

The Tidewater Bicycle Association

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name, Colors and Symbol

The name of this organization shall be the Tidewater Bicycle Association, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the TBA). The colors for the TBA shall be red, blue and gold. The symbol for the TBA shall be a map of the Tidewater area and a bicycle rider.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the TBA is to promote and encourage the use of the bicycle as a means of recreation and transportation; to develop a physically fit, self reliant, well informed citizen; to uphold and support the rights of bicyclist; to encourage the use of facilities for bicycling on public lands; and to provide information in the interests of bicycling safety.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the TBA is open to all persons who support its purpose.

Article IV: Officers, Duties and Election

Section 1. The officers of the TBA shall be a President, Vice-President, Touring Vice-President, Racing Vice-President, Tandem Affairs Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the TBA, to appoint all committees, and in general to be responsible for and to the TBA in all matters.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President, and to assume and carry out the duties of the President in the latter's absence.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Touring Vice-President to organize a monthly schedule of rides sponsored by the TBA.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Racing Vice-President to coordinate TBA activities with all recognized bicycle racing clubs in our area in order to avoid scheduling conflicts, and to provide TBA support at local events in our area when requested.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Tandem Affairs Vice President to organize tandem activities and coordinate ride schedules with the Touring Vice President.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare and keep the minutes of all meetings, maintain a record of correspondence concerning the TBA business, and to have custody of all records and files of the TBA.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and distribute TBA funds, to deposit such funds to the credit of the TBA in a manner prescribed by the Executive Committee Members, to pay all bills due and approved, to keep books of accounts of all receipts and disbursements, and to prepare reports of the TBA financial status at least annually.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Editor to publish and distribute at least 11 issues of the TBA newsletter each calendar year, to maintain a newsletter mailing list, and secure advertising to support the cost of the newsletter publication and mailing.

Section 10. The officers of the TBA shall be elected at the November membership meeting. Nominations for officers shall consist of a report of the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor. Officers shall be elected from the nominees by a plurality of the voting membership present.

Section 11. The officers shall serve for the calendar year commencing January first.

Section 12. Officers who fail to perform their duties, or fail to attend Executive Committee or general membership meetings on a regular basis may be removed from their office by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the TBA Executive Committee. The TBA President may appoint a member of the club to the vacant position for the remainder of the officer's term. In the event that the Executive Committee removes the President from office, the Vice-President will be the new TBA President for the remainder of the term.

Article V: Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the TBA and also perform such functions and duties as may be voted by the TBA.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of eleven members, as follows: The officers of the TBA, the immediate past President, and two members at large appointed by the President. All shall hold office for a term of one year. Any vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the President for the unexpired term or terms.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall hold such meetings as they deem necessary, and the President, or any two members of the Executive Committee may at any time call a meeting of the Committee, provided that all members of the committee have been notified at least five days in advance of said meeting.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI: Membership Meetings

Section 1. Membership meetings shall be held in January, March, May, July September and November.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or any three members of the Executive Committee, or at the request of ten percent of the voting membership.

Section 3. The voting membership shall consist of all regular members of the age 18 or above.

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of the voting membership present at any general membership meeting.

Article VII: Amendment

This constitution may be amended upon the action of two thirds of the voting membership present at a regular TBA membership meeting, the voting membership acting upon an amendment previously endorsed by ten voting members and previously published in the TBA newsletter at least thirty days prior to the meeting, and provided that the purpose of the regular meeting has been published simultaneously.

As Amended in General Assembly on the 12h Day of November, 2008.

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BY-LAWS

Article I: Membership and dues

Section 1. Individuals under the age of 15 may not become members of the TBA except through family membership. Individuals under the age of 18 must have approval of their parent or guardian in writing. Members under the age of 18 years shall be accompanied at all TBA ride activities by their parent, guardian or a parent/guardian designated TBA adult member who shall ride with and be responsible for the minors' safety and conduct. Guests under the age of 18 years shall be accompanied at all TBA activities by their parent or guardian who shall be responsible for the minors' safety and conduct. If the activity is a ride, the parent/guardian shall read and complete the "TBA Ride Roster" and sign the form "For Guest Riders Only-Assumption of Risk" for the ride event in which they are participating and shall then ride with and be responsible for the minors' safety and conduct.

Section 1a. All members, temporary members, and guests of the TBA shall wear an ANSI- or Snell-approved bicycling helmet on any ride sanctioned or hosted by the TBA.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be due annually, on July 1st of each year. Members joining after the July 1st annual renew date shall pay a prorated due amount based on the fiscal quarter of the joining membership year.

Section 3. Dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be presented to the membership for approval at the last membership meeting of each year.

Section 4. Any member who fails to maintain active membership or falls delinquent in dues for more than three months will be dropped from the TBA membership.

Section 5. Interested persons shall be considered "temporary members" for a period of two months, after which they must join the TBA or cease participation in TBA activities.

Section 6. All members and temporary members shall be required to sign a liability release.

Section 7. Life and Honorary Members shall be those considered by the Executive Committee and the members as deserving such special distinction.

Section 8. *Suspension and expulsion:* If any member violates any of the TBA bylaws, rules or regulations, or if any member's conduct or action becomes detrimental to the welfare and interest of the TBA or its members, such member may be temporarily deprived of the privileges and rights of the TBA, or he may be permanently expelled and excluded therefrom, except that no member may be suspended or expelled except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of two-thirds of the Executive Committee at any meeting of the Executive Committee regularly called and held, of which meeting the accused member shall be given thirty days previous notice. Such member shall have the right to appear before the Executive Committee in person or by representative and shall appear in person at the direction of the Executive Committee, who shall be the sole judge of whether any member shall be suspended or expelled and their action shall be conclusive and final.

Article II: Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the TBA shall be; Touring, Racing, Publicity, Safety-Legislation, Membership and Special Activities.

Section 2. The Touring Committee shall be chaired by the Touring VP and shall assist in planning ride and tour schedules.

Section 3. The Racing Committee shall be an ad hoc committee appointed and chaired by the Racing Vice-President to assist with lending TBA support to local bicycle racing events endorsed by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Publicity Committee shall be chaired by the Editor and be responsible for publicizing the TBA activities and shall assist in preparation and distribution of the TBA newsletter.

Section 5. The Safety-Legislation Committee shall be responsible for addressing all factors affecting the ability of bicyclists to ride safely and responsibly. An Executive Committee member shall chair the Safety-Legislation Committee.

Section 6. The Membership Committee shall be chaired by an Executive Committee member and shall investigate all services for the TBA members.

Section 7. The Special Activities Committee shall be responsible for all activities not listed in the above. The President of the TBA will appoint a Chairperson to this committee.

Article III: Rules of Order

Section 1. The order of business at regular meetings shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes
3. Treasurers report
4. Committee reports
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Program
8. Adjournment

Section 2. The rules of order of the TBA shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV: Amendment

These by-laws may be amended by a majority of the voting members present at a regular membership meeting, acting upon an amendment proposed by a member in the TBA newsletter at least thirty days previously.

As Amended in General Assembly on the 12th Day of November, 2008.