

# **WISCONSIN UNIT**

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## **CONSTITUTION**

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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **WISCONSIN UNIT of the WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

(REVISED IN 1967, 1973, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1997, 2002 & 2007)

### **Article I**

#### **Name of Organization**

- Sec. 1 This organization is a chartered Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. and shall be known as the Wisconsin Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

### **Article II**

#### **Objectives**

- Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be: to furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit and thus afford fraternization for recreational vehicles owners; to encourage safe driving, assist in improving the general welfare of the recreational vehicle public through assistance and active participation of all its members in building a strong organization for the betterment of good will toward recreational vehicle travel; to coordinate with and participate in the interests and activities of the International and the Region; to cooperate with other organizations and units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups; to disseminate information of advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public; to study, advise and recommend legislation which is in the interest of the recreational vehicle public and oppose all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the recreational vehicle public; and to encourage government and private agencies to provide more and better recreational vehicle parks and facilities.

## **Article III**

### **Membership Qualifications**

- Sec. 1 An adult who owns a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. shall be eligible for membership.
- Sec. 2 There are two classes of membership in this unit—Regular Members and Affiliate Members.
- Sec. 3 An applicant for membership in this Unit must submit an application in writing and, upon the payment of International and Unit dues, shall be a Regular Member of this Unit.
- Sec. 4 Regular Members who have sold their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream Inc. may, upon request, retain their membership as regular Members of this Unit pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 2 Article VI of the International Constitution. Such Regular Members shall possess all rights and privileges of the International Club, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.
- Sec. 5 Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate Members in this Unit by application to the Membership Committee, and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the unit except: the right to hold office in the Unit; or the right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the unit, Region, or International, or on any amendment to the Unit or the International Constitution; or the right to vote on the dissolution of the Unit, consolidation of the Unit with one or more units, or the merger of the Unit with another Unit.
- Sec. 6 Applicants for affiliate membership in this Unit must submit dues and show evidence of membership in the International Club through another duly chartered unit.
- Sec. 7 Failure to pay either Unit or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the unit.
- Sec. 8 In those cases of co-ownership of a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners shall possess one vote only except such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one

vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle. Existing co-owners with more than two memberships on June 25, 2005 are not subject to this two membership limitation, as long as they maintain continuous membership in WBCCI.

## **Article IV**

### **Officers and Their Elections**

- Sec. 1 The officers of the Unit shall be Regular Members of the Unit consisting of: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Trustees.
- Sec. 2 The Officers shall be elected at the fall annual business meeting rally and shall be installed and shall assume office at the conclusion of the rally. An officer, except for Trustees, shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected, but in no case shall an officer be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer, provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.
- Sec. 3 The Trustees shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of three years, but arranged so that only one Trustee term expires in any one year. No Trustee shall serve more than one three-year term consecutively.
- Sec. 4 An officer who advances to an office pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 5 of this Article shall not be deemed to have served a full term in such office unless said service is for a period of greater than one-half (1/2) the term of such office.
- Sec. 5 In the event of the death or resignation of the President, or the death, advancement or resignation of a Vice President, or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the next ranking Vice President (in order first, second) shall advance thereto. All other vacancies on the Executive Board except that of the Immediate Past President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **Article V**

### **Executive Board**

- Sec. 1 The Executive board shall consist of all the Unit Officers plus the Immediate Past President.
- Sec. 2 The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Unit and shall define the policies for and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Unit. The Executive Board shall exercise general control over and supervision of all officers and committees.
- Sec. 3 A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.
- Sec. 4 The Executive Board shall hold two regularly scheduled meetings each year preceding the business meetings of the Unit. The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.

## **Article VI**

### **Unit Business Meetings**

- Sec. 1 There shall be two business meetings of the Unit each calendar year, one held during the spring rally and one held at the fall rally, when the annual election shall be held. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Unit and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Unit business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than 10% percent of the membership.
- Sec. 2 All Regular Members voting at the annual or additional business meeting of the Unit and each such membership identified by the International Club membership number shall be considered one vote, except for co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this unit as provided for in Article III Section 8.
- Sec. 3 A mail ballot may be used to obtain the vote of the members of the Unit on a proposal when such is deemed desirable or

necessary. When a mail ballot is used to obtain the vote of the members of the Unit on a proposal, no other method of voting on such proposal shall be utilized.

## **Article VII Rallies**

- Sec. 1 The Unit may hold four rallies per year. Special event rallies and caravans may be held with the approval of the Unit Executive Board.

## **Article VIII Bylaws**

- Sec. 1 Bylaws consistent with this Constitution and with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit, may be adopted by the Executive Board.

## **Article IX Amendments**

- Sec.1 Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board shall submit all such amendments to the members for their consideration.
- Sec. 2 Any article or section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Members present and voting at a business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting called for that purpose providing, in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been mailed first-class to each member of the Unit at least 15 days prior to such a meeting.
- Sec. 3 All amendments to the Constitution shall become effective upon adoption.

