

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

12/18/2023

White Mountains New Hampshire Unit, WBCCI, was incorporated as a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation on June 6, 1997. Effective July, 2017, the name of the unit was changed to Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club, WBCCI, Inc. The Club's registered address is 18 South Station Rd., North Woodstock, NH 03262.

The Constitution of the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club was amended at the Club's Fall Business Meeting, September 22, 2007, at its Spring Business Meeting, May 17, 2008, at its Fall Business Meeting, September 10, 2016, and at its September 22, 2018 Fall Business Meeting. The Bylaws were last amended in 2008.

The amended Constitution and Bylaws herein were updated in Spring 2023 to comply with requirements of the International Club and to reflect the current structure of NEMAC. They were adopted by vote of a quorum of the members of the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club on October 1, 2023. The adopted Constitution and Bylaws were reviewed and approved by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., with minor corrections that were adopted by the Executive Committee on December 18, 2023.

CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1 This organization is a chartered Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. and shall be known as the *Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club, WBCCI, Inc.*, a Club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be

1. to develop opportunities for camping, recreation, and socialization for recreational vehicle owners;
2. 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;
3. to coordinate with and participate in the interests and activities of the International and the Region;
4. to cooperate with other organizations and clubs within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups;

5. to disseminate information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public;
6. 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.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- Sec. 1 An adult (and spouse or partner) who own a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. shall be eligible for membership. Each shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including voting.
- Sec. 2 There are two classes of membership in this Club: Regular and Affiliate Members.
- Sec. 3 An applicant for membership in this Club must apply 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 this Club pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Sec. 2 of the International 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 Any member of another-Wally Byam Airstream Club International may become an Affiliate member of 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, or the right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the Club, Region or International or on any amendment to the Club or the International Constitution, or on the dissolution of the Club, consolidation of the Club with one or more Clubs, or the merger of the Club with another Club.
- Sec. 6 Applicants for Affiliate membership in this Club must submit dues and show evidence of membership in the International Club.
- Sec. 7 Failure to pay either Club or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the Club.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

- Sec. 1 The officers of the Club shall be Regular members of the Club and shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President,-Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors.
- Sec. 2 The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office at the annual business meeting to be held in September or October. An officer 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 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, if possible, so that only one-half of the Director terms expire in any one year. Ordinarily 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 the term of such office.
- Sec. 5 In the event of the death or resignation of the President or Vice President or the President's or Vice President's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the 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 the Club officers plus the Immediate Past President.
- 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 September or October. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Club and 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 at least ten days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than ten (10) percent of the membership.
- Sec. 2 All Regular Members, including spouse or partner, voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this organization, shall each have one vote.
- Sec. 3 Ballots submitted by email, regular mail, or facsimile may be accepted from Regular Members. The President and Secretary shall ensure that no member casts more than one ballot. Votes allowed in this manner must 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 special meeting has taken place. Such ballots also count as 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 the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the


governance of the Club, may be adopted by the Executive Board, subject to later approval by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

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 a two-thirds vote of the members voting 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 distributed via email to each member at least ten days prior to such a meeting unless first class mail has been specifically requested by the member.
- Sec. 3 All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption, subject to later approval by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

This Constitution, as last amended, was adopted by the membership on October 1, 2023 via email and Zoom. The Executive Board amended the document on December 18, 2023, by deleting unnecessary references to co-ownership, which is no longer an option.

Attest:

/s/ 
Andreas Lehner, Secretary

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club, WBCCI, Inc.

Club Bylaws

ARTICLE I - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1 Parliamentary procedures for all meetings of the Club and Executive Board shall be governed by the current edition of **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED**, except when they conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws or Policy of this Club.

Sec. 2. The order of business shall be

- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- Reports of Officers and Committees
- Special Orders
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

ARTICLE II - COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 Standing Committees shall include:

- Audit/Review
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Family/Youth
- Membership
- Club Communications

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. Executive Board may invite Chairs of Standing Committees to report at their meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES - General Duties

1. Audit/Review: The Executive Board will appoint three club members to review the financial status of the club with the treasurer, and to report their findings at the annual business meeting or when requested by the President.

2. Constitution and Bylaws: Conduct a continuing review and study of the Club and the International Constitution and Bylaws and make recommendations for any amendments or additions deemed desirable and in the best interests of the Club.
3. Family/Youth: Plan programs to encourage participation of family/youth at Club_functions, and be the liaison between the Club and International Family/Youth Standing Committee.
4. Membership: -Be the 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. Coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure having an accurate list of paid-up members, and assist the Treasurer, as needed, in following up on all members who have not paid their International or Club dues in a timely manner.
5. Club Communications: Collect items of interest to Club members and communicate these to members via a newsletter and/or social media. The Club's Webmaster, Facebook Officer, and Secretary/Newsletter editors are members of this committee.

