necessary documents shall include, name of the item, sale price with receipt for the money.
- 5. A list of all the club's assets shall be maintained by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

These By-laws have been approved and voted on by a Majority of the Board of Directors.

Future changes/modifications to these By-laws, must be voted on by a Majority vote of the Board of Directors as well as a Majority vote of paid/active members of the Club.