



JAMES VALLEY STREET MACHINES CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1

Our Mission

The purpose of our club is to have *FUN* while we maintain an association of members who are united in encouraging the restoration and preservation of all types of motorized vehicles.

We Strive:

- To further the general enjoyment of our hobby
- To promote, organize, and supervise outings, meetings, competitions, and shows
- To build fellowship through activities beyond our motorized machines
- To foster working relationships with neighboring clubs through collaboration and cross-promotion
- To help our fellow enthusiasts with technical and non-technical challenges with their vehicles
- To be a contributing member of the local community through charity and good will
- To foster a safe environment.

Though we will always share a passion for motorized machinery, our primary purpose is to have plenty of good family-friendly safe fun.

ARTICLE 2

CLUB HISTORY

The “James Valley Street Machines” was established March 2012, with 29 members in attendance for their inaugural meeting.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, all are welcome, bring a friend! Our club is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of classic, antique, modified and custom cars, trucks, and motorcycles. This club will be made up of local auto enthusiasts coming from all “motor backgrounds” and walks of life. If you are looking for help on your car, getting into the hobby for the first time, family oriented, good friends, and good times... then come and join us!

The James Valley Street Machines were drafted and updated February of 2018 after forming a complete Board of Directors.

All are welcome, you just have to have an interest in the hobby, vehicle not required.

ARTICLE 3

Affiliations

Section 1: Club Affiliations

The official sponsor of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) shall be determined by a majority (51%) affirmative vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled JVSM meeting. Membership in organizations shall be entered into as long as such affiliations are considered to be in the best interest of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM).

Section 2: James Valley Street Machines (JVSM)

The JVSM name shall belong to the James Valley Street Machines.

ARTICLE 4

Meetings

Section 1: Meetings

- Regular James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) membership meeting will be held once a month. 2nd Wednesday of every month.
- Time, date, and place will be announced by the President and distributed through the newsletter and/or email list, and/or text & web Page.

- There will be no regular December meeting because of the Christmas Extravaganza which replaces the monthly meeting. The date of the Christmas Extravaganza will be voted on by the Board of Directors.
- Board of Director meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August and November during the week preceding the Regular Membership meeting.
- Special meetings will be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors as needed.
- The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rule of Order shall govern James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) in all parliamentary situations that are not otherwise provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws.
- All board meetings and/or regular meetings must have at least 4 Officers and Board of Directors to conduct a valid meeting.
- Prior to a Board of Directors meeting, a member at large or general public person(s) must be approved by an attending Officer or Director to be put on the agenda. Member at large or general public will be heard before business proceeds from the Board Meeting.

ARTICLE 5

Policy Authority

Section 1: A quorum (4) of the Board of Directors or officers shall consist of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) members.

Section 2: A majority vote of the membership present and voting at any regular business meeting shall determine the policies and actions of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) except as otherwise provided in the James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 6

Membership and Fiscal Year

Section 1: The membership and fiscal year shall be a twelve-month period from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2: Member

Requirements for primary membership shall be:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must submit a membership application.
- Having satisfied the above, new member names will be read to the membership at a

regular business meeting.

- Payment of dues are to be paid to James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) upon completion of membership application.

*The dues paid run from January 1 to December 31 every year. Dues paid after September 1 are good for the balance of the current year and an automatic renewal for the new renewal period that starts October 1.

*Past members (having left James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) membership in good standing in excess of one year prior) can be reinstated as a member of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) upon payment of current dues/fees, however any tenure is lost.

Section 3: Spouse or Companion Member

Requirements for Spouse or Companion Member:

- The spouse or companion of any primary member and whose mailing address is the same as the primary member at the time of applying for James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) membership shall be noted on the membership application and be part of the nomination and voting process.
- A change in status of spouse or companion must be reported to the Board of Directors.
- A primary member may only have one Spouse or Companion member at a time.

Section 4: Honorary Member

Requirements for Honorary Member:

The intent of this category of membership is to ensure a member in good standing at the time of a permanent disability or passing of a spouse or companion is able to continue their membership and personal relationship with James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) members and friends without interruption.

- A member who suffers a major, permanent disability may be allowed to continue membership.
- The surviving spouse or companion's membership in James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) will be continued for one year or until the surviving spouse or companion remarries or establishes a companion relationship, whichever comes first.
- Dues may be waived for this period at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Privileges

Members, Spouse or Companion members shall have equal rights and privileges within the organization. Such rights shall include, but not be limited to:

- The right to nominate candidates.
- The right to vote in elections.

- The right to hold office.
- The right to attend and participate in the deliberations and voting at all business meetings.

All James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) membership categories shall have equal rights and privileges within the organization to:

- Attend and participate in all James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) activities to include, but not limited to; competitive events, parades and shows, social functions, and promotional or fund-raising activities.

Section 6: Termination of Membership

If a member were to act in a manner detrimental to the good name of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM), the member could be removed by a vote of the Board of Directors. The board must receive a formal written complaint and hold a hearing with all parties before terminating a member.

Section 7: Resignation

An Officer or Board Member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors and it must be approved by majority vote.

ARTICLE 7

Dues

Section 1: Dues shall be the amount per fiscal year as determined by 51% affirmative vote of the Officers and Board of Directors.

