APPLICATION/RENEWAL LIABILITY WAIVER INFORMATION

Hello Riders,

Due diligence. What is it?

Unlike the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders MUST requalify EVERY year.

The Legion fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. The Legion membership year runs January 1 through December 31. Renewal dues for the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL are accepted between July 1 and December 31. Renewals with the Riders cannot commence until the family dues are paid. Back to Due Diligence.

If your Chapter/District is out on a ride and there is an accident, then the arriving authorities are going to want to see the license, registration and insurance for those involved. If during the investigation an involved member has a lapsed license, registration or insurance, your Chapter/District could be asked why that person is being allowed to ride with you, potentially making the Chapter/District at fault also. This could affect the Post, Rider & Legion Departments and National. None of us wants a law suit. If you can prove that at renewal you did Due Diligence to make sure that a member’s documents were current, it could make a major difference.

So, what are the 6 steps to Due Diligence at renewal???

The following must be SEEN in this order:

For all applicants/all members:

Including those coming from another Chapter/District, those in RETIRED status, passengers and drivers/operators.

1) A current Legion family card. A member cannot apply/renew UNTIL they can show a current Legion, ALA, or SAL membership card or receipt stating that the upcoming year’s dues have been paid for that member.

2) An application/liability waiver COMPLETELY filled in and signed in both spaces.

Passengers and Retired Status Skip to 6)

For Drivers/Operators:

Original, copy or digital is ok. We **DO NOT** keep copies of these documents. We Give them back, shred them or delete them once seen.

1) & 2) from above and…

3) A current Driver’s License with an M1 endorsement must be shown. If a member has an M1 permit, they have 1 year from JOINING the Chapter/District to get an M1 license. If no license after the year is up, they no longer qualify to be a member (Per the Judge Advocate). (The Membership Officer will write down the month/year of the expiration date at the bottom of the waiver.)

4) Current registration for the bike being ridden. If more than 1 bike is ridden throughout the year then registration for each. (The Membership Officer will write down the month/year of the expiration date(s) at the bottom of the waiver.)

5) Current insurance for the bike(s) on the registration(s). VIN NUMBERS MUST MATCH on registration and insurance. (The Membership Officer will write down the month/year of the expiration date(s) at the bottom of the waiver.)

6) Dues. If 1 through 5 above has been completed, **ONLY THEN** can dues be accepted from the members.

It has always been best practices that before a member from another Chapter/District can change and join yours, that a call to the current Chapter/District be made to their Membership Officer/Secretary/Director, etc. to ensure they are in good standing. A member not in good standing CANNOT change Chapters/Districts.

The application/liability waiver template has been redone to include this info at the bottom. The Chapter/District will need to go in and put in the correct info where all the 17 or so XXXXX’s are.

Per DEC bylaws, members have until December 31 to pay their Chapter or District dues. After December 31, the Chapter or District automatically puts them on suspension until January 31. If they have not paid dues by January 31, the member is deleted from the roster. If a member states to an officer or puts in writing that they are not renewing, the member may be deleted at that time. If after a member is deleted, they would like to be reinstated, the Chapter or District must vote them back in at a regular meeting and receive all of the above.

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