

BTW-UK Trikers

Chapter By-Laws

ARTICLE 1. NAME.....	2
ARTICLE II. PURPOSES.....	2
ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.....	2
Good standing:	2
Putting BTW-UK Trikers at Risk.....	2
Loss of membership.....	3
Revocation of membership	3
Leaving:.....	3
Chapter Dues	3
Status	4
Patches	4
Riding.....	4
Areas.....	4
Third Party Liability Insurance	5
ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.....	5
ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DUTIES	5
BTW-UK Trikers Director’s Duties.....	5
Other Positions	5
BTW-UK Trikers Assistant Director	5
BTW-UK Trikers Treasurer	5
BTW-UK Trikers Merchandise Officer.....	5
BTW-UK Trikers Newsletter Editor	5
BTW-UK Trikers Road Captains.....	6
BTW-UK Trikers Area Treasurer.....	6
BTW-UK Trikers Area Secretary.....	6
Sergeant at Arms	6
Temporary or Interim Directors	7
ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS	7
Notification of Elections	7
Qualification	7
Term Of Office	7
Disputes.....	7
Recall	7
ARTICLE VII. FINANCES.....	8
BTW-UK TRIKERS CHAPTER - FINANCES	8
Records	8
Financial Report.....	8
Disbursements.....	8
Use of funds.....	8
BTW-UK Trikers CHAPTER – AREA FINANCES	8
Records	8
Financial Report.....	8
Annual Financial Report	8
Disbursements.....	8
Use of funds.....	8
ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS	9

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name by which this chapter shall be known as: BTW-UK Trikers herein known as the Chapter as agreed by the members present at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2023

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The specific purpose of the Chapter will be to carry out the purposes spelled out in the BTW-UK Trikers Bylaws, as well as other purposes listed below.

1. To unite all members of BTW-UK Trikers within the United Kingdom.
2. To hold regularly scheduled meetings in order to keep the membership informed and to receive input from the membership.
3. To plan Chapter events and conduct other Chapter business that the members deem necessary.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the UK Chapter shall be open to any-one who is a member of BTW-UK Trikers in good standing and in good standing with the Chapter, residing in the United Kingdom. BTW-UK Trikers does not discriminate in any manner. All decision-making power shall be vested in the membership. No officer shall make decisions involving the UK Chapter, without Chapter approval.

Good standing:

Shall mean that all appropriate dues have been paid and there has not been a vote or decision taken by the Chapter to revoke the membership.

Putting BTW-UK Trikers at Risk

Anyone who puts the risk of others in question WILL have their membership terminated as being in contravention of Article III(A). BTW-UK Trikers is a family association and the safety of those members is our top priority.

If the member has a few days, a week or be it months, they will forfeit any membership benefits such as admittance to the members section of the forum, receipt of the bi-monthly newsletter, use of the BTW-UK Trikers insurance discount codes and any other benefits that members enjoy.

This includes the wearing of any official BTW-UK Trikers badges or patches, which should be either returned or sold back to the association.

Loss of membership

Membership in the Chapter may be **revoked**:

1. By a majority vote of the members.
A motion must be made and seconded at a regular meeting with a vote being taken at a second meeting being held no less than 30 days from the meeting in which the motion was made.
2. By bringing the BTW-UK Trikers or any of its members into disrepute

Any member whose membership is under consideration for revocation shall be notified of the pending action in writing afforded the opportunity to hear the charges against him or her and have the opportunity to appear before the membership on his or her own behalf.

3. non-payment of applicable dues after a grace period of 30 days.

Revocation of membership

As a family association, we should never be seen to publically disrespect (**put the BTW-UK Trikers at risk**) by actions or words, either verbal or in writing (this includes internet posts), any of the following:

1. A member of the public or public services.
2. The Armed Forces or its members.
3. Any Motorbike or MotorCycle Club or its members.
4. Any association or its members.

Bringing the BTW-UK Trikers or its members into disrepute or danger, may lead to one of the following:

1. Removal of the right to wear BTW-UK Trikers badges/patches.
2. Suspension of membership in the BTW-UK Trikers pending a formal review.
3. Immediate revocation of membership in the BTW-UK Trikers.

In line with standard practice, formal warnings may be given, but are not guaranteed.

Leaving:

A member that declares by writing through official channels, which are to include, an email to an RC, the Director or Assistant Director, PM to the said officers or by posting within the members section of a forum of their intent not to renew their membership, or to leave the BTW-UK Trikers chapter, their membership will end when the date of their termination is noted by an officer and responded to either by Email, PM or reply to their post.

Chapter Dues

May be assessed by the Chapter and will become a condition of membership.

All members of the Chapter must be notified in writing of the proposed changes, involving dues, not less than 30 days prior to the vote.

The amount of the dues may be adjusted by a vote of the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting by a majority vote of the members in attendance, provided proper notice has been given.

Chapter dues may involve a special assessment for those members wishing to receive the Chapter newsletter.

Status

There shall be no probationary period for new members. Every member is equal and entitled to the full benefits of members without time constraints.

