

**MINUTES of the
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.
DELEGATES MEETING
FARM BUREAU EXPO CENTER, WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
LEBANON, TENNESSEE
JULY 21, 2021**

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI) Delegates Meeting was called to order by President Andrew Selking on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 9:20 A.M. (Central Daylight Time) at the Farm Bureau Expo Center, Wilson County Fairgrounds, Lebanon TN.

The Invocation was given by Robert Stansbury, Region 12 Past President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by International 1st Vice President Tye Mott.

ROLL CALL

The International Recording Secretary, Judy Bechthold, called the roll:

Of the 104 Local Clubs in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) 78 were present at the roll call. Eleven Region Officers were present. Alternates were seated from the Southeastern Camping Unit, Top of Georgia Airstream Club, Heart of Texas Camping Unit and Sierra Nevada Unit. An alternate was seated for Region 10. The total number of voting delegates was 93. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Each delegate received a copy of the agenda electronically. Without objection, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF RULES

President Andrew Selking read the rules of the Delegates Meeting. Without objection, the rules of the meeting were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Each delegate received a copy of the Minutes of the Delegates Meeting from July 24, 2019, Doswell, VA, electronically. Without objection, the Minutes of the Delegates Meeting were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Selking read WBCCI Bylaws Article XVII Delegate Voting, Sec. 4 on how Delegate voting is conducted.

Amendment #1 – Tom Smithson moved that the International Board of Trustees submit to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Club Constitution: Delete in their entirety Article VIII, Duties of Officers and Article XIII, Nominating Committee and renumber the remaining Articles. Without objection, Amendment #1 passed.

Amendment #2 – Tom Smithson moved that the International Board of Trustees submit to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution: Delete in its entirety Article VII, Sec. 2, Officers and Their Election and replace it with a new Sec. 2. An objection was made by Patrick Mann #5745 of the Washington Airstream Club who made a motion to use a Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2. A second was made by Terry Reynolds #1158 of the Mississippi Airstream Club. A vote was taken by a show of hands. It was the judgment of the Chair that the majority of the votes were no. The motion failed. A vote was then taken on Amendment #2. Without objection, Amendment #2 passed.

Amendment #3 – Tom Smithson moved that the International Board of Trustees submit to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution: Delete in its entirety Article XVI, Amendments and replace it with a new Article XVI, Amendments. Without objection, Amendment #3 passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Selking asked if there was any other business to come before this Delegates' Meeting. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. (Central Daylight Time).

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bechthold
International Recording Secretary
Wally Byam Caravan Club International

Delegate Meeting Minutes approved by President Andrew Selking on August 20, 2021

Amendment No. 1

Title: Constitutional Amendment to delete Article VIII, Duties of Officers and Article XIII Nominating Committee from the WBCCI Constitution.

The International Board of Trustees submit to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution: Delete in their entirety **Article VIII, Duties of Officers** and **Article XIII, Nominating Committee** and renumber the remaining Articles.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS reads:

- Sec. 1** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Delegates, the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Committee; shall enforce the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws and Policies; shall apportion Headquarters office time and services to the various committees, rallies, and other club business; and shall have such other powers and duties as normally pertain to the principle office holder, as prescribed in the parliamentary authority adopted by the International Club. The President shall not be entitled to vote except when members are equally divided on any question. (6/30/93)
- Sec. 2** The Vice Presidents shall attend all meetings of the International Club, the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee and they shall assist the President in the conduct of the Club's business.
- Sec. 3** The Recording Secretary shall attend and record the minutes of all meetings of the Delegates, Board of Trustees, and the Executive Committee; shall advise the President as to whether or not a quorum is present; and shall deliver the minutes to Headquarters within fifteen days after each meeting.
- Sec. 4** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, disbursement, investment, accounting, and reporting of all funds of the International Club, within the budget approved by the Board of Trustees, and as prescribed in the International Bylaws and Policies. This responsibility includes financial statements and reports as prescribed in the International Bylaws and Policies, and interim reports as may be further directed by the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer, or a deputy appointed by the Treasurer, shall sign all checks. The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Delegates, the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Committee. At the end of the Treasurer's term of office, the incoming President will arrange to have the financial books audited.

Article XIII, Nominating Committee reads:

- Sec. 1** The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, the Chairman of which shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at their first meeting. The other two members shall be elected by the Delegates at the annual Delegate's meeting.
- Sec. 2** The Nominating Committee shall consider the qualifications of all candidates whose names are proposed by the Club Membership, by the International Board of Trustees and by any member of the Nominating Committee. The names of candidates submitted for consideration shall be accompanied by a statement of such candidate qualifications and of their willingness to serve in the office and such statement shall be received by the Nominating Committee by November 15 in the year preceding the election year. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least once thereafter. (7/1/86)

- Sec. 3** The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of all qualified candidates, which shall be presented to the delegates at their annual meeting. (6/30/11)
- Sec. 4** The names, along with the qualifications, of all candidates deemed qualified by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to Headquarters not later than March 1 of each year for publication of the candidates 'resumes in the April *Blue Beret* and qualifications/resumes/vision statement posted on the WBCCI.org web site. (6/30/11)
- Sec. 5** Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor provided written consent to serve has been given.

