

CONSTITUTION – DOGS OF WAR MOTOR CYCLE CLUB (MCC)

1. NAME

The name of the Club is Dogs of War Motor Cycle Club (MCC), abbreviated as Dogs of War MCC or referred to simply as Dogs of War. In this Constitution it will be referred to as the Club.

2. TYPE

The Club falls under the so called “Motor Cycle Club (MCC)” as defined in the SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BIKER COUNCIL ALLIANCE (SANBCA) protocols and guidelines.

3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The Club started as a Bush War Veterans’ Motor Cyclist Club with its Headquarters situated in Bloemfontein, Free State Province, South Africa.

The Club became a Motor Cycle Club (MCC) in 2023.

The Club’s emblem consists of a map of Africa featuring a drawn Skull within its borders. Africa is the place where the South African security forces, including the soldiers of the former South African Defence Force (SADF), made a stand during the 1966 – 1989 bush war.

Worn on the front of their cut off jackets (cuts) members display the insignia of the units they served in. A half-rocker with the letters GBNF (Gone But Never Forgotten) is worn on the left hand side on the front as a reminder of the brothers that have paid the ultimate price with their lives as well as those that still carry the battle scars of war.

4. INDEPENDENT LEGAL PERSONALITY

4.1 The Club is formed with the intention that by this Constitution, its objectives and its activities the Club shall be a body corporate or “universitas” having separate legal “persona” with perpetual succession, and with the capacity to acquire and hold property for itself and apart from its members and the individual members shall have no right in or to any property or other assets of the Club.

4.2 Any obligation incurred by or for or on behalf of the Club shall be incurred for the Club itself and to the exclusion of the individual members.

4.3 Under no circumstances shall the assets of the Club or any part thereof be distributed to members in the form of a dividend or a share of profits or remaining funds and in the event of the Club being dissolved, the assets shall be handed over to such a body as the EXCO may decide.

- 4.4 The Club may sue or be sued in its own name and the right of decision to sue or to defend any suit shall vest in the EXCO of the Club.
- 4.5 The Club may open banking accounts in its own name and for its different sub structures to be operated by members appointed in writing to do so by the EXCO.
- 4.6 The property and other assets of the Club shall vest in the Club, which shall hold such assets for itself as distinct from its individual members and the individual members shall have no right in or to any property or other assets of the Club.
- 4.7 The Club hereby chooses its domicilium citandi et executandi for all purposes to be: Dogs of War MCC, care of ABK Attorneys INC, 2nd floor Nedbank building, Ryk street, Welkom, and all notices shall be delivered by hand or by prepaid registered post to this address. The general electronic address of the Club is info@thedogsofwar.co.za .

5. VISION

To be a Motor Cycle Club to most effectively serve those who served in the South African security forces, at long last through an eventual line of succession by the younger generation in perpetuity.

6. MISSION

- Riding in aid of those who served in the South African security forces
- Finding ways to fund the Buddy Project
- Building good relationships in our areas
- Identifying those in need, determining what the need is, resolving the needs
- Establishing and funding projects
- To put biking back into biking through brotherhood and by following the old school biker rules of etiquette

7. OLD SCHOOL BIKER RULES OF ETIQUETTE

- First rule of Old School – RESPECT
For yourself and others. You have to give it to earn it. No one owes you anything.
- Second rule of Old School – HONOUR
Stand tall, keep cool, be proud. Stand behind what you say with action.
- Third rule of Old School – LOYALTY
Be faithful, steadfast and true to the Dogs of War MCC, brothers and sisters. Let there be no questions on where you stand.
- Fourth rule of Old School – HONESTY
Be truthful to yourself and others. Do not lie, cheat or steal. A biker's word is his bond.
- Fifth rule of Old School – INTEGRITY

Do what you say you will do. Be where you say you will be.

- Sixth rule of Old School – TRUST
All bonds are built on trust. It can take years to build and seconds to lose. To be trusted, you must first prove to be trustworthy.
- Seventh rule of Old School – COURTESY
Courtesy costs you nothing and gives you everything. Behave in a polite, considerate and respectful manner.
- Eighth rule of Old School – CHARITY
Willingly help those in need. Protect the weak. Aid the ill, poor and helpless. Not just your brothers and sisters, but everyone.

8. COMMAND STRUCTURE

The Club's National Head Quarters (NHQ) consist of the Executive Committee (EXCO):

National President

National Vice President

National Sergeant at Arms

National Treasurer

HQ support personnel

The Club's Chapters will have members in the following ranks who will be accountable to the EXCO:

President

Vice President

Sergeant at Arms

9. NATIONAL FOOTPRINT

9.1 Chapters will be established throughout South Africa, as and when called for.

9.2 The minimum number of independent keyholders, as defined in SANBCA protocol and guidelines required to form a Dogs of War Chapter are six. The establishment of a Chapter needs to be ratified by the EXCO.

