

# **GREATER HOUSTON AIRSTREAM CLUB #155**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

This organization is a chartered Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI) and shall be known as the Greater Houston Airstream Club, (GHAC) a Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this non-profit organization shall be to furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of GHAC and thus afford fraternization for Airstream recreational vehicle owners; to encourage safe driving and 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 WBCCI and the Region; to cooperate with other organizations and Local Clubs/Units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups; to disseminate information of an 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 in GHAC.
- Sec. 2** There are two classes of membership in GHAC, Regular Member and Affiliate Member.
- Sec. 3** An applicant for membership in GHAC must submit an application in writing and upon the payment WBCCI and GHAC dues, shall be a Regular Member of GHAC.
- Sec. 4** Regular Members who have sold their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members of GHAC pursuant to the provisions of the WBCCI Constitution Article VI, Sec. 2, Item C. Such Regular Members shall possess all the rights and privileges of the WBCCI, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.

- Sec. 5** Regular Members of another Local Club/Units may become Affiliate Members in GHAC by an application to the Membership Committee and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of GHAC, except the right to hold office in GHAC or the right to vote in the selection or election of officers in GHAC, Region or WBCCI or on any amendment to GHAC or the WBCCI Constitution or on the dissolution of GHAC or the merger of GHAC with another Local Club/Unit.
- Sec. 6** Applicants for membership in GHAC must submit dues and join WBCCI simultaneously or show evidence of membership in WBCCI through another duly chartered Local Club/Unit.
- Sec. 7** Failure to pay GHAC or WBCCI dues will automatically terminate membership in the GHAC.
- Sec. 8** An owner and each co-owner and his/her spouse/partner of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., upon becoming a member of WBCCI and a Regular Member of GHAC shall be deemed to possess one vote per person. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members that share ownership of a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle with another member.

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

- Sec. 1** The Officers of GHAC shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and four Trustees.
- Sec. 2** The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office at the annual Christmas rally. An officer, except Trustees, shall serve in office for a term of one year and 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, Treasurer or Assistant 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 two years commencing at the annual Christmas rally, but arranged so that only one-half such Trustees' terms expire in any one year. No Trustee shall serve more than one two-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 the order first, second, third) 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 of GHAC Officers plus the Immediate Past President.

**Sec. 2** The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of GHAC and shall define the policies of and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the GHAC, and shall exercise general control and supervision of all officers and committees.

**Sec. 3** The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.

**Sec. 4** A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

## **ARTICLE VI BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sec. 1** The annual business meeting of this organization, shall be held during the month of May in each calendar year. Such a meeting shall be announced by written notice and delivered to the members not less than fifteen days prior to the meeting. The notice shall indicate the date, time and location of the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at the annual meeting, or at any additional business meeting, shall be 15% of members.

**Sec. 2** Additional business meetings of the members may be held at a suitable time and place during the second day of each rally of the members. If the rally or meeting is of less than two days duration, written notice to the members indicating the time, location and purpose of such meeting shall be delivered to the members not less than ten days prior to the meeting.

**Sec. 3** The Executive Board, by majority vote, may call additional business meetings of the members.

**Sec. 4** All Regular Members voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this organization, shall each have one vote.

**Sec. 5** Ballots submitted electronically or by regular mail may also be accepted from Regular Members. The President and Recording Secretary shall ensure no member casts more than one ballot. Votes allowed in this manner should be received by the Club no later than two (2) days before the regular or special meeting at which a vote is to be taken.

These votes must be kept confidential until voting at a meeting has taken place. Such ballots also count as a part of the quorum for such a business meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII BYLAWS**

**Sec. 1** Bylaws consistent with this Constitution, and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of WBCCI, embodying additional provisions for the government of GHAC may be adopted by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII 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 two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting of GHAC or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been distributed to each member of GHAC at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting.

**Sec. 3** All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption.

**This GHAC Constitution was revised and adopted on December 4, 2021, by a two-thirds vote of the GHAC members present at the December rally held at Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA in Montgomery, TX.**