Rationale: The duties of the elected officers are not something that should be listed in the Constitution of an organization. Rather, they should be in the Bylaws of WBCCI to avoid requiring a Constitutional amendment to change any of those duties. This aligns with the practices of our Local Clubs who list Officer Duties in their Bylaws. Passage of this Constitutional change will transfer these duties to the WBCCI Bylaws.

Our Local Clubs have the duties of their Nominating Committee in their Bylaws, not their Constitution. Passage of this Constitutional change will require a change in the WBCCI Bylaws for the establishment of a new Standing Committee, Nominations, with expanded duties to increase our pool of potential International Officers and provide for the membership to vote on.

Amendment No. 2

Title: Constitutional Amendment to allow for electronic or mail ballots for electronic or mail ballots for electing International Officers.

The International Board of Trustees submit to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution: Delete in its entirety **Article VII, Sec. 2, Officers and Their Election** and replace it with a new **Sec. 2**.

In **Article XI, Club Organization, Sec. 2**, last sentence, delete “the Annual” and insert “**a Constitutional**”.

Delete in its entirety **Article XII, Delegates Meeting** and insert a new **Article XII, Constitutional Delegates Meeting**.

Further, in **Article XIV, Revenue and Dues**, delete the words “on a calendar year basis.”

Article II, Sec. 2, Officers and Their Election would then read:

1. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year by electronic or mail-in ballot, coordinated by Headquarters, with results announced at the annual International Rally. The officers so elected shall take office upon being installed following their elections. No officer shall serve more than one elected term in any one office.

Article XI, Club Organization, Sec. 2, last sentence, would then read: “A Provisional Local Club may elect officers, collect Local Club and International dues and engage in usual Local Club activities, but until issued a permanent Local Club Charter shall not be entitled to vote or otherwise participate in a Constitutional Delegates Meeting.”

Article XII, Constitutional Delegates Meeting would then read:

ARTICLE XII CONSTITUTIONAL DELEGATES MEETINGS

- Sec. 1** A Constitutional Delegates Meeting shall be held during the International Club Rally when any Constitutional amendment is proposed to the membership. All Local Club Presidents shall be notified in writing or electronically of its time and place not less than sixty (60) prior to such meeting
- Sec. 2** The period for holding the International Rally and any Constitutional Delegates meeting shall be between June 20 and July 30.
- Sec. 3** The members of each chartered Local Club may vote and otherwise participate in any Constitutional Delegates Meeting through a Delegate or Alternate Delegate. Headquarters shall determine the voting strength of each Local Club each year prior to a Constitutional Delegates Meeting by the number of International Dues paying members of that Local Club recorded at Headquarters by June 1.
- Sec. 4** Members of each Local Club shall be represented at a Constitutional Delegates Meeting by one Delegate or an Alternate.
- A. The Delegate shall be a Regular Member of the Local Club.
 - B. The Alternate may be a Regular Member of the Local Club or an Affiliate Member of the Local Club who is also a Regular Member of a Local Club within the same Region.
 - C. No Delegate or Alternate Delegate may represent more than one Local Club at any Constitutional Delegates Meeting.
- Sec. 5** The President of the Region of residence of the Members at Large shall, acting as their Delegate, cast the votes of the Region's Members at Large.
- A. If the President cannot attend the Constitutional Delegates Meeting, the same Region's Vice Presidents from First to Second shall perform this function.
 - B. If no Region President or Vice President can attend the Constitutional Delegates Meeting, the Members at Large shall have no representation at the meeting.
- Sec. 6** A quorum of the Delegates shall be twenty (20) percent of the total number of Delegates entitled to participate in the Constitutional Delegates Meeting.

Article XIV, Revenue and Dues, would then read:

The Board of Trustees shall fix and determine the amount of the International Club annual membership dues and such dues shall be levied and collected in advance.

Rationale: The development of a new database, by WBCCI, and assignment of a unique ID to each member of the Club allows for a secure method of electronic or mail voting. Such voting allows for elimination of a Delegates Meeting at the International Rally to elect the Club's International Officers and Nominating Committee. It also provides mechanisms to eliminate the need for nominations from the floor. However, as Constitutional changes require an opportunity for discussion and amendment, should an amendment be proposed, a Constitutional Delegates Meeting is required. This motion to amend the WBCCI Constitution addresses both issues.

The change in **Article XIV, Revenue and Dues** reflects a proposed change in dues collection from calendar year to anniversary year.

Financial Impact: There is a Financial gain to WBCCI by the elimination of the expenses associated with an annual Delegates Meeting at the International Rally. Should all members vote electronically the cost will be less than \$.10 per member. There will be normal Delegates Meeting expenses should a Constitutional amendment be proposed.

Amendment No. 3

Title: Constitutional Amendment to simplify the amendment process.

The International Board of Trustees submit to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution: Delete in its entirety **Article XVI, Amendments** and replace it with a new **Article XVI, Amendments**.

Article XVI, Amendments would then read:

Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates at a Constitutional Delegates Meeting, per Article XII of the Constitution. Proposed amendment(s) may be submitted to Headquarters by any Local Club or through the International Board of Trustees by a Board member or the International President. Headquarters will process any proposed amendments by existing policy.

Rationale: There should be a straightforward mechanism to amend the Constitution. The existing language and detailed procedures in our Constitution need to be simplified. This proposal does so by establishing a 2/3 vote of the membership at a Constitutional Delegates Meeting. It also removes the process language from the Constitution and places it in Policy.

Financial Impact: There is no financial impact to WBCCI by this amendment.