

# zzCarolinas, zUnit of North Carolina constitution

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## **ARTICLE I**

### **NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

Sec. 1: This organization is a chartered Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. hereafter referred to as "The International Club" or "International Club" and shall be known as "The Carolinas Airstream Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club Inc." hereafter referred to as "The Club" or "Club".

## **ARTICLE II**

### **OBJECTIVES**

Section 1: The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be:

- To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of The Club and thus afford fraternization for 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 The International Club and the Region.
- To cooperate with other organizations and 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.
- 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 Club: Regular Members and Affiliate Members.

Sec. 3: An applicant for membership in this Club must submit an application in writing and, upon the payment of International and Club dues, shall be a Regular Member of this Club.

Sec. 4: Regular Members who have sold their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members of The Club pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE VI Sec. 2 of The International Club Constitution. Such regular members shall possess all the 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/club may become Affiliate Members in this Club by an application to the Membership Committee and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of The Club except:

- The right to hold office in The Club.
- The right to vote in the selection or election of officers in The Club, Region or The International Club or on any amendment to The Club or The International Club Constitution.
- The right to vote on the dissolution of The Club, consolidation of The Club with one or more units/clubs, or the merger of The Club with another unit or club.

Sec. 6: Applicants for Affiliate membership in this Club must submit dues and show evidence of membership in The International Club through another duly chartered unit.

Sec. 7: Failure to pay either Club or International Club dues will automatically terminate membership in The Club.

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 or partners of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners, spouse or partner shall each possess one vote except such co-owners, spouse or partner who each pay International and Club dues to this Club shall each have one vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two International Club members who own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

Section 1: The officers of The Club shall be Regular members of The Club and shall consist of:

President; First Vice President; Second Vice President; Corresponding Secretary; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; Four Directors.

Sec. 2: The Officers shall be elected at the annual November business meeting and shall be installed prior to assuming their duties on January 1. An officer, except for Directors, 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 Directors shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of two years, but arranged so that only one-half such Directors terms expire in any one year. No Director 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) 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 the Club officers plus the immediate Past President of the Club.

Sec. 2: The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Club and shall define the policies of and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Club 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 CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Sec. 1: The annual business meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of November. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Club, and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Club business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing (including electronic means) at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than fifteen percent of the membership in attendance.

Sec. 2: All Regular Members voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this Club, and each such membership, identified by The International Club membership number, shall be considered one vote, except for co-owners who each pay International Club and Club dues to This Club as provided for in Article III, Section 8.

Sec. 3: Ballots submitted by email, online voting, other electronic means or U.S. Postal Service mail shall also be accepted from regular members unable to attend regular or special business meetings. The President and Recording Secretary shall ensure no member casts more than one ballot. The Club must receive votes allowed in this manner no later than five business 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.

## **ARTICLE VII BYLAWS**

Sec. 1: Bylaws consistent with this Constitution and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of The International Club embodying additional provisions for the government of The Club 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 review and submit to the Club members for their consideration.

Sec. 2: Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Club members attending or voting remotely at a business meeting of The Club or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been provided to

each member by email, other electronic means or first-class mail at least ten days prior to such a meeting.

Sec. 3: All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon approval by the membership under conditions set forth in "Sec. 2" above.

*This Constitution, as last amended, was reviewed by the Club Constitution and Bylaws committee and was adopted by the Club Executive Board and membership on January 31 2020.*

*Reviewed and approved by Club Executive Board February 13, 2021.*