

CVFR LRRP

BY-LAW #1 – UNIT MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. The Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders' Constitution as published on the CVFR website (www.cvfr.ca) establishes general principles, organizational structure and broad operating concepts for all CVFR units. The document is updated periodically and should be reviewed occasionally by all members to familiarize themselves with any changes.
2. Daily management of individual CVFR units is the exclusive prerogative of each unit's leadership and membership; however, management practices must be consistent with the broad parameters established in the Constitution. The CVFR does not promulgate guidance on best practices or operating procedures, therefore, it is incumbent upon units to establish operating procedures as a means to capture best practices and ensure consistent prudent unit management.
3. These unit operating by-laws provide the required guidance and once an item is approved by the membership it is irrevocable until an amendment is submitted to and is subsequently approved by the general membership.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

4. The CVFR PHILOSOPHY as published in the Constitution provides key strategic guidance for unit operations.
5. The CVFR philosophy is designed to make this veterans' riding organization enjoyable, respecting not only the service of members and Veteran Supporters but also appropriate treatment of all as responsible, law-abiding adults; and
6. The key objective of The CVFR is clearly articulated within that document through The CVFR BASE PRINCIPLE which is defined as: FUN n' RIDE, supporting each other, be they serving members, veterans or veteran supporters!
7. The CVFR is a volunteer organization and while the organization is largely a riding club, ownership of a motorcycle is not mandatory and no member shall ever be intimidated or coerced in any way to participate in an event or activity against their will/expressed desire.
8. While the Unit tries to support the fund raising and other initiatives by CVFR, other units or the National HQ, these events shall not drive the unit agenda but rather will be complementary to any unit plan. The interests and preferences of the membership shall guide the unit agenda and not other CVFR entities.

UNIT LEADERSHIP

9. The Unit is led by a President and Executive Officers as described in By-Law #2. The leadership seeks to operate the unit consistent with the expressed will of the unit membership and to do this routinely consults with the membership through unit meetings, emails and informal communication.
10. The CVFR is a volunteer organization and as such it is incumbent upon members to respect

the contribution of all. Similarly, it's unreasonable to expect a small core group of Executive Officers to plan and lead every aspect of the unit's activities. To this end, all members are encouraged to contribute as possible to the effective, efficient and enjoyable operation of the Unit. Remember the overall principle is "by the members, for the members".

PURPOSE AND GUIDING INTENT

11. CVFR LRRP (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol) is different than other CVFR units. It is meant to support a membership model where members are geographically dispersed and may not be in physical contact often. As such, management tools, structures and processes must support asynchronous communication, remote voting and other lightweight tools that allow collaboration and contact without physical co-location.

12. The purpose of CVFR LRRP is to provide an organizing and administrative body to allow for recruiting and ongoing membership of remote members who may not live near a regular CVFR unit. This will foster the spread of the CVFR and allow like-minded riders to participate in the CVFR even if no regular unit exists for them to join and they have neither the numbers or desire to start their own unit.

UNIT MEETINGS

13. As the main purpose of CVFR LRRP is to establish and promote a widespread, loosely connected membership across the country, no regular meetings are held. Informal or online meetings of members may be required from time to time to facilitate discussion but the main form of communication and decision making will be via asynchronous means such as email and internet voting.

14. The Executive routinely communicates among themselves and with other CVFR HQ/unit Executive Officers to ensure effective unit management and event coordination. Additionally, at the discretion of the President, the unit Executive may meet separately to coordinate planning and unit management issues.