



MAY-JUNE 2022

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Introducing our Newest Members...

Sandra Ellis-Brye and Kent Brye (BRN #11224) Verona, WI

Laura and Scott Butzen (BRN #01217) Kennesaw, GA

Carol and David Geisler (BRN #06345) Gilbert, AZ & Wausau, WI

Kay and Christopher Olsson (BRN #07827) Circle Pines, MN

Kathy and Craig Walker (BRN #03848) Germantown, WI

Kris and Kathy Williquette (BRN #14148) Green Bay, WI

Eleanor and Clair Opprieht (BRN #04122) Rio, WI

A warm and hearty welcome to you all! Come and join us at the rallies, we'd love to meet you.

Scheduled Rallies/Events for May and June 2022:

May19-22: **Spring meeting/Rally** @ Vernon County Fairgrounds

(17 registrations)

Hosted by **Jim Guthrie and Joanne Peterson**

June 9-12: **Kids, Kids, Kids Rally @** Stoney Creek RV Park Osseo, WI
(3 registrations)

Hosted by Bree & Charlie Lawrence

June_23-26: **Milwaukee Rally @** Wisconsin State Fair Park
(11 registrations)

Hosted by Janet and Chuck Zellermyer

Registration forms and information sheets for these events are found on our club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/wisc-up>

A Message from our President Chuck:



Thoughts from the “bridge”

May 2022

When we talk about the “bridge” I think about sailing ships and Land Yachts. In our 20’s Janet & I shared ownership of a 27’ sailboat with my

father. We loved that boat. Every other weekend we would take that sailboat to Sands Key off the coast of Miami. There we would meet with several of our friends and their sailboats. We would “raft” up together and just have wonderful weekends. Sound familiar? I have no doubt that is what has spurred our interest in our Land Yacht. It’s all about getting together with friends and having a good time.

As you are reading this we are all planning out our Summer. It is going to be a glorious one for sure. Some of you will be on caravans. Some of you will be participating in rallies. Some may just sit out back, grill up some meat, and partake in an adult beverage.

For us it all begins with our Spring Meeting and rally in Viroqua. Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson have really worked hard on this one and there will be so much to do. Read more about it in the Events section of Airstreamclub.org. There you will find all our events for this summer.

Our Spring meeting will be held:

May 20, 2022

Executive Meeting at 11:30

Full Meeting 12 Noon

Lunch @ 12:30ish

Borgens Cafe

109 S. Main St

Westby, WI

We are so fortunate to have so many members who are working so hard on our behalf to ensure our 2022 adventures. They work hard finding so many fun things to do and places to go. And every one of them is an opportunity to meet and make new friends, and forever renewing relationships with old friends. Airstreams are great campers but more importantly some of the best folks travel around in them.

Important business meeting information: Amendments 1 & 2

Please read the following documents regarding changes to WBCCI structure.

Amendment No. 1

Title: Deletion of Constitutional Delegates Meeting

Summary: This motion deletes all references to Constitutional Delegates Meetings in WBCCI Constitution. It also changes the method of amending the WBCCI Constitution. The International Board of Trustees send to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution:

- 1) WBCCI Constitution, Article XI, Constitutional Delegates Meeting be deleted in its entirety from the WBCCI Constitution.
- 2) Remove the reference to "Constitutional Delegates Meeting" in WBCCI Constitution Article X, Club Organization Sec. 2 and insert "vote in elections or participate in voting for any amendments to the WBCCI Constitution."
- 3) Delete Article XIV, Amendments, in its entirety and insert a new Article XIV, Amendments.
- 4) Renumber the Articles of the Constitution.

Purpose / Impact(s): The purpose of this motion is to establish a new method for amending the WBCCI Constitution by removing the requirement for a Delegates Meeting from the International Rally and establishing, in Policy, a new method for amendment. The impact of this motion will be to provide a more expeditious way to amend the WBCCI Constitution as well as free up time at the International Rally for more educational and social activities. In addition, it will provide the opportunity for all members to directly contribute to the perfection of any proposed amendment(s).

Background: Throughout the history of WBCCI amendment(s) to its Constitution have been a drawn-out process with proposals going to the International Board of Trustees and, if approved, submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review. Following review, the proposed amendment(s) would be sent to Local Clubs for their consideration and a Club vote on the proposal. The vote would then be carried to the International Rally Delegates Meeting, for reporting, by a Local Club Delegate. In addition, the opportunity to amend any motion was available at a Delegates Meeting further drawing out the process.

Financial Impact: There is a positive financial impact in removing any expenses associated with a Delegates Meeting from the International Rally.

Article X, Sec.2

Applications for Local Club Charters shall be made in writing to the Board of Trustees through the President of the Region in whose geographic area the proposed Local Club seeks to organize. The Region President may, upon being satisfied that the proposed Local Club has complied with the minimum qualifications, as fixed by said Board, issue to such proposed Local Club a provisional charter. Any such charter so issued shall terminate on the last day of the International Rally next following the date of its issuance unless sooner terminated by action of said Board in granting or denying such application. 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 in elections or participate in voting for any amendments to the WBCCI Constitution.