Nothing within these by-laws shall be interpreted that anything is mandatory, or required of a member. That shall include the wearing, or not wearing, of the BTW-UK Trikers patch at any time or place.

Any member wishing to wear a BTW-UK Trikers patch must first read the "BTW-UK Trikers Members Guidelines" to ensure the MC/MCC's in that area have accepted the BTW-UK Trikers patch and abide by these guidelines.

Patches

Subject to the BTW-UK Trikers Guidelines, members up to the age of 16 may wear the BTW-UK Trikers Junior patch. From 16 members may wear the BTW-UK Trikers front patch only. From 18 members are permitted to wear full Patches, front and back. If you are wearing a back patch, no other patches are permitted on the back. Avoid red patches, as these could be mistaken for an HA patch.

Riding

The BTW-UK Trikers Back patch/Badge **IS NOT to be worn whilst riding a motorcycle, or whilst riding with an MC/MCC**, as this would give the rider the impression of being an MC/MCC and would cause BTW-UK Trikers to suffer reprisals.

The BTW-UK Trikers Back patch/Badge **IS NOT to be worn whilst riding between areas** as this could lead to the rider riding in an area where the MC/MCC does not allow the wearing of patches, which would cause BTW-UK Trikers to suffer reprisals.

Areas

Being registered in a BTW-UK Trikers area does not mean that you are a member of that area. YOU ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE BTW-UK Trikers CHAPTER ONLY.

Areas were set up by the Chapter Director for administration purposes, and to provide local points of contact only. Changes to BTW-UK Trikers administration areas are not permitted without Chapter Director Approval.

Attending meets is not mandatory and as a member you may attend any meet you like; however, members usually attend their nearest.

All BTW-UK Trikers meetings are open to members and non-members alike, but each area RC also has the right to be allowed to have private time at meetings to discuss BTW-UK Trikers area matters.

As a BTW-UK Trikers member, you should NEVER indicate support for a 1%, it could cause problems for us all. We are an association that is not affiliated to any MC, nor are we members of the Alliance. For example, if you are riding with an MC to or from an event, you must cover up or remove your BTW-UK Trikers patches

Third Party Liability Insurance

The BTW-UK Trikers holds limited Third Party Insurance for BTW-UK Trikers approved events only. All non-BTW-UK Trikers events attended are not covered unless sanctioned as a BTW-UK Trikers supported event by an area RC or the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter Director. You are not covered by the BTW-UK Trikers insurance unless it is a pre-sanctioned event.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

BTW-UK Trikers Chapter meetings shall be held at a time and place established by the membership with a minimum of 2 meetings a year.

Notification of any changes in times or places will be sent out to all members of the Chapter. Attendance at meetings and events by members is not mandatory and is not required.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The officers of the Chapter shall include the Director and whatever other officers the membership deems necessary.

BTW-UK Trikers Director's Duties

The Director shall oversee all meetings of the Chapter; shall conduct all Chapter business; shall be responsible for notifying the membership of the time and place of all meetings; shall be responsible for holding at least one Chapter event each calendar year; shall collect all dues that have been assessed by the Chapter; shall be responsible to oversee all disbursement of funds owed by the Chapter; and shall perform other such duties that are inherent to the running of the Chapter.

Other Positions

The Chapter may elect any other officers to assist the Director in the performance of his or her duties. No Chapter officer shall use the term "President", "Sargent" ETC, in their title. These other positions may include, but are not limited to:

BTW-UK Trikers Assistant Director

Shall assist the Director in their duties and shall serve as Director in the absence of the Director

BTW-UK Trikers Treasurer

Shall oversee handling of all Chapter funds, shall collect and disburse any monies owed by the Chapter or to the Chapter and shall maintain a bank account, specifically for Chapter funds.

BTW-UK Trikers Merchandise Officer

Shall hold and distribute all merchandise that the Chapter holds for sale. Shall collect any money from the sale of merchandise and turn it over to the Treasurer for safe-keeping.

BTW-UK Trikers Newsletter Editor

Shall prepare and cause to be printed and mailed the Chapter newsletter

BTW-UK Trikers Road Captains

Shall:

1. Arrange meetings and venue for regular meetings, regardless of numbers in the area.

Shall:

2. Promote BTW-UK Trikers within your area,
3. Attend local events and actively speak to trike owners at the events,
4. Use such things as ' Handle Bar Hangers' and ' You have Met cards' to pass on contact numbers,
5. Where possible, get involved with local charity fundraising. Arrange ride outs and events for the area membership. To include visits to other areas within the BTW-UK Trikers family,
6. Attend BTW-UK Trikers events work commitments/distance etc allowing,
7. Arrange BTW-UK Trikers info stand held within other larger events,
8. Keep up active and open dialogue with all other Road Captains,
9. Phone and introduce to all new members that come within their area, providing a welcome and invitation to attend meeting,
10. Contact members who have not been heard of for some time,
11. Phone or contact members when their membership is up for renewal a month before,
12. Check ALL area members details are correct on membership lists and update with membership secretary any changes errors found,
13. Use the BTW-UK Trikers Facebook forums and update what their area is doing,
14. Ensure ALL meeting minutes are posted in the appropriate section,
15. Ensure regular updates and news are sent to Editors in a timely manner to go into the newsletter.