10. STANDING OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES (SOPs)

10.1 Command and control

10.1.1 The EXCO is responsible for command and control of the Club making use of the subordinate command structures indicated in paragraph 8 of this Constitution.

10.1.2 The EXCO appoints a President per Chapter and the other ranks in Chapters are elected as per paragraph 10.1.6 of this Constitution.

10.1.3 The EXCO appoints National HQ support personnel as they see fit.

10.1.4 A Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) must take place once a year. Only Presidents may speak and vote at the Club's AGM or SGM on behalf of their Chapter. A quorum at the Dogs of War MCC AGM is 51% of the number of Presidents who must be present in person. Every individual will have one vote per item. In the case of a tie of votes, the National President has the casting vote. If an AGM cannot be held due to circumstances beyond the EXCO's control, an electronic meeting can be convened. A rank bearing member of the EXCO holds office for a term of five years, starting in May 2025 and may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms. The first election of National President will be held during 2030, followed by the election of National Vice President during 2031 and the election of National Sergeant at Arms during 2032. These elections will take place at the Club AGMs held during those years. Thereafter these elections will be staggered to take place at Club AGMs every five years during three consecutive years. Between elections a member of the EXCO can only be removed/replaced after a majority vote of no confidence against such member at a Club AGM or a Special General Meeting (SGM) and the remaining EXCO members will then appoint a replacement to be ratified at the following AGM.

10.1.5 The EXCO may call a Special General Meeting (SGM) at any time for a specific purpose and such meeting may be conducted as an electronic meeting. The EXCO must convene a SGM within fourteen days of receipt of a written request to do so signed by at least 51% of the number of Presidents at the time.

10.1.6 All Dogs of War Chapters must have their own AGM which must take place during the first half of each and every year. During the AGM the ranks of the Chapter, besides the President, must be elected to hold office until the next AGM. Elections are subject to ratification by the EXCO.

10.1.7 A Chapter President will hold office until he resigns or until a majority vote of no confidence from his Chapter is received by the EXCO, at which stage the EXCO considers the appointment of a new President after investigation/due consideration – the final decision in this matter will lie with EXCO. The EXCO can replace a President at any stage.

10.1.8 The EXCO may regulate the finer details regarding Club meetings in a Standing Working Procedure (SWP) written for this purpose on condition that such SWP is not in any way in conflict with this Constitution.

10.2 Membership

10.2.1 The Club acknowledges the protocols and guidelines of the South African National Biker Council Alliance (SANBCA). The Club does not specify the minimum hang around/ride along period required with the closest Chapter of the Club. After an initial hang around/ride along period the biker can apply for membership and if accepted (as per paragraph 10.2.2) will then be required to ride as a Dogs of War prospect for another 6 months minimum during which time the prospect must take part in at least 3 formal Club Chapter rides and attend at least three Club Chapter meetings, after which time he can then be considered to be patched as a full member. Every prospect will be required to have a full patch keyholder Club member as a sponsor during his prospect period. The sponsor must provide support and

guidance to the prospect, must mentor the prospect and must help the prospect understand all the Club rules.

10.2.2 The full patch keyholder Club members within a Chapter will be required to decide, by unanimous vote, whether or not to allow a ride along to prospect and whether or not to allow a prospect to be fully patched. To become a fully patched keyholder member of the Club a biker will have to own a motor cycle of 600cc or larger which he/she rides with a valid RSA motor cycle drivers' license or valid RSA motor cycle learner drivers' license.

10.2.3 Any biker who has left another motorcycle grouping of whatever type, will be required to serve a compulsory "cooling off period" of a minimum of 6 months before he can join the Club. During this 6 month period the biker will not be allowed to wear a patch identifying him/her as being part of the biking community.

10.2.4 Everyone joining the Club will be required to complete and sign a membership application form which includes certain undertakings and disclosure of certain personal information.

10.2.5 Everyone joining the Club will be required to pay an once-off enrolment fee to the Club and after being fully patched as a keyholder be required to pay an annual membership fee to the Club as determined from time to time at an AGM.

10.2.6 A hang-around is the official biker's name for a person who is trying to get to know a motorcycle group for the purposes of becoming a prospect at that group. You can spend time with a motorcycle group and hang out with them every night and not be considered a hang-around. When you become a hang-around with the Club, this will be called a ride-along period and it is then formally acknowledged that you are at a stage where you want to learn more about the Club for the purposes of prospecting for the Club. A ride-along with the Club will be required to wear a black leather "cut" (leather waistcoat without sleeves) without anything anywhere on it.

