

STBC BY-LAWS

Article I: Organization Name

Southern Tier Bicycle Club, Inc. referred to hereafter as STBC
STBC
PO Box 601
Binghamton, NY 13902

Article II: Purpose (Per Certificate of Incorporation)

- (a) To promote general interest in cycling activities, in particular to promote bicycle commuting, touring, and racing.
- (b) To encourage public authorities to allocate facilities on public lands for the use of cyclists, in particular bikeways, and to secure bicycle parking.
- (c) To improve the public's awareness of the cyclist's purpose, rights, and vulnerabilities.
- (d) To provide social and athletic recreation for its members.

Article III: Dues

Annual dues are \$10 for an individual membership

A student membership will be free of charge annually.

Article IV: General Membership

Membership in STBC shall be in two categories as follows:

1. Individual: Any person 18 years old and above in age. Dues are limited to maximum payment of three years into the future.
2. Student: Individual student memberships are available to full time students between the ages of 18 to 23 years old, to be renewed on a yearly basis.

Only STBC members may participate in club rides, except:

1. As a guest of the Member, eighteen or over may participate in only one ride as a non-member.
2. As a guest of the club (for example, a potential member who participates in a ride as a result of publicity.)
3. As a child under the of the age of eighteen and accompanied by a parent relative who is a Member of the club. There is no limit to the number of rides these

child guests may participate in; however, the Ride Leader or Officers or Board Members may recommend AGAINST the participation of a child guest for reasons of safety, road conditions, difficulty of ride, etc. STBC is in no way responsible for the child's safety.

All Riders are required to wear CPSC approved helmets when participating in an STBC ride and must abide by all traffic rules and regulations.

All Ride Leaders will have the following responsibilities for a STBC club ride:

1. Pick out a route, and scout it out ahead of time.
2. Know the level of difficulty based on the ride grading and provide a correct rating.
3. Have a starting point and time.
4. Get parking permission for your meeting place.
5. Find a sub if you cannot lead your scheduled ride.
6. Show up at least 15 minutes ahead of time.
7. Get Rider signatures on STBC Ride sign-up / waiver of liability form, and review the safety checklist with all Riders.
8. The Ride Leader may suggest changes of route or even a cancellation of the ride based on adverse weather or dangerous traffic conditions.
9. The Ride Leader may advise a member or non-member not to participate in a ride for reasons of safety, difficulty and / or membership status.
10. The Ride Leader may appoint a co-leader to either lead or to sweep during the ride.
11. The Ride Leader is responsible for Riders to be accounted for at the end of all C, D and E rides.
12. The Ride Leader is not responsible for Riders to be accounted for at the end of AA, A and B rides providing that maps and/or cue sheets are given to all riders and that it is announced, before the start, that there will be no sweep and that everyone is on their own.
13. The Ride Leader shall return the Ride Sign-up / Waiver of Liability Form to the STBC address or directly to the person collecting them.

A STBC club ride will be any ride listed in any STBC Newsletter Ride Schedule or on the STBC Website Electronic Calendar, as well as any other ride that utilizes the Ride Sign-up / Waiver of Liability Form.

Article V: Officers

The President

1. Is the Executive Officer of the club.
2. Shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and General Membership.
3. Will call meetings as required, or as requested in writing by five Members.
4. Has the authority to appoint another Member or Committee to be in charge of any activity requested by Members for the good of STBC.

The Vice President

1. Shall be the next in authority to the President.
2. Is responsible for the ride schedule.
3. Appoint a Member to prepare the club newsletter.

4. Appoint a Chairperson to handle membership and other registration related records.

The Treasurer

1. Shall keep all of STBC's financial records.
2. Will purchase the needed materials, such as paper and stamps.
3. Will purchase any other items determined by the Executive Board.
4. Will reimburse Members for purchases approved by the Executive Board.

The Secretary

1. Shall keep all of STBC's other records, documents and computer data.
2. Will record and keep the minutes of all club meetings.
3. Shall produce and distribute any required notices.
4. Is to keep track of online comments and make a consensus and tally up votes of all online issues.

Article VI: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall include the immediate past President; or any other previous Officer when possible.

Article VII: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall:

1. Be responsible for the STBC budget.
2. Vote on all club matters outside of the annual meeting.
3. Act on suggestions from the General Membership and on requests from other organizations.

Article VIII: Committees

The STBC Standing Committees are as follows:

Membership Committee:

This Committee will handle membership and other registration related records.

Nominating Committee:

This Committee will consist of one Member of the Board of Directors and two Members of STBC.

The Committee will meet in the fall of each year when the term of office for the current Officers is almost ready to expire in order to make nominations.

Ride Committee:

The Vice President will chair this Committee.

The Ride Committee will schedule the daily and weekend rides for the Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons.

The Ride Committee will also select Ride Leaders for each ride.

Safety Committee:

This Committee will periodically review the safety guidelines established by the club. They will also collect data to determine in what ways Members need to be more safety conscious, and they will make recommendations to help the club Members become safer bicyclists.

GFLBT Committee:

This Committee will plan and execute the annual Great Finger Lakes Bike Tour, which is STBC's largest fundraiser.

Newsletter Committee:

This Committee will prepare and publish the STBC Newsletter annually.

Website Committee:

This Committee will maintain and update data on the STBC website.

Repair Clinic Committee:

To organize and execute instructions on proper bicycle maintenance and repairs.
Also to educate riders, a mechanical awareness to be used as safety precautions.

Highway Clean-up Committee:

This Committee will coordinate the STBC's Adopt a Highway Program clean up, which is a semi-annual community service.

Annual Dinner Committee:

This Committee will plan and execute the annual STBC Diner, which is a social event.

The Ride of Silence Committee:

This Committee will organize the STBC's participation in the Ride of Silence, locally.
This National event, held annual during Nation Bike Month is in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways.

Memorial Ride & Picnic Committee:

This Committee will plan, organize and produce this annual event.

Johnson City Holiday Parade Committee:

This Committee will organize STBC's participation in this community event.

The STBC Temporary Committees:

The Executive Board may also appoint other Temporary Committees that will act for the duration of their assigned task.

Article IX: Meetings

The annual STBC general meeting shall be held early in the calendar year.

General Meetings are intended for all members.

A quorum for conducting business at a General Meeting shall consist of at least the President or Vice President and two other Executive Board Members and at least twenty-five (25) other STBC Members.

The 1 week notice of a General Meeting will be posted on the web and minutes will be made available by request.

Executive Board Meetings are intended only for officers and the Board of Directors.

Online meetings, General or Board, may be conducted at any time.

Article X: Voting

All STBC Members must be 18 or older to be entitled to vote.

Article XI: Amendments

With the exception of items included in the STBC Certificate of Incorporation, amendments to these BY-LAWS may be proposed by any STBC Member and may be incorporated into these BY-LAWS by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article XII: Dissolution

After payment of all liabilities, the remaining assets in case of dissolution of the Club shall be given to the League of American Bicyclists.

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