

## The GWRRA Way

“GWRRA is not a motorcycle club.”

We’ve all heard it, haven’t we? But just what does it mean? Simply put, it means that our Association and our chapters don’t function in the same organizational and procedural format the “clubs” do. That is, we don’t elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We don’t choose our officers with popularity contests. We don’t impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization.

We don’t have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our chapter meetings. We don’t need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. We try not to do any “heavybreathing.”

In other words, a GWRRA chapter meeting is not presided over by a “president” and conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. That is the format that many “clubs” use in their meetings.

We don’t say that we are better than clubs, we are just different. Some people like the club format of operation. This is all well and good. Those folks should be encouraged to attend and participate where they are the most comfortable. We think when they “try it [our format!], they’ll like it.”

The GWRRA chapter format of operation is more flexible than a club format. A GWRRA chapter is not a “club,” either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It is PART of something bigger than itself.