10.2.7 A prospect is the first level of membership any person may attain. Someone must transition from being a ride-along to being voted in as prospect. The purpose of the prospecting with the Club is for the prospect to get to know the Club and for the Club to get to know and trust the prospect as a brother in the Club. A prospect with the Club will be given the GBNF side rocker, buddy project tag and a leather prospect chest tag to wear on front of his black leather cut. A prospect with the Club will wear only the top and bottom rocker of the full Dogs of War patch on the back of his cut.

10.2.8 A member of the Club (keyholder or pillion) will wear ACTA NON VERBA as bottom rocker.

10.2.9 A wife/life partner of a patched keyholder member of the Club may be patched as a pillion by following the application process, but will not be required to ride along or prospect. In the event of this member also riding a bike, she will always be regarded to be under the supervision of her patched keyholder Club member husband/partner and in terms of the SANBCA protocols and guidelines she will not be regarded as an "independent rider". When the Club membership of her husband/partner is terminated, her membership will also automatically terminate, except if her Club member husband/life partner passed away, in which case she will have the choice to remain an honorary member of the Club.

10.3 Establishment of a Dogs Chapter in a new area

10.3.1 Only when six or more independent keyholders, as defined in the SANBCA protocols and guidelines are present in an area, the EXCO will assist with the process to establish a Chapter following

the steps prescribed in the SANBCA protocols and guidelines and in the protocols and guidelines / Constitution of the area's Bikers' Controlling Body.

10.3.2 The EXCO will tentatively appoint members to the posts of President, Vice President and Sergeant at Arms for initial command and control purposes, but all appointments within the Chapter will be decided about by the members of the Chapter at the first AGM of the Chapter subject to paragraph 10.1 of the Constitution.

10.4 Financial management

10.4.1 The appointed National Treasurer is responsible for all financial matters of the Club. He is responsible for the bookkeeping and manages the bank account(s) of the Club.

10.4.2 A Chapter President can only open a bank account in the name of Dogs of War MCC (followed by the official name of the Chapter) and only with the prior written permission of two members of the EXCO, of which one must be the National Treasurer.

10.4.3 Chapter Presidents are accountable to the EXCO and the National Treasurer for all financial matters within their Chapters at all times and must be able to provide a financial report and/or bank statements when requested to do so. They must also provide all required information and/or documents when needed for an audit.

10.4.4 Club funds may not be kept in personal banking accounts.

10.5 Dress and insignia

10.5.1 Every member will always conform to the Club's dress code at the time and respect the Patch and Insignia (Colours) of the Club. A member will never attempt to copy or replicate the Colours in any way for own or other use without the prior written consent of the EXCO.

10.5.2 When a member joins the Club, he/she pays an enrolment fee, whereafter the Club provides him/her with the Club's Colours which remains the property of the Club.

10.5.3 A member who leaves the Club must surrender his/her Club Colours and any items that denote membership of the Club. The enrolment fee or any other fee(s) paid, irrespective of what it was called at the time, do not constitute a "purchase" of the Club's Colours and is never refundable.

10.5.4 A member is not allowed to represent or ride for another motor cycle club or grouping whilst he/she is a member of the Club – no "dual patching" is allowed.

10.5.5 The Club's Colours can be removed at any time by the EXCO or Chapter, following due disciplinary process flowing forth from the Code of Conduct. When Colours are removed it must be returned to the NHQ, together with any items that denote membership of the Club, as soon as possible and may not be re-issued without the EXCO's prior written consent.

10.5.6 When a member resigns, his/her Colours, together with any items that denote membership of the Club, must be returned to his/her President and the member's President must ensure compliance by using his Sergeant at Arms if need be. The President must return the Colours, together with any

items that denote membership of the Club, to the NHQ as soon as possible and it may not be re-issued without the EXCO's prior written consent.

10.6 Code of conduct

10.6.1 Objective of this code

10.6.1.1 To have a uniform code of conduct to which all members are subjected.

10.6.1.2 The content of this code is always subject to the Vision, Mission and Rules of Etiquette as set out in the Club's Constitution.

10.6.2 The Code

10.6.2.1 Always conduct yourself in such a manner which is required and expected from a former security force member, or a person supporting the cause and who has joined the Club and in a way becoming the rank and patch you wear.

10.6.2.2 No crude language will be tolerated.

10.6.2.3 No rude behaviour towards other Club members or any member of the general public will be tolerated.

10.6.2.4 No public drunkenness will be tolerated.

10.6.2.5 Always obey all traffic regulations when on public roads.

10.6.2.6 Always show respect towards other people, irrespective of race, gender or religion.

10.6.2.7 When your unacceptable conduct is addressed by any other member of the Club you must heed the request without any hesitation.

