

# Constitution of the Vernon ATV Club

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- 1.0 The society name is the Vernon ATV Club**  
(hereafter sometimes referred to as "CLUB").
  
- 2.0 The purposes of the Society are:**
  - a. The enhancement of public safety as it pertains to All Terrain Vehicles
  - b. To promote and foster the sport of A.T.V.ing in British Columbia
  - c. To protect the access of A.T.V.s to public lands in B.C.
  - d. To protect the environment.
  
- 3.0** Upon winding up or dissolution of the Society and after payment of all debts and liabilities the remaining property of the Society shall be distributed or disposed of within one year to another non profit conservation/recreation oriented society to be determined by the Board of Directors. This paragraph is unalterable.
  
- 4.0** This CLUB shall operate in the Province of British Columbia.  
This paragraph is unalterable.

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## BY-LAWS

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### TERMS OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS:

1. The members of the CLUB are the subscribers of the constitution and bylaws and every person who agrees to become a member complies with the membership requirements.
2. The following persons and/or companies shall be eligible for memberships in the CLUB;
  - a. Any person, regardless of age and place of residence, shall be eligible for membership in the CLUB.
  - b. Any company, manufacturer, dealer, or any commercial company who subscribes to the objectives of the CLUB.
  - c. Every member shall subscribe to the general objectives of the CLUB.
3. Membership:  
 There shall be two categories of membership, namely Full Membership and Associate Membership. An applicant for Full Membership must i) pay to the CLUB the annual Membership Fee as set by the CLUB from time to time, and ii) be a member in good standing of ATV-BC.  
 An applicant for Associate Membership shall be i) a member in good standing of ATV-BC by virtue of membership in another club, or ii) the spouse, partner or family member of a member in good standing of the CLUB. An Associate Member shall pay to the CLUB the annual Associate Membership Fee as set by the CLUB from time to time. Members and Associate Members in good standing shall enjoy all the rights and be subject to the obligations of membership.
4. The elected Board of Directors shall establish the annual membership fee after the Annual General Meeting each season, if required.
5. A person shall cease to be a member of the CLUB;
  - a. By delivering his/her resignation, in writing, or e-mailed/fax to the Secretary of the society, or by mailing or delivering it to the address of the CLUB.
  - b. On his/her death, or in the case of a corporation, on dissolution.
  - c. On being expelled; or
  - d. On has been a member not in good standing for twelve (12) consecutive months.
  - e. On doing anything to negate the objectives of the CLUB.
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  - a. A member may be expelled by a special resolution of the members passed at a general meeting.
  - b. A brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion shall accompany the notice of special resolution for expulsion.

- c. The person who is subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote.
7. All members are in good standing, except a member who has failed to pay his/her current annual membership fee, or any other subscription or debit due and owing by him/her to the society and he/she is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid.

#### CALLING OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM AT ANY SUCH MEETING AND THE RIGHTS OF VOTING

8. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held between March/June **(September/November)** of each calendar year, in the province of British Columbia, on a day fixed by the Board of Directors, and with 30 (thirty) days written notice of such meeting shall be mailed, or e-mailed/fax or handed to all members, by the Secretary, or by any member of the Board, or the official newsletter.
9. Special business meeting may be called at the written request of ten percent (10%) or twenty (20) members, whichever is less and with 30 (thirty) days notice, by mail, or e-mailed/fax; to be given of any special meeting to all members by the Secretary, or failing the Secretary, by any member of the Board, or the official newsletter.
10. At any Annual General Meeting, the quorum shall be 25 percent of the membership, or twenty members, whichever is less.
11. At any Annual General Meeting, or Special Meeting, each member attending shall be entitled to one vote and the vote of the majority shall prevail. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless three (3) or more members present request a secret ballot.
12. Proxy votes unless accompanied by either mail or e-mail/fax from the member in question allowing his or her vote to be used are not allowed.
13. "The Board of Directors of the CLUB shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting **(provided however that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Past President shall be a Director)**. If any election of Directors is not held on time, the current Directors shall continue until such an election is held."
  - A. **Terms Of Office:**
    - President ----- 2 Years on even years
    - Vice-President----- 2 Years on odd years
    - Treasurer ----- 2 Years on even years
    - Secretary ----- 2 years on odd years
    - Director 1 ----- 2 years on even years
    - Director 2 ----- 2 years on odd years
    - Director 3 ----- 2 years on even years
  - In the event that the secretary and Treasurer are combined as one director then it shall be for 1 year only. And cast 1 Vote only**
14. There shall not be less than five (5) Directors on the Board and not more than seven (7). The Board of Directors may fill any casual vacancy on the Board, even if the number of members on the Board drops below five (5).
15. A member of the Board of Directors shall cease to be a member of the Board of Directors upon his / her resignation in writing or e-mail/fax,

submitted to the Board, or upon the election of a new Board of Directors at an Annual General Meeting, or upon a written petition submitted at any time by the majority of members, or upon such Director being certified as mentally incompetent, or upon that Director having missed 3 (three) consecutive General Meetings, or upon ceasing to be a voting member of the CLUB. The membership shall upon the resignation / removal of a director have the authority to appoint by election a member in good standing to the vacated director position and that director shall hold office until the cessation of that vacated term of office.

16. The affairs of the CLUB shall be managed by the Board of Directors who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised, or done by the CLUB, or by law expressly to be done by the CLUB at a meeting, or otherwise.
17. A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be three (3) Directors.
18. The Directors may, by regulation approved by not less than two thirds (2/3) of the Directors, establish procedure for the conduct of their meeting.
19. The Directors, by resolution, shall appoint a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the CLUB from among the Directors.
20. The President shall preside at all meetings of the CLUB and of the Directors. The President is the chief executive officer of the CLUB and shall supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties. Have custody of the common seal of the CLUB; and maintain the register of members.
21. The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President during his/her absence.
22. The Secretary shall:
  - a. Conduct the correspondence of the CLUB.
  - b. Issue notice of meetings of the CLUB and Directors.
  - c. Keep minutes of all meetings of the CLUB and Directors.
  - d. Have custody of all records and documents of the CLUB, except those, required to be, kept by the Treasurer.
23. The Treasurer shall:
  - a. Keep the financial records, including books of account necessary to comply with the SOCIETY ACT; and
  - b. Render financial statements to the Directors, members and others when required.
24. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be held on one (1) person, who shall be known as the Secretary/Treasurer. When a Secretary/Treasurer holds office the total number of Directors shall not be less than five (5) or the greater number that may have been determined, pursuant to By Law 14.
25. In the absence of the Secretary from a meeting, the Directors shall appoint another person to act as Secretary at the meeting.
26. The President of the CLUB shall act as Chairperson at all meetings of the Directors and CLUB. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Directors and the CLUB.
27. The Directors may establish such committees and appoint chairpersons thereof, as they consider desirable from among the membership at large.



Witness	Address	Signature
Kevin Smoliak      Director #3- 4600 29 <sup>th</sup> Street. Vernon, BC V1T-5B9		_____ Signature

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Stan Hunt              Member 11405 Priest Valley Dr. Vernon, BC V1B-1B4		_____ Signature

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