

HEART OF TEXAS CAMPING UNIT CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1 This organization is a chartered Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI) and shall be known as the Heart of Texas Camping Unit (HOTC) of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

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

- To conduct routine outings (campouts and caravans) of the Unit membership with a minimum amount of organization and structure.
- To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit 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 and the Region.
- To cooperate with other organizations and 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 unit--Regular Members and Affiliate Members.

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

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 Unit pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 2 ARTICLE VI 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 Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate members in this Unit by requesting such and shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit except:

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

Sec. 6 Applicants for Affiliate membership in this Unit must show evidence of membership in the International Club through another duly chartered unit.

Sec. 7 Failure to pay International or Unit dues will automatically terminate membership (regular or affiliate) in the unit.

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, significant other or partner of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners shall possess one vote only except such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle. Existing co-owners with more than two memberships on June 25, 2005, are not subject to this two-membership limitation, as long as they maintain continuous membership in WBCCI.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Sec. 1 The officers of the Unit shall be Regular members of the Unit and shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Recording/Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer

At a future date the Executive Board, as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, may propose adding a 2nd VP, 3rd VP and 2-4 director/trustee positions, as well as dividing the Recording and Corresponding Secretary position. Adding these officers will require two-thirds vote of the Executive Board and a two-thirds vote of the Unit membership.

Sec. 2 The Officers shall be nominated and elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed on or about December 15th of each year. An officer shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected. No officer shall be elected to more than two consecutive terms in the same office

except the