10.6.2.8 Always respect your Club brothers and sisters.

10.6.2.9 Always treat other Club members and members of the general public in the same way you would like to be treated.

10.6.2.10 Always be aware of your surroundings. Be aware when there could be children present or in the vicinity, and ensure that all your actions and language are acceptable.

10.6.3 General

10.6.3.1 Always consider that all members of the Club are individuals with their own personalities and character.

10.6.3.2 No two people will ever be the same, and each one of us should be allowed to be ourselves, without the fear of retribution other than prescribed in this code of conduct.

10.6.3.3 All behaviour is not regulated or prescribed, but good manners and taste should always prevail.

10.6.3.4 When travelling in a group, or when attending a Club social occasion, always subject yourselves to the authority of the leader / organizer of your group or the organizing parties' group.

10.6.4 Disciplinary meeting code

This has been set out by the EXCO in a Standing Working Procedure (SWP). All Chapter SWPs regarding disciplinary matters must be ratified by the EXCO before it can be put into use.

10.7 Standing Working Procedures (SWPs)

10.7.1 The EXCO may regulate the finer details regarding Club matters in a Standing Working Procedure (SWP) written for this purpose on condition that such SWP is not in any way in conflict with this Constitution.

10.7.2 A Chapter President may regulate the finer details regarding Club matters within his Chapter in a Standing Working Procedure (SWP) written for this purpose on condition that such SWP is not in any way in conflict with this Constitution. All Chapter SWPs must be ratified by the EXCO before it can be put into use.

11. PATRON

11.1 The Club's serving founder member, Norman Delpont, will always be recognised as lifelong Honorary Member and Founder Patron of the Club. He may participate in his capacity as Patron in any way and his experience can be utilised for the benefit of the Club or in the furtherance of its objectives. He may attend meetings of the EXCO and any AGM as well as SGM or any other meeting and will be entitled to speak thereat. He is not obliged to pay annual membership and he has a veto right at all meetings. He can intervene in any form when the wellbeing of the Club is at stake and proclaim a Club State of Emergency to rectify and save the name of the Club. He will further be allowed to be a mentor to members in certain areas of expertise.

11.2 If the Founder Patron is unable to further fulfil his duties to the Club due to incapacitating illness or death, the EXCO will become the custodians of the Patron of the Club and must appoint a Patron who will take over from the Founder Patron. This must be done in accordance with the Founder Patron's "last will" as expressed by him in writing regarding his successor.

11.3 The Patron may participate in any way and his experience can be utilised for the benefit of the Club or in the furtherance of its objectives. He may attend meetings of the EXCO and any AGM as well as SGM or any other meeting and will be entitled to speak thereat. He is not obliged to pay annual membership and he has a veto right at all meetings. He can intervene in any form when the wellbeing

of the Club is at stake and proclaim a Club State of Emergency to rectify and save the name of the Club. He will further be allowed to be a mentor to members in certain areas of expertise.

12. AMENDMENTS AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution can only be amended by majority vote at a SGM that has been convened for the specific purpose or by majority vote at an AGM where the proposed change has been placed on the agenda prior to the meeting.

13. BYLAWS AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

13.1 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BYLAWS

13.1.1 The EXCO shall have the authority to formulate, adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the effective governance, administration, and regulation of the Club.

13.2 PURPOSE OF BYLAWS

13.2.1 Bylaws shall regulate operational, administrative, and procedural matters of the Club, including but not limited to finance, discipline, membership processes, chapter operations, and internal protocols.

13.3 CONSISTENCY WITH CONSTITUTION

13.3.1 All bylaws shall be subordinate to and consistent with this Constitution. In the event of any conflict, the provisions of this Constitution shall prevail, and such Bylaw shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be null and void.

13.4 BINDING NATURE

13.4.1 All duly adopted Bylaws shall be binding on all members, office bearers, and Chapters of the Club.

13.5 RATIFICATION / OVERSIGHT

13.5.1 Bylaws issued or amended by EXCO shall:

13.5.1.1 take immediate effect upon adoption; and

13.5.1.2 be tabled at the next AGM for ratification.

13.6 DELEGATION TO STANDING WORKING PROCEDURES (SWPS)

13.6.1 The EXCO may, where appropriate, issue SWPs as subordinate instruments to give practical effect to bylaws, provided that such SWPs remain consistent with both the bylaws and this Constitution.

Signed by the members of the Executive Committee of the Club at Sandstone Sleeper Estate, Bloemfontein on 26 April 2026 to be in full force and effect as from this date.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT



NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SERGEANT AT ARMS



NATIONAL TREASURER (ACTING)

Document signed electronically with consent of signatories

