

Oswego Valley ATV Club, Inc.
By-Laws

Article I **Name:** The name of the club is the Oswego Valley ATV Club, Inc., a Not for Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Article II **Purpose:** The purpose of the Oswego Valley ATV Club, Inc. is to promote the sport of ATV riding through safety training, public awareness and respect for the environment.

Article III **Mission Statement:** Our mission is to raise the public image of ATV Riding, as well as establishing a statewide trail system. Our club seeks to promote the sport of ATV riding while being respectful of all land owners and the surrounding environment.

Article IV **Composition:** The membership of the club shall be open to all people who enjoy the Sport of ATV riding, and to develop a cooperative relationship with landowners, state and local government officials, and others who have an interest in ATV vehicle recreation.

Article V **Officers and Board of Directors:** The elected officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be the Executive Committee of the Club and shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Club at all times. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee, as well as a minimum of three (3) elected Club members. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have Voting Powers and shall be at least 21 years of age.

Duties of the Officers:

President:

The President shall have the responsibility of conducting and negotiating all legal and financial affairs of this organization.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

The President shall vote only in the event that the Executive Committee or Board of Directors needs a tie-breaker.

The President shall assist fellow officers and members to promote interest in Club activities.

Vice President:

The Vice President shall perform all duties for the President in his/her absence.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings of the Club.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the legal records of the Club and to perform other duties that generally fall in this category.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of maintaining the financial records of the Club.

The Treasurer shall oversee and record collection of dues and all other monies owed to the Club.

Duties of the treasurer shall include payment of expenses authorized by the Executive Committee in a timely manner. The Treasurer shall present the Board of Directors with a financial report at each meeting.

At the direction of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer's books shall be subject to audit at any time by a committee appointed by the President consisting of non-Executive Committee members.

Ride Coordinator:

Shall be responsible for the planning and organizing of Club rides.

Trail Coordinators:

Shall be responsible for organizing work groups for maintenance of existing trails and creation of new trail systems.

Webmaster:

Shall be responsible for all content posted and removed on the Club website. The President or any other officer he/she may delegate shall direct the Webmaster as to content to be posted or removed.

Facebook Website:

The President shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Facebook Website. All content posted on this site by any person shall promote the sport of ATV riding. All other comments that do not abide by this principle shall be removed at the sole discretion of the President.

Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors terms are as follows. The Maximum number of board members is four (4).

- (1) Three year term
- (2) Two year terms
- (1) One year term

Election Process:

All officers shall be nominated and elected by majority vote of club members present at a club meeting on a yearly basis.

All nominations shall be made at the September meeting, with elections at the October meeting and terms beginning at the January meeting.

All officers' terms will be for one (1) year.

All members in current good standing shall be eligible for voting in the election. All members who desire to vote in any elections or matters that come before the Club must be eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the election or matter before the Club to be decided.

Article VI **Membership and Dues:** There shall be 2 classifications of membership.

1. Individual Membership-Membership Dues Reviewed Annually
2. Family Membership-Membership Dues Reviewed Annually.
3. The membership year will be from April 1st thru March 31st.

Article VII **Meetings:** The meetings of this Club will be held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at locations to be announced. All meetings shall inform the members of the previous minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's report, Trails, equipment and committee reports, old and new business, and any other lawful business brought before the club.

Article VIII **Committees:** The President may appoint such Committees as necessary from time to time for specific purposes and upon completion of their assignment, and report to the Executive Board and Club membership, such Committees shall be discharged of any further duties.

Article IX **Code of Ethics and Conduct: (See Code of Conduct)**

1. Obey all laws, Federal, State and local. No excessive speed. Club stickers must be on the left side of rear fender of the machine, if possible.
2. Respect all people, real and personal property, wildlife and the environment.
3. Follow all rules of safety while riding our trails. Report any other rider that is not obeying club rules and state laws to a Club Officer.
4. Be courteous and careful while approaching others on our trails. Keep trails clean and safe. Let pedestrians, people with horses, bicycles and cars have the right of way. Turn off your machine if necessary near horses and other animals.
5. Club members shall not interfere or harass hunters, fishermen, sportsmen, landowners or other individuals in areas where they are riding.
6. Individuals who disobey the law or the club code of conduct may be subject to suspension or revocation of club membership and riding privileges.

Article X **By-Law Amendments:** These By-Laws may only be amended by a 2/3 vote of the club members present at a regular club meeting or a Special Club meeting called for the specific purpose of amending the by-laws.

Article XI **Dissolution of the Club:** The dissolution of the club must be discussed and voted upon only after a recommendation has been made for same by both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Club. This Club may only be disbanded and dissolved by a 2/3 vote of the general club membership present at a Special meeting of the Club when it has been determined that the Club is no longer viable or effective in achieving its purpose, mission or vision. Upon dissolution, and after satisfying all legal and financial obligations and liabilities, the Executive Committee shall sell all remaining assets of the Club and the net proceeds derived shall be divided among the Volunteer Fire Departments of Cato, Fair Haven and Hannibal equally. In the event that the Club merges with another Club, the issue of whether or not the merger shall proceed will require a 2/3 vote of the general membership present at a Special meeting of the Club called for that particular purpose. In the event of a merger, the assets, real property and personal property of the Club shall be either sold as described above and divided amongst the volunteer fire departments list or said assets shall be contributed by this Club to the new Club.

Article XII **Complaints of Misconduct and Penalties:**

1. Complaints of misconduct shall be reported to the Executive Board and shall specify the violation, date and general area in which the violation occurred.
2. Club Members deemed to be in violation of Club rules, ethics and conduct by the Executive Committee shall be notified by regular 1st class mail of their violation and that the Executive Board may take further action.
3. Club members who are deemed to have violated the rules of the Club or rules of ethical conduct may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Club as determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board, which shall meet to make a determination of such at a special meeting. The Club member shall be allowed to make a brief statement and to submit statements to the Board in their defense. The Board shall then have 7 days in which to make their determination of suspension, revocation or other penalty or

no action whatsoever and shall notify the club member in writing of their decision.

4. Reinstatement of a suspended or expelled club member shall be done by a majority vote of the Executive Board at a Special Meeting.

These By-Laws adopted this 13th day of August, 2012.


Club President

Print Name:

Jermy Bomgren