

**BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION CRUISERS CHAPTER, FMCA
CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 1991**

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Constitution Cruisers Chapter, Family Motor Coach Association.

ARTICLE 2

APPLICATION OF NATIONAL BY-LAWS

The national bylaws are herewith adopted in their entirety, insofar as they may apply to this chapter and as promulgated by the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc. The supplemental bylaws contained herein shall define only the operation of this chapter and only to the extent that such supplemental bylaws are not inconsistent with the national constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for membership, and to maintain membership in this chapter of FMCA, the prospective member must be a Full, Full Lifetime, Life, Honorary, Member Emeritus or Family Associate member in good standing of the national Family Motor Coach Association, Inc,

ARTICLE 4

FISCAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR

The fiscal and organizational year of this chapter, FMCA, shall be January 1st through December 31st.

ARTICLE 5

DUES

Section 1 ANNUAL DUES The annual dues for membership in this chapter of FMCA, shall be such amount as the membership shall, from year to year, by resolution at a general meeting, establish for each category of membership, but in no event shall dues be less than \$12 per year for Full, Full Lifetime or Life members. New member dues will be prorated at a monthly rate through December 31st.

Section 2 Renewal Dues Renewal dues from members of this chapter shall become dues and payable at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Section 3 Arrears Any member whose chapter dues remain unpaid one month after said dues become due and payable shall not be deemed to be in good standing until said dues are paid. Any member who shall remain in arrears in the payment of dues for the period of 3 months shall be deemed to have forfeited membership in this chapter of FMCA, without act, and shall forthwith cease to have any right, title, or interest in the affairs, conduct or property of the chapter.

ARTICLE 6

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Section 1- Minimum Number of Meetings -There shall be at least two chapter business meetings held each fiscal year. The term "meeting" shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings, or any other gathering suitable to the function of the chapter, and duly announced in advance to the chapter membership. A member of this chapter shall not be required to attend any particular number of meetings.

Section 2- Quorum - At any duly announced chapter meeting, 20% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is less, eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting

ARTICLE 7.

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, National Director, Alternate National Director and Webmaster. The term of each officer is two (2) years and begins at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, which shall be held in the Fall.

Section 2. The above officers shall constitute the Executive Board. If an opening occurs on the Executive Board a replacement shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the membership for the duration of the term.

Section 3. DUTIES as specified in FMCA Bylaws and supplemented below

A: PRESIDENT

1. Is the Chief Executive Officer. Has the responsibility to see that regular business of the chapter is carried out and conducts General Meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised..
2. Appoints all committees deemed necessary to assist him in carrying out his duties upon approval of the Executive Board. The President is an officio member of all committees.
3. In the event of emergencies or unforetold events, the President may call an emergency meeting of the Executive Board to determine the appropriate action.

Section B. VICE PRESIDENT

1. There shall be two (2) Vice-Presidents, designated as follow: 1st Vice-President-Wagon Master, and 2nd Vice-President-Newsletter Editor.

2. Assumes duties of the President in his/her absence. The sequence for this succession will be the 1st Vice-President followed by the 2nd Vice-President.

Section C. SECRETARY

1. Records proceeding of General Meetings and Executive Board meetings and shall pass all minutes to successor.

2. Distributes copies of minutes of meetings as directed by the President.

3. Shall comply with all requests and mandates as issued by FMCA National Headquarters and its National Secretary pertaining to chapter records, reports, membership listing, etc.

4. Shall handle the Chapter correspondence.

Section D. TREASURER

1. Receives and deposits all moneys and disburses all moneys as approved by the Executive Board.

2. Maintains books and accounts of finances and prepares and presents all necessary reports and information for the Executive Board, General Membership and any external agencies. In the event of the Treasurer's absence, the presiding officer will present the report.

3. Annual auditing of financial reports shall be done by a committee selected by the President and approved by the Executive Board.

4. Maintains all accounts, checking/savings on behalf of the Constitution *Cruisers* Chapter.

Section E. MEMBERSHIP

1. Keeps records of the membership.

2. Collects dues and issues membership cards.

3. Forwards membership list and records to National FMCA upon request.

Section F. NATIONAL DIRECTOR & ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. Represents the Chapter at the National Family Motor Coach Association meetings and reports back to the Executive Board and General Membership.

2. Does not formulate Chapter policy nor act independently of the Chapter. Each should keep in contact with the chapter President and the Executive Board and should act in accordance of the best interest of the general chapter membership.

Section G. WEB MASTER

1. Maintain the Web Site with the help of information submitted by the President and members.

ARTICLE 8

ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three chapter members, in good standing, nominated and elected by the chapter membership at the fall meeting for a period of one (1) year preceding election year. This committee will nominate all chapter officers. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit such person, or any other eligible member, from being nominated for any available office, not later than the meeting at which the Nominating Committees' report is presented and nominations are taken from the floor. All nominees must indicate clear acceptance to serve if elected.

Section 2. Elections of Chapter Officers will be held at the Annual Meeting in fall.

Section 3. The slate of officers to be presented no later than July. The ballot to be mailed out in August to be returned on the date specified.

Section 4. Each adult member will have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE 9

DISCIPLINE

Section 1 -Authority for the expulsion of members of this chapter from this chapter and for the recall of officers shall rest with the chapter membership. ,

Section 2- Any member, director or officer of this chapter is subject to expulsion, discipline or recall from the chapter for any of the following offenses:

- a. Violation of the national constitution or bylaws of the Association, or of this chapter.
- b. Violation of any rules lawfully made by or under the authority of the chapter officers.
- c. Violation or violations of and/or disregard of the Code of Ethics of FMCA.
- d. Any willful act or course of conduct contrary to the best interest of FMCA, or its members.
- e. Failure to perform the duties of his/her office in a reasonable manner.
- f. Misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of office.
- g. Fraud, deceit, theft or embezzlement of any of the property of this chapter.

ARTICLE 10

LIQUIDATION

In the event of dissolution of the Constitution Cruisers Chapter of FMCA, by majority vote of the chapter, all of the remaining assets of the chapter shall be contributed to the purpose(s) for which the chapter is organized, or to a qualified nonprofit charity or charities.

ARTICLE 11

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

1. Any member of the chapter may propose changes to the Bylaws.
2. The Executive Board must publish the proposed amendment in writing and the amendment must be brought up for discussion at the next General Meeting. The amendment may then be discussed on the second meeting at which time a vote must be taken. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present is required for the amendment to be accepted

ARTICLE 12

RALLY HOST BONUS

One (1) only Rally fee per Rally will be waived for the Rally Host or Hosts.

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