Section 2: Dues are due to the James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) Treasurer by January. After March 1st the delinquent member(s) name(s) will be removed from the membership roster and mailing lists.

Section 3: Dues are \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per regular member. \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for members whom wish to receive the "RUMBLER" via US Mail. Due will be reviewed annually and if there is a change in dues, the new dues amount must be approved by 51% of the Officers and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8

Emblem and Jacket

Section 1: The emblem of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) shall be of any design selected by a 51% vote of the Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting. The emblem shall always contain the inscription James Valley Street Machines. It is understood the James Valley Street Machines Board of Directors has final authority to define and approve all modifications, applications, and use of the official emblem. The current James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) emblem was designed to include elements from the original emblem.

Section 2: The official club jacket shall be of any style as long as it is black & blue, has sleeves (or sleeve-less must be “finished” like a vest), is in good taste, and displays the official club emblem and cannot be purchase by the general membership.

Section 3: The official club jacket can only be earned on the 6th year of consistent membership by a vote of all qualified members. 2 (two) voted on by the general membership and 1 (one) voted by the officers and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9

Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall:

- Oversee and guide James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) business.
- Conduct proper meeting procedures.
- Preside over all regular business and Board of Directors meetings and may call special meetings.
- Vote only in cases where a vote would be a tie breaker.
- Appoint and/or discharge all committee members with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Handle any and all correspondence.
- Have custody of all papers belonging to James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) which are not especially under the charge of any other officer or committee chair.
- Maintain the membership roster and distribute the roster to the membership at least quarterly during the fiscal year.

Section 2: The Vice President shall:

- Assist the President.
- Act in the absence of the President.
- Be the club parliamentarian.

Section 3: The Secretary shall:

- Take minutes at every Regular Business meeting, Board of Directors meeting, and Special meetings.
- Maintain a current book of minutes and all official documents of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM).
- Pass attendance roster to sign at the regular membership meeting.

Section 4: In the absence of the secretary, a secretary pro-tempore shall be chosen by the presiding officer.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- Retrieve mail from the official James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) Post office box and distribute as necessary.
- Collect all money owed James Valley Street Machines (JVSM).
- Hold all funds in the appropriate James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) financial/bank accounts and disburse them accordingly.
- Keep records of all James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) monetary business.
- Report on the financial status of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM)M at each Board of Directors and Regular Business meeting.
- Notify the membership through the club newsletter of the annual dues requirements.
- Pay the yearly incorporation fee and file the appropriate forms with the State of North Dakota.
- All contracts, checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) by the Treasurer, the President, or the Secretary.

ARTICLE 10

Duties of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall:

- Conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) Membership and Officers.
- Implement motions and resolutions approved by the membership and may devise and put into operations other measures consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Approve the creation of all special committees, the appointment and discharge of committee members, and review the activities of all committees.

ARTICLE 11

Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees, as authorized by the By-Laws, and Special Committees, as established by the Board of Directors.

- Standing Committees shall serve from January 1 through December 31 of the year for which they are appointed or until discharged by the Board of Directors.
- Special committee members shall serve until the Board of Directors either dissolves the committee or until discharged.

Section 2: All committees shall report to the membership as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Membership:

- Check and verify through the official information sheet and club membership application that each prospective member meets all constitutional requirements before he/she is nominated for membership in James Valley Street Machines (JVSM)
- Forward completed applications to the Secretary for inclusion in the permanent record book.

Section 4: Newsletter:

- News and information is provided to James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) membership through a combination of email and postings to the James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) web-site: www.jvsm.club and jamesvalleystreetmachines.com.
- The newsletter must have the words; A Publication of the James Valley Street Machines on it
- The James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) post office box shall be the official mailing address.
- The newsletter, delivered via email and James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) web site will be the monthly notification of the regular business or any other meetings and shall contain all notices of club events or any other information or articles the committee receives.
- The chairperson or appointed committee member shall be responsible for maintaining a current mailing list as furnished by the Secretary.

Section 5: Events and Activities

- This appointed committee will be responsible for the planning, suggesting, and coordination of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM) events and function as approved by the Board of Directors.
- The chairperson shall be responsible for furnishing notices or information of any club events to the Newsletter Committee and/or the members at a regular business meeting upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 12

Nomination and Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1: Elected Officers:

- Nominations will be made at the October and November regular business meetings.
- Voting will take place at the December Christmas Extravaganza.
- If two or more members are running for a position, the Secretary shall prepare a ballot that will be completed and counted at the December Christmas Extravaganza.
- The Board of Directors tally the votes.
- New officers may be announced at the December Christmas Extravaganza and shall be installed at the January regular business meeting.

Section 2: Board of Directors:

- The term of a member of the Board of Directors shall be 2 years unless said member wants to cease being a part of the Board of Directors.
- Only 2 Board of Directors shall be elected each year, with this process beginning at the 2020 December Christmas Extravaganza.
- Upon any vacancy, a special election may be held by the authority of the Board of Directors to complete the balance of the term vacated.

ARTICLE 13

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of James Valley Street Machines (JVSM), as per the Articles of Incorporation, all money or property shall be donated to Northern Plains Huntington's Disease Society of America. PO Box 595. East Grand Forks, Minnesota 56721

ARTICLE 14

Amending the By-Laws

Amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, presented to the membership at a regular business meeting, voted at a second regular business meeting, and must pass by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.