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

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 motor home or staying in a non-RV facility such as a cabin, motel room, etc., may attend activities of the Club. Members sponsoring such a guest shall pay one extra rally fee in addition to the parking fee.
- Sec. 2 A member in good standing in this Club may sponsor and invite a non-member Airstream recreational vehicle owner, as a prospective member, to attend rallies and other activities of the Club.
- Sec. 3 Members in good standing in the International Club may attend activities of the Club provided that such members, and where required, shall have made prior reservation.
- Sec. 4 The Club, once each calendar year, may host a rally, a caravan or combination thereof with a recreation vehicle club not chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and it may conduct, twice each calendar year, (but not more than 50% of the rallies and caravans conducted by that Club in any calendar year) 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 recreation vehicle family.

The non-member RV family to be invited is intended to be one which is a prospective member and one which 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 the Club members in the hope they might decide 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 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Club's annual business meeting, appoint a three-member Nominating Committee. This committee shall solicit members of the Club to volunteer to stand for any open leadership positions. The Committee should also encourage self-nomination for any position. After having obtained prior acceptance from each

potential candidate, all names for any office shall be placed in nomination. A written report will be submitted to the Executive Board. The President shall distribute the report to the membership not less than twenty (20) days before an election. The election may be by electronic ballot, mail ballot or at the business meeting.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Sec. 1 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the 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 principal executive officer.
- Sec. 2 The First Vice President shall attend all business meetings of the Club and the Executive Board and shall 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 Club and the Executive Board and shall assist the First President, assume the duties of the First President in the First President's absence, and perform duties as assigned by the Executive Board.
- Sec. 4 The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the Club and the Executive Board as prescribed in Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, and Article XI, Section 1 of the Bylaws; shall prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting; shall record the attendance of officers at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present; and, shall record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board. Copies of the same shall be e-mailed to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen days following each meeting.
- Sec. 5 The Treasurer shall
- maintain the financial records of the Club and receive all monies, as prescribed in International Policy 16.6.1, Financial Management, Items K-M, and Policy 16.6.2, Financial Data Guidelines, and promptly deposit them in the bank previously chosen by the Executive Board;
 - maintain an up-to-date roster of paid-up members of the Club; changes to this roster shall be shared with the Secretary, the Newsletter Editor, and the Membership Chair;
 - notify the Membership Chair of all members who have not paid dues by the stated deadline in order that the Membership Chair may assist the Treasurer in contacting those members to collect their dues;
 - submit a full written report of finances to the Executive Board as requested;
 - participate in an annual audit of the Clubs finances by a committee selected by the incoming President.
 - Before retirement, all books, monies and property of the Club shall be delivered promptly to the incoming Treasurer.
- Sec. 6 The Directors shall attend all meetings of the Club and Executive Board; and accept special assignments as directed by the President, such as to chair or be members of committees.

ARTICLE VI INVESTMENT OF CLUB FUNDS

- Sec. 1 The Treasurer is authorized to invest monies of the Region or Local Club in interest bearing accounts and/or certificates issued by any national bank, state bank, trust company, savings bank or savings and loan association, chartered under the laws of the applicable state. These funds should be deposited in accounts that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,

or by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. The total amount of funds on deposit in any one financial institution shall not exceed the insured amount. They are also authorized to purchase Treasury Bills, Treasury Notes or Treasury Bonds issued and guaranteed by the US Government. Bylaws Article XVI, Financial Management, Sec. 1, prohibits members benefitting from these transactions.

ARTICLE VII - MEETING TYPE

- Sec. 1 Any Business Meeting of the Club or the Executive Board may be held as an electronic meeting with a minimum of ten (10) days notification to the membership and Board. Such notification will include all necessary information for participation by the membership and Board.
- Sec. 2 Any electronic meeting will meet the quorums established in the Club's Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII - DUES

- Sec. 1 The annual Club dues of Regular and Affiliate members shall be set by the Executive Board-
- Sec. 2 A member who fails to pay properly assessed International and Club dues before December 31 may not be listed in the Annual Membership Directory of the International Club for the following year. If the dues are not paid and receipted by the Treasurer or International on or before December 31, the membership may be terminated.

ARTICLE IX - 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 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 the effect upon others of our diverse membership to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members of diverse ethnicities, religious beliefs or orientation, 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 X - LIABILITY

- Sec. 1 Neither the Club nor its officers are responsible for the loss of or damage to property or for injury to or death of a person on the premises of any Club 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 XI - POLICY

Sec. 1 The Executive Board or the Club members may adopt policy embodying additional provisions for the governance of the Club, consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

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.


Sec. 2 Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption, subject to later approval by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

ARTICLE XII - MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR DISSOLUTION OF THIS CLUB

Sec. 1 In the event the members of this Club deem it desirable for this Club to merge with another Club, or for the Club to consolidate with one or more Clubs, or for the Club to dissolve, the members shall, through the President of this Club, 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.

These Bylaws, as last amended, were adopted by the membership on October 1, 2023 via email and Zoom. The Executive Board, on November 8, 2023, amended Article IV Sec. 1 of the document by substituting the open nominating procedures in use by Wally Byam Caravan Club International, and Article XII Sec. 1 by deleting the language prohibiting disbursement of assets to members.

Attest:

/s/ 

Andreas Lehner, Secretary