



**PRO VINTAGE RACING INC.**

## **BY-LAWS**

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## **ARTICLE I - Purposes and Name**

Section 1. THE NAME of this club shall be PRO VINTAGE RACING INC.

Section 2. THE PURPOSES of Pro Vintage Racing Inc. shall be:

- (a) To generate a membership of neighbors and friends to mutually increase the pleasure of snowmobile racing through planned and supervised activities.
- (b) To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of snowmobile racing.
- (c) To serve the interest of snowmobilers and snowmobile racers.
- (d) To defend such owners against discriminatory legislation, unrealistic regulation and burdensome taxation.
- (e) To develop a fraternal spirit among snowmobilers, snowmobile racers and other winter sports enthusiasts.
- (f) To promote favorable public relations through policing of racing safety in cooperation with respective race promoters.
- (g) To encourage conduct, which will promote a positive image of the snowmobiler to all.

Section 3. DEDICATION: Pro Vintage Racing Inc. is dedicated to the proposition that:

- (a) The sport of snowmobiling is America's most exhilarating winter sport. (b) The sports of snowmobiling and snowmobile racing are here to stay.
- (c) The sports of snowmobile racing, having emerged from its infancy and now maturing, must establish an image equal or superior to all other leading recreational sports, and to this end this club is dedicated.

## **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. CLUB MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone showing an interest in snowmobile racing and the club. A membership is defined as either one person at least 11 years of age for junior's classes, and 18 Years of age for general classes.

"A Member in good standing" will be referred to as "a Member".  
Refer to Section 5, "Membership Validity"

Section 2. REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP may be made, by mail on the form provided on the PVR website or by joining online through RaceDay.com. Membership is contingent upon agreement by the applicant to abide by the club Bi-Laws, payment of the required dues. Disapproval may not be for any reason of race, color, religion, or any other criteria that would be discriminatory of the Board of Directors

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED by action of the Board of Directors for non-payment of dues, safety violations, or for any reason deemed by the Board of

Directors to be prejudicial to the best interests of the club. Actions that are detrimental to the club may be grounds for removal of a member from the club.

Section 4. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- (a) Club membership for the 2023-2024 Race season is \$50. PVR does not offer a single event membership.
- (b) Membership fee will entitle member to hold a specific race number, if membership is not current the race number will be forfeited after one year of inactivity.
- (c) Membership term is to begin and end at the adjournment of the annual meeting each year.
- (d) If the member is actively on the BOD, Membership dues will be waived for their term or terms.

Section 5. MEMBERSHIP VALIDITY / A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:

To remain a member in good standing in Pro Vintage Racing Inc. all members must:

- (a) Be good sportsmen and promote sportsmanlike conduct, recognizing that people judge all snowmobilers and snowmobile racers by our actions.
- (b) Obey all club rules and requirements as herein stated and as otherwise may be set forth by the Board of Directors and agreed upon by the majority of the club management.
- (c) **Have membership dues paid by the first race**

Section 6. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- (a) Each member is eligible for end of race season points / awards. Points will only be accumulated from date the membership was paid.
- (b) Each member is eligible to run for Board of Directors and other club management positions, must hold a one-year membership directly prior to the current to the race season.
- (c) **Lifetime membership will be offered for founding members only.**

## Section 7 VOTING

- (a) Each member who is in good standing and at least 18 years of age is entitled to one vote for club officers at the annual meeting.
- (b) Club issues will be decided by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. They will take recommendations, concerns and ideas from the general membership and work in the best interest of the club/sport.
- (c) To be a voting member, you must have membership dues paid between the first race and last race of the season.
- (d) Voting which may be of a confidential matter will be done by secret ballot.

## Section 8. WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- (a) Each member will be required to sign a general waiver of responsibility each year with membership. The waiver would ensure no member, Board of Director, or Club officer could be held responsible for any accident or incident related to racing.
- (b) Each member will be required to sign a waiver of responsibility at each event. The waiver would ensure no member, Board of Director, Club Officer, or track personal, or event promoter could be held responsible for any accident or incident related to racing.

## **ARTICLE III - Management**

Section 1. CLUB MANAGEMENT shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five board members. Technical Inspection Director will be considered management under article 111 and will have no board voting rights. These officers constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. NOMINATIONS for officers shall be opened to the membership at the end of the Race season and up to the time the voting begins at the Annual meeting held approximately in April every year. Immediate family members shall not be allowed to serve on the board at the same time.

Section 3. ELECTION of officers will be by majority vote of the members present during the annual meeting in April each year.

- (a) Officers elect shall officially take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting and hold office for a period of two years.
- (b) Term of office for all positions shall be two years and not exceed seven consecutive years. (Include what is on the recorder for term limits)
- (c) Treasurer is exempt from term limits.
- (d) Officer positions elected in alternating years. (President, Secretary, Three Directors) (Vice President, Two Directors).