Article XIV Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members, providing a twenty percent (20%) quorum of the members has voted.

Proposed amendment(s) may be submitted to Headquarters by any Local Club, or through the International Board of Trustees by an IBT Board Member, or the International President. Headquarters will process any proposed amendments by existing policy.

Proviso: If approved this amendment will not become effective until August 1, 2022. In addition, If approved, Policy 18.1.1 will provide the procedure for consideration and approval of Constitutional amendments.

Amendment No. 2

Title: IBT Restructure

Summary:

The club is facing significant opportunities in membership growth, finances, partnerships, and technology. A structure change at leadership level enhances the Club's ability to quickly recognize and respond to these trends. Clearly defined areas of responsibility, a larger leadership team with diverse skill sets, and strategic goals involving leadership and all regions will strengthen and elevate the club's position amongst potential members and like organizations.

The International Board of Trustees send to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution that **WBCCI Constitution Article VII, Officers and Their Election** and **Article VIII, Board of Trustees** be deleted, and new **Article VII, Board of Trustees** and **Article VIII, Executive Council** be inserted. Further, that **Article IX, Executive Committee** be deleted in its entirety.

Purpose / Impact(s):

Restructure the Executive Committee with the following objectives:

- Develop an Executive Council structure that reduces the total time commitment expectation of its members to a manageable number.
- Help to attract talented individuals and enhance succession and continuity and open opportunities to serve to a broader set of WBCCI members.
- Allow broad Executive Council participation without requiring ascension to President.
- Provide a structure and process that helps the IBT select Executive Officers that have the right skills at the right time: proven leadership track records, active involvement and excitement in WBCCI, etc.
- Get beyond the "learning curve" and help continuity by increasing terms of office to two years (versus one).
- Make it easier to run the Club by adopting a proven Board structure used by most non-profits, local governments, for-profit, etc.
- Integrate strategic planning and oversight for standing and special committees into the Executive Council structure.

Background:

A Special Committee was formed as a result of discussions at the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting in Lebanon, TN. The Special Committee was chartered to review our current leadership structure, review best practices in government, non-profit and corporate governing boards, then report back to the Executive Committee with recommendations.

This motion implements additional constitutional recommendations put forward by the Special Committee and presented to the IBT in December 2021.

Financial Impact: Some potential impact to be managed through the budgeting process.

Exhibit 2:

Article VII Board of Trustees

Sec. 1 The governing body of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) shall be the Board of Trustees, sometimes hereafter referred to as the Board or as the IBT.

A The International Board of Trustees is composed of two membership components. First, is the Executive Council: ten (10) members elected at large by the membership. Second, the twelve (12) Region Presidents of WBCCI.

B The IBT shall have a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, the Executive Officers of WBCCI, elected by the IBT from the Executive Council members; and the Immediate Past Board President. In addition, there will be two non-voting Trustees: the Chief Executive Officer of Airstream, Inc. or an Executive Officer of Airstream, Inc. designated by said Chief Executive Officer; and the Corporate Manager of WBCCI.

C In the event a Region President is unable to be present at a meeting of the IBT, the next ranking Region Vice President, in the order 1st and 2nd, shall sit with the Board at that meeting as a voting member representing that Region in all matters coming before the Board.

D Each member of the Board shall serve until a successor is appointed or elected, or the member's resignation is accepted by the Board.

Sec. 2 The Board shall hold periodic meetings, based on the WBCCI fiscal year, at a time and place designated by the President. Special meetings may be called by the President, Vice President, or by ten (10) voting members of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 3 The Board of Trustees shall have full authority to construe and interpret the WBCCI Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies, and may delegate this authority to its Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Sec. 4 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of twelve (12) voting members.

Sec. 5 A member of the Board of Trustees shall hold no International, Region, or Local Club office or position other than that office or position which places him/her on said Board. Nothing herein contained shall disqualify an International Officer or Region Officer from service upon Standing or Special Committees or an office, other than President, of a WBCCI Intra-Club.

Article VIII, Executive Council

Sec. 1 The Executive Council is the administrative body of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International and shall oversee the daily operations of the Club between meetings of the IBT.

Sec. 2 The Executive Officers of WBCCI shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sec. 3 All Executive Officers shall be elected from the Executive Council by the International Board of Trustees for a term of two (2) years. The officers so elected shall take office at the start of the WBCCI fiscal year. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 4 Upon nomination by the Executive Council and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, a Corporate Manager will be hired, who shall be responsible for the administration and general management of WBCCI. The Corporate Manager shall operate under the authority of the President and the Board of Trustees in accordance with the job descriptions, conditions of employment and Club operating procedures as established by the Board of Trustees and prescribed in the Bylaws and Policies of WBCCI.

Proviso: If the Delegates approve this amendment, it will become effective August 1, 2022. Additional transition and timing details will be addressed through Bylaws and Policy changes to be presented at the July 30, 2022, IBT meeting