

DIABLO VALLEY WINGS – GWTA No P CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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RESOLVED:

That the Diablo Valley Wings, GWTA Chapter P, hereby adopts the following Constitution and By-Laws for its government, management, and operations; superseding all existing Constitutions, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Diablo Valley Wings, Gold Wing Touring Association.

ARTICLE I - Name

This organization shall be known as Diablo Valley Wings, GWTA No CA Chapter P, and hereinafter referred to as Chapter P.

ARTICLE II - Relationship to the Gold Wing Touring Association

This organization is a regional Chapter affiliated with the Gold Wing Touring Association. Anything in these By-Laws, or in the enactment of this organization to the contrary notwithstanding, the property, funds, and engagements of this organization shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the said Gold Wing Touring Association either during the continuance of the life of this organization or upon its dissolution.

ARTICLE III - Purpose

1. Provide functions and services that serve the best interests of Chapter P's members and the sport of motorcycling that can be more effectively accomplished by collective action.
2. Provide information and interaction with GWTA chapters about ride events and other beneficial programs.
3. Promote the goals and interests of GWTA.

ARTICLE IV - Liability

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against Chapter P shall look only to the funds and property of the Chapter for payment of any such contract, claim, debt, judgment, damage, decree, cause of action, or any money that may in any way become due and payable from Chapter P. Neither the members of Chapter P nor the Board of Directors, present, past, or future shall be personally liable for any debt set forth in this article. Chapter P will not assume any liability for injury to, or damage done by, any member, or for injury sustained by anyone at a function sanctioned by Chapter P or GWTA functions.

ARTICLE V - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

1. Any person interested in Gold Wings or motorcycling is welcome to be a member.
2. GWTA members specifying Chapter P as their home chapter are members.
3. Any person donating \$6. per calendar year is a member of Chapter P.

Section 2. General Meetings

1. General meetings shall be held monthly as determined by the Chapter members.
2. A voting member is any Diablo Valley Wings member that has attended at least four (4)

general meetings in the 12 months prior to the vote, is current with the Chapter donations of \$6. per calendar (Jan-Dec) year, and has completed a membership application.

2.1 In no event shall any individual have more than one vote; proxies either written or personal shall not be allowed.

2.2 For voting on the transaction of business, a simple majority (51%) of the eligible voters is required.

3. Voting age is 16 years or older.

Section 3. Business Meetings

1. Business meetings shall be held monthly or as required.

2. The persons eligible to vote at a business meeting shall be the Chapter Director and those Board members in attendance (board members are those listed as appointed by the CD, and approved by the membership).

2.1 In no event shall any individual have more than one vote; proxies either written or personal shall not be allowed.

2.2 For voting on the transaction of business, a simple majority (51%) of the eligible voters is required.

3. A Quorum at a business meeting is eight (8) board members as designated in 2.

ARTICLE VI – Election of Chapter Director

Section 1. Election

1. The election of Chapter Director shall be held in the month of December.

2. Votes are counted for Chapter Director as long as the voting person is a current member of both GWTA and Chapter P.

3. The election will be conducted at a general meeting.

Section 2. Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are for the election of Chapter Director only. The ballot is to be placed in a sealed envelope, and then placed into another sealed envelope that has the printed name of the voting member on it. Their signature will be signed on the seal of the outer envelope. That envelope will then be delivered to the general meeting the night of the vote and will be checked against the voting members list. All of these outer envelopes will then be opened and the inner envelope (with the ballot in it) will be placed into a box with all the other ballots that were collected. Once this is done, all ballots will be taken out of the box and out of the envelopes and counted. Any absentee ballots that have broken seals on the outer or inner envelope or are not signed on the outer envelope seal will not be counted.

ARTICLE VII – Members' Donations

1. Members' Donations for Chapter P are \$6. per calendar year; donations are prorated at \$.50 month for those joining Chapter P in a month other than January. (Donations are not tax deductible.)

ARTICLE VIII – Removal of Member and/or Officer

If the Chapter CD or any member deems it necessary to remove a Chapter member and/or Officer, that person's name must first be brought before the Board members for discussion and disposition of the matter. If the Board members agree to the removal of a member and/or

Officer, then the matter must be brought before the membership for final vote. The member and/or Officer must be available to defend their name/action(s). The member and/or Officer must agree to the final vote as the final decision regarding Chapter P membership and/or service on the Board.

ARTICLE IX – Chapter Dress

1. The official Chapter dress color will be a Kelly Green golf style shirt (long or short sleeve) with a small DVW logo on the front and the same larger logo on the back. Other shirts of various colors with the same logos will be available for purchase. All shirts will be ordered and paid for in advance of ordering.
2. Chapter group events shall only feature signs, banners, notices etc. that apply to the Chapter, GWTA, motorcycle organizations, or other official Chapter P events. All signs, banners, notices etc. that will be displayed must have prior Chapter P Board approval.

ARTICLE X – State Staff Expense

Diablo Valley Wings will reimburse the Chapter Director or designated delegate to attend an official meeting, which is over 65 miles one way from home, and reimburse up to \$85 for the cost of one night's lodging.

ARTICLE XI - Financial Transactions

1. Chapter P shall maintain a checking account. All transactions (including incurring a debt) and expenditures shall be authorized and voted upon by the Board.
2. The newsletter is available on the website and sent monthly to chapter members. The newsletter can be easily forwarded to others at no expense.
3. The Chapter P checking account shall require at least two signatures on the bank account; Treasurer & Chapter Director. The check may be signed by one person who is listed on the bank account.

ARTICLE XII – Sunshine Staff

If a Chapter P member is hospitalized overnight, the Sunshine person will send a card from the membership. Upon the member's return to the first meeting after their hospitalization, the Chapter will reimburse dinner cost for that member, at maximum expense of \$15.

ARTICLE XIII - Amendments

Additions, deletions, or amendment of any Chapter P By-Laws will require a vote by at least eight (8) active Board members and then presented to the membership for approval, before implementation. By-Laws will be maintained by the designated ACD.

ARTICLE XIV - Distribution of Governing Documents

The Constitution and By-Laws of the organization shall be mailed prior to the first meeting of the Board of Directors each year to each new member of the Board. Any active member of Chapter P may obtain a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws by requesting the same from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV - Parliamentary Authority

Gold Wing Touring Association, Current By-Laws.