This Constitution, as last amended, was adopted on September 15, 2007  
Shawano, Wisconsin  
President, Joan Lahr, Presiding

# **BYLAWS**

## **WISCONSIN UNIT of the WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL INC.**

### **Article I**

#### **Parliamentary Authority**

- Sec. 1 Parliamentary procedures for all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board shall be governed by the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED except when they are in conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Policy of this Club.
- Sec. 2 The order of business shall be:
- A. Opening Ceremonies
    - Call to Order
    - Invocation (Nonsectarian)
    - Pledge of Allegiance (the United States Pledge of Allegiance may be omitted at all WBCCI rallies, events, and functions held outside the United States)
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Approval of Minutes
  - D. Reports of Officers and Committees
  - E. Special Orders
  - F. Unfinished Business
  - G. New Business
  - H. Announcements
  - I. Adjournment

### **Article II**

#### **Duties of Officers**

- Sec. 1 The President shall: preside at all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board; enforce the Constitution and Bylaws; appoint all standing committees and the Parliamentarian; and have such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principle executive officer.
- Sec. 2 The 1st Vice President shall: attend all business meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board; assist the President; and assume



the duties of the President in the President's absence.

- Sec. 3 The Second Vice President shall: attend all business meetings of the unit and the Executive Board; assist the President and the First Vice President; assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of said officer; assume the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President and First Vice President; and perform the duties as assigned by the Executive Board.
- Sec. 4 The Corresponding Secretary shall: issue notices of all meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board as prescribed in Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 and Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution and Article XI, Section 1 of the Bylaws; prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting; keep a register of all members of the Unit; and coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain an accurate roster of paid members of the Unit.
- Sec. 5 The Recording Secretary shall: record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board, and mail copies to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen days following each meeting; and record the attendance of the officers at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.
- Sec. 6 The Treasurer shall: maintain the financial records of the Unit and receive all monies, as prescribed in International Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 11A, and promptly deposit them in the bank previously chosen by the Executive Board; notify members of expiration of dues, issue receipts for dues paid, and maintain an up-to-date roster of paid members; changes to this roster shall be shared with the Corresponding Secretary, the Newsletter Editor, and the Membership Chair. In addition, the Membership Chair shall be notified of all members who have not paid their dues by October 15th in order that the Membership Chair might assist the Treasurer in contacting those members to collect their dues prior to November 1st; submit a full written report of finances to the Executive Board at each meeting; before retirement from office, have the books audited by a committee of not less than three members selected by the incoming President; and deliver all books, monies and property of the Unit promptly to the incoming Treasurer.

- Sec. 7 The Trustees (or Directors) shall: attend all meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board and accept special assignments as directed by the President; additional duties could include to chair or be members of committees.

### **Article III**

#### **Guests**

- Sec. 1 A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing, and using the member's trailer or motorhome or staying in a non-RV facility such as a cabin, motel room, etc., may attend activities of the Unit. Members sponsoring such a guest shall pay one extra rally fee exclusive of the parking fee.
- Sec. 2 A member in good standing in this Unit may sponsor and invite a non-member Airstream recreational vehicle owner, as a prospective member, to attend activities of the Unit.
- Sec. 3 Members in good standing in the International Club may attend activities of the Unit provided that such members, where required, shall have made prior reservations for such attendance. They shall pay the same fees as members.
- Sec. 4 Once each calendar year, the Unit may host a rally, caravan or combination thereof with a recreational vehicle club not chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc. and, twice each calendar year (but not more than 50% of the rallies and caravans conducted by that unit in any calendar year) it may conduct a Buddy Rally or a Buddy Caravan or combination thereof to which each member of the Unit may invite not more than one non-member recreational vehicle family.

The invited non-member RV family is intended to be a prospective member who does not own an Airstream. The family is invited to the Buddy Rally or Caravan to introduce them to the WBCCI "way of life" and Unit members to encourage them to purchase an Airstream and join the Club. A Buddy Rally is not intended to be used by current or past WBCCI members to attend a WBCCI Rally in their non-Airstream vehicles.

## **Article IV Committees**

Sec. 1 Standing committees shall be:

- A. Budget
- B. Caravan
- C. Constitution and Bylaws
- D. Ethics and Grievances
- E. Family and Youth
- F. Historical
- G. Hospitality
- H. Legislative
- I. Membership
- J. Publicity
- K. Public Relations

The President shall appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 2 All standing committees shall consist of a Chair and as many members as deemed necessary by the President. Chairs of standing committees shall report at each general business meeting.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **General Duties**

1. Budget In cooperation with the incoming and outgoing Treasurer of the Unit, prepare for the Executive Board a budget projecting the unit's income and expenditures for the next year.
2. Caravan To plan, organize and obtain leaders for unit caravans that are operated or conducted for the Unit within the scope of the WBCCI caravan handbook. To develop an aggressive Unit Caravan program and to coordinate Unit caravan matters with appropriate Region and International Caravan committee personnel.
3. Constitution and Bylaws To conduct a continuing review and study of the Unit and the International Constitution and Bylaws and to make recommendations for any amendments or additions deemed desirable and in the best interest of the Club.
4. Ethics and Grievance To investigate and assess all grievances or complaints made by members and others and

to make recommendations thereon to the Unit Executive Board.