It is the RC's responsibility to get these done, or by delegation as appropriate

BTW-UK Trikers Area Treasurer

Shall oversee handling of all BTW-UK Trikers area funds, shall collect and disburse any monies owed by the BTW-UK Trikers area or to the BTW-UK Trikers area and shall maintain a bank account, in the name of BTW-UK Trikers, especially for BTW-UK Trikers area funds. Will ensure a full balance account is produced for the Directors once a year at the BTW-UK Trikers AGM.

BTW-UK Trikers Area Secretary

Shall keep written records of all Chapter meetings and perform other such duties as the BTW-UK Trikers Area deems necessary. In the absence of the BTW-UK Trikers Area Road Captain, and the Vice Road Captain, if there is one, the Secretary shall chair all meetings. The BTW-UK Trikers Area Secretary will ensure copies of all meetings held in the name of BTW-UK Trikers are forwarded to the Country Director following said meeting.

Sergeant at Arms

It has been agreed that this post is not permitted within BTW-UK Trikers due to the political climate amongst bike groups in the United Kingdom.

Temporary or Interim Directors

As the need arises, a temporary or interim director or contact may be appointed by the Regional Director as they see fit. The term of the temporary or interim director shall end at such time that an elected director is selected to replace him/her.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

BTW-UK Trikers Chapter officers will be elected at a scheduled meeting of the Chapter.

Notification of Elections

All members of the Chapter must be notified of any upcoming election at least 30 days before the election is held. This notification shall include a listing of all offices being voted on. Notification can be by postal mail, e-mail, or phone.

Qualification

Any member in good standing with BTW-UK Trikers Chapter will be eligible to seek and hold an office. Good standing shall mean that the member's membership has not been revoked by the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter and that all appropriate dues have been paid.

Term Of Office

All officers will be elected for a term of at least 1 year, but in no case more than 4 years, except in the case of an officer resigning, not being able to carry out his or her duties or being terminated by the membership, in which case the newly elected officer will serve the duration of the term of the officer he or she is replacing. Any officer may be re-elected for consecutive terms.

Disputes

Any dispute arising from the election of officers, that cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the Members of the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter, will be handled by the BTW Regional Director for review.

Recall

Any officer may be recalled by a vote of the membership.

Just Cause

Causes for a recall shall include, but not limited to:

1. Neglect of duties,
2. Actions detrimental to the good name of the Chapter or its members
3. Non-payment of Chapter dues.

Any member who is found NOT to be in good standing with BTW-UK Trikers will be automatically recalled without a vote being taken.

A motion made and seconded at a meeting will be just cause to hold a recall vote. This vote shall be taken at a second meeting, which shall be held in no less than 30 days.

Notice - The officer and all members of the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter will be notified, in writing, of the recall vote being taken and of the meeting date, time, and place. A brief description of the alleged charges against the officer shall be included.

Appearance - Any officer being recalled will be afforded the opportunity to appear before the BTW-UK Trikers membership and answer the charges made against him or her before a vote is taken.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

BTW-UK TRIKERS CHAPTER - FINANCES

All funds belonging to the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter shall be recorded in a ledger, spread sheet or other available median and kept in a special bank account set up for that purpose.

Records

A complete record shall be kept of all finances by the Director or by the Treasurer.

Financial Report

The BTW-UK Trikers Chapter's financial report shall be open to any member desiring to see it and shall be published at such times as the Chapter decides.

Disbursements

All BTW-UK Trikers Chapter funds shall be disbursed by the Treasurer with cheques counter-signed by the Director, or other appointed officer.

Use of funds

No funds belonging to the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter shall be used by any member or officer for his or her own personal use, without the prior approval of the membership.

BTW-UK Trikers CHAPTER – AREA FINANCES

All funds belonging to any BTW-UK Trikers area shall be recorded in a ledger, spread sheet or other available median, and kept in a special bank account set up in the name of BTW-UK Trikers for that purpose.

Records

A complete record shall be kept of all area finances by the Road Captain or by the Treasurer.

Financial Report

Any BTW-UK Trikers Area's financial report shall be open to any member desiring to see it and shall be published at such times as the Chapter decides.

Annual Financial Report

Any BTW-UK Trikers Area's annual financial report must be lodged with the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter Director at the time of the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter AGM.

Disbursements

All BTW-UK Trikers Chapter funds shall be disbursed by the BTW-UK Trikers Area Treasurer with cheques counter-signed by the BTW-UK Trikers Area Road Captain, or another appointed officer.

Use of funds

No funds belonging to the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter shall be used by any member or officer for his or her own personal use, without the prior approval of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

All members of the BTW-UK Trikers Chapter.:

01/11/2022 – Editorial review only

16/05/23 – BTW-UK Trikers references...