

## WCBC Constitution

### Article I NAME

The name of this organization is the White Clay Bicycle Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### Article II. AIMS

The aims of the Club are:

1. to promote, encourage, and facilitate safe recreational bicycling activities, including scheduled rides, tours, and outings;
2. to teach safe, efficient bicycling techniques to youth and adults;
3. to advocate, defend, and protect the rights of bicyclists
4. to educate the public with respect to bicyclists' rights and obligations
5. to promote bicycling as alternative transportation
6. to promote bicycle racing as a competitive sport

### Article III MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to everyone who pays the annual membership dues.

### Article IV. DUES AND FEES.

To be set each year by the Executive Committee

### Article IV. OFFICERS.

The Club is governed by an Executive Committee, consisting of up to 15 elected members plus the president(s) of special interest group(s) or their designates. The elected members of the Executive Committee consist of three officers and up to 12 at-large members. The elected officers are:

President  
Treasurer  
Vice President

The at-large members shall fill other offices and committee chairpersonships as needed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Each year, the outgoing President shall appoint a nominating committee, who will select a slate consisting of the three officers and up to 12 at-large members. Nominations for all positions may also be made from the floor. Candidates must agree to serve before being placed on the ballot. Elections shall be held in February and a new slate of officers will assume their duties in March.

Responsibilities for the elected officers are:

President shall be responsible for the overall operation of the Club, for coordinating with other clubs and with public authorities as appropriate, and for presiding over general and special meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee.

Vice President shall assist the president on request, preside at meeting in the president's absence, oversee the budgetary process, and arrange for an annual audit of the financial records each year.

Treasurer shall maintain the Club's funds, receiving and recording dues paid and income from other activities including the individual rides, disbursing funds as directed by the Executive Committee, and maintaining appropriate financial records.

#### Article VI DISBURSING AUTHORITY

Expenditures based on the approved budget require no further approval. Authorization to spend more than \$100 outside of the budget must be approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

Either the Treasurer or President may sign checks on behalf of the Club.

#### Article VII MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Club will be held, as scheduled by the Executive Committee. It is contemplated that meetings will occur monthly. The meetings may include programs of general interest, as well as discussions and decisions related to the Club's activities.

The Executive Committee will hold meetings, as needed, in order to formulate policy and make recommendations to the general membership. The Executive Committee will consider financial affairs such as dues, advertising rates for the Tailwind, charges for the invitational rides, etc.; educational activities; participation in local community events, etc. Executive Committee meetings will be open to all Club members.

#### Article VIII SPECIAL INTEREST SUBGROUPS

The Club shall accommodate special interest subgroups, as appropriate. These subgroups include, but are not limited to, racing, long distance touring, tandeming, and mountain biking. The subgroups may have their own organizations, including separate officers, dues, and membership lists. To be recognized as a special interest group, the affiliates shall meet these requirements:

- members of the affiliate shall also be members of the Club;
- the affiliate shall be approved by the Executive Committee
- the President of the affiliate, or his/her designate, shall be the affiliate's representative on the Executive Committee

## Article IX. COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee shall form committees as appropriate to carry out the aims of the club. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and will normally be at-large members of the Executive Committee. Committees would typically include, but not be limited to, rides committee, newsletter committee, membership committee, education committee, and major rides committee.

## Article X. CLUB POLICIES

Any member can propose a policy that pertains to the operation of the club or provides a better understanding of club issues. An Executive Committee member shall present the proposed policy at a regularly scheduled meeting for approval and publication in the next issue of the club's newsletter. The proposed policy shall then be passed by a majority of voters at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Once passed, the Policy will be kept with the Club's records.

## Article XI. CONFLICTS

In case of conflict not provided for elsewhere in this Constitution, each Executive Committee member shall have one vote, which may be cast for or against the matter to be settled. If the Executive Committee vote results in a tie, the President shall make the decision.

## Article XII. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any member may propose a change to the Constitution. The Executive Committee shall submit the proposed changes to the Constitution, along with the Committee's recommendation, for publication in the next issue of the Club's newsletter. The proposed change shall then be passed by a majority of voters at each of two successive meetings of the Club.