- (e) The Treasurer and the Technical Inspection Director positions shall be an annually appointed position by majority vote of the board.
- (f) In the case of an officer resignation, the board will appoint a current member to fulfill the remainder of the term. In the event of resignation of an Officer, the appointed replacement shall complete the past officer's term and shall be eligible for election terms.

Section 4. THE PRESIDENT shall direct the agenda and preside over all meetings of the club and is expected to manage the business of perpetuating the club's purposes and responsibilities. He / She shall appoint committees as authorized by the Board of Directors and shall serve as an ex-office member of said committees-

Section 5. THE VICE PRESIDENT shall assume the duties and power of the president during the absence or temporary incapacity of the president. He or She shall assume additional responsibilities as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. THE SECRETARY shall keep all club records other than financial, including meeting minutes, the membership roster, committee member listings and documents of historical value. He or She shall send and/or post meeting notices and carry out all of the usual secretarial functions of the club. The secretary shall insure that all club records are retained and archived for future reference, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Board of Directors and membership. Ensure all records collected are moved forward to elected officers.

Section 7. THE TREASURER shall keep the financial accounts of the club, receive dues for membership, pay bills and generally be responsible for monitoring the financial health of the club. He or She shall keep the club's funds in a bank approved by the membership, under the account name "*Pro Vintage Racing Inc.*". He or She shall be responsible for maintaining accurate and timely records of said account(s) and for preparing and presenting a treasurer's report at each meeting and quarterly reports to Board of Directors or as requested by Club Management.

- (a) Withdrawal of funds for any purpose shall be by check or withdraw slip (only for race payout), signed by the Treasurer or the President, and are subject to prior approval by the Board of Directors.
- (b) All payments over \$250.00 are to be approved by the majority of Board of Directors.
- (c) Financials shall be reviewed annually by a third party agreed upon by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Transition period of up to three months during change of treasurers'

Section 8. All officers shall have such other powers as are assigned by the by-laws, the membership or as are required by law.

#### **ARTICLE IV – Official Meetings**

Section 1. OFFICIAL MEETINGS will be held at the end of the race season around the annual meeting.

- (a) A minimum of five members of the club's management must be present to hold an official meeting. Meetings may be in person groups, Conference call, or video Conferences via internet.
- (b) The Board of Directors may meet at their discretion during the interim between regular meetings.
- (c) Any members can be present at the Board of Directors meeting but do not have any voting rights.
- (d) Special meetings may be held throughout the year with a prior announcement of such meetings to the general membership via the PVR website / social media.
- (e) Official meeting may be changed or postponed in the case or cases of a national emergency or a pandemic if the annual spring meeting can not be held.

#### **ARTICLE V – Club Events**

Section 1. CLUB EVENTS may be planned and organized by any volunteer member, appointed member or group of members, and approved by board of directors.

- (a) All members in good standing shall be invited to participate in all club events. All contracts need to be approved by the entire Board of Directors to be a legal and binding contract.
- (b) All race contracts must be presented to the entire Board of Directors, approval requires majority vote.

Section 2. PREPARATION - Each member shall be responsible to plan and pay for his/her own expenses. Also, members shall see to it that their snowmobiles are adequately prepared, and are in compliance to safety rules, and general ISR rules and regulations, and equipment is in good working order.

Section 3. CONDUCT - All club members will assume responsibility for proper racing conduct and discipline. Drinking and driving is particularly dangerous in the sport of snowmobiling, and accounts for the majority of serious accidents. Any members who abuse this practice may be eliminated from racing by majority vote of those present and stands to lose his/ her membership in Pro Vintage racing.

## **CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Always show respect your fellow board members, club members, sponsors and track promoters at all times;
- Always show respect and appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to help the club and/or event(s);
- Never yell, taunt, or threaten physical violence upon another member of the club, a volunteer or event spectator
- Never use abusive or vulgar language, or make racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs or derogatory comments at club events, forum or club related emails/ personal messaging.
- Never make unwanted sexual or physical contact with other members.
  
- Always abide by race rules and engage in fair competition, no course cutting, or other means of gaining a competitive advantage that is considered cheating when participating in club races or other races where you may represent the club.
- Always report violations of the Member Code of Conduct policy to the Board in writing.

### **ARTICLE VI – Dissolution**

Section 1. If dissolution of Pro Vintage Racing Inc should occur, all outstanding debts, if any, will be paid. Any remaining funds & assets will be donated to another snowmobile club, snowmobile association or charity.

### **ARTICLE VII - Amendments**

Section 1. These By-Laws must be reviewed by the Board of Directors annually and amended as deemed appropriate. The By-Laws shall be presented to the membership-at-large by means of the web site to be voted on by the attending members at the next posted meeting for approval.