5. Family/Youth Plan programs to encourage participation of family/youth at unit functions and be the liaison person between the Unit and International Family/Youth standing committee.
6. Historical To record events including written and pictorial material associated with unit activities and to maintain a historical record of such.
7. Hospitality To receive and make welcome guests and new members at club functions. Recommend ways to meet and greet all club members and guests at rallies and/or seasonal functions.
8. Legislative To study, advise and recommend legislation in the interest of the Club and its members; to recommend opposition to all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the interest of the Club and its members.
9. Membership Be the Unit/Club contact for prospective new members and explain the purpose and objectives of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Extend invitations to prospective members to attend a rally or meeting when making application for membership. Coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure having an accurate list of paid members, and to assist the Treasurer, as needed, in following up on all members who have not paid dues by October 15th.
10. Publicity To collect newsworthy items of interest to club members and to publish monthly a newsletter containing past and future events of the Unit, Region and International. To annually publish a roster in the form and content as directed by the Executive Board. Forward material to Headquarters for publishing in the Blue Beret and directory with respect to the Units activities schedule.
11. Public Relations To maintain communications with the International and Region Public Relations committee for maintaining a continuing program of Public relations between WBCCI and communities being exposed to rallies and caravans.

Sec. 3 Special committees may be appointed by the President as required.

## **Article V**

### **Nominating Committee**

- Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the units annual business meeting, appoint a three member Nominating Committee who shall, after having obtained the prior acceptance for office of each nominee if elected, place in nomination one candidate for each office to be filled by election, and submit a written report to the Executive Board which shall include the names of all candidates considered. The President shall distribute the report to the membership no less than fifteen (15) days prior to said business meeting. Additional candidates, who have previously consented to accept the office if elected, may be placed in nomination from the floor of said meeting. No seconds are required for any nominations.

## **Article VI**

### **Delegates**

- Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall appoint one delegate and one alternate from among the Regular Members who will attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The delegate should be instructed with respect to the wishes of the Unit on matters to come before the meeting. The President and Secretary shall certify to these appointments.

## **Article VII**

### **Code of Ethics**

- Sec. 1 All members shall abide by the following Code of Ethics:
- A. To be ever mindful of our responsibility to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. and, through our conduct, indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and goodwill to all peoples and countries.
  - B. To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in

- bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- C. To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code.
  - D. To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them the same way.

## **Article VIII**

### **Dues**

- Sec. 1 The annual Unit dues of Regular and Affiliate Members of the Wisconsin Unit shall be established by the Executive Board subject to approval of the membership at any regular or special meeting of the members of the Unit.
- Sec. 2 A member who fails to pay properly assessed International and Unit dues before October 15 may not be listed in the Annual Membership Directory of the International Club for the following year. If the dues are not paid and received by the Treasurer on or before December 31, the membership will be terminated.

## **Article IX**

### **Liability**

- Sec. 1 Insofar as is permitted by law, neither the Unit nor the officers shall be held responsible for the loss of or damage to property, or for injury to, or the death of, a person on the premises of any club rally or other function. This freedom from responsibility for loss or damage to property applies regardless of whether that property has been received by any member or officer or left upon the premises.

## **Article X**

### **Policy**

- Sec. 1 Policy consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Unit and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit may be adopted by the Executive Board or the Unit members.

## **Article XI Amendments**

- Sec. 1 These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Executive Board by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to all members of the Executive Board in writing ten (10) days prior to such meeting. The amended Bylaws adopted by the Executive Board shall be presented to the membership at the next meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.
- Sec. 2 Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption.

## **Article XII Merger, Consolidation or Dissolution of This Unit**

- Sec. 1 In the event the members of this Unit deem it desirable for this Unit to merge with another Unit, or for the Unit to consolidate with one or more Units, or for the Unit to dissolve, the members shall, through the President of this Unit, follow the appropriate procedures as prescribed in Article VII, Section 1 through 6 of the Bylaws of the International Club. These procedures are in accordance with Section 501 (c) 7 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Whether the Unit merges with another Unit or consolidates with other Units or the Unit dissolves, none of the funds or property of this Unit shall enure to the benefit of any member.

These Bylaws, as last amended, were adopted on September 15, 2007  
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President, Joan Lahr, Presiding

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