

Chinook Cycling Club Constitution

I. PREAMBLE

The Chinook Cycling Club is an organization founded and perpetuated to support and promote performance cycling.

II. PURPOSE

- A.** To coordinate with USCF, NORBA, and other relevant organizations.
- B.** To organize and direct races, rides, training, clinics, and other events.
- C.** To amass and disperse funds in order to support cyclists and cycling in the area.
- D.** To provide and disperse information and direction to riders interested in training and racing.
- E.** To recognize local cyclists and their accomplishments.
- F.** To encourage members to feel good about themselves, about the sport, and about Chinook.

III. CONDUCT

- A.** Conflict of Interest: No member representing the club will participate in the approval or evaluation of a contract with a sponsor or supplier if that member will directly or indirectly benefit financially or receive any form of significant compensation other than that approved in the club sponsorship arrangement from the sponsor or supplier under consideration.
- B.** Members are encouraged to obey traffic laws, ride courteously and safely, and generally conduct themselves in a manner that will show cyclists, our sponsors and Chinook in a positive light in the community.
- C.** Members are encouraged to wear helmets during all rides and to wear the Chinook jersey during competition.
- D.** Members are encouraged to help, assist, and encourage other cyclists in the community.
- E.** Members are encouraged to attend and support Chinook events, to become involved in Chinook decisions, and to volunteer to work for Chinook and cycling when needed.

IV. ORGANIZATION

The club shall be administered by a board of eight members elected by the general membership, including a president, president-elect, documents officer, financial officer, and four “at-large” members.

- A. The president will call the meetings, prepare agendas, and preside over board and club meetings.
- B. The president-elect will assist the president, preside in his absence, and assume the presidency in the following year.
- C. The documents officer will keep minutes of meetings and maintain records of board policies.
- D. The financial officer will account for and disperse Chinook funds as determined by the board.
- E. The board will determine and administer policy, fund and sanction events, solicit sponsorship, take disciplinary action, and perform duties implied and delineated by the constitution.
- F. The board may appoint and remove directors of rides, races, teams, clinics, etc., and authorize those directors to spend allotted funds at the directors’ discretion, subject to a complete accounting of expenditures.

V. DECISION MAKING

- A. Board decisions will be by a simple majority when a quorum of five board members is present.
- B. Changes in the constitution shall be decided by a majority vote of Chinook members at a general meeting to be announced at least two weeks in advance.
- C. Change of Officers
 - 1. Elections may be held at a general meeting, or by mail-in ballot ratified at a general meeting of Chinook to determine the following year’s officers.
 - 2. The Board members’ terms shall be for 2 years, with four of these members up for reelection each year.
 - 3. The four club officers’ terms shall be for one year and will be decided annually by general vote. The president-elect shall be chosen from the board members with 2-year remaining terms and will assume the presidency in the second year.

4. In the case of the resignation or removal of a board member, a new member shall be named by the board to fill the remainder of that term.
 5. Removal of a board member shall be by majority vote of the board with or without cause.
- D.** Although efforts will be made to include all eligible Chinook riders in club events, it is recognized that, because of the club's focus on racing and competition, discrepancies in benefits to individual members will occur. There will, however, be a systematic plan for the offering of such benefits, and such a plan will be based on performance and initiative and will not be otherwise biased by sex, age, race, color, religion, national origin, or athletic ability.
- E.** A list of club policies shall be created and kept by the club board. These may be subject to change by the board as conditions and circumstances require. No policy, however, shall contradict or supplant the articles of this constitution. Only constitutional amendment, approved by the membership at large, shall change, alter, or discard section of this document. Chinook policy will attempt to implement the philosophies and goals contained in and implied by this constitution.

VI. POSTAMBLE

Chinook will, with energy, integrity, creativity, and humor, create, convey and perpetuate the excitement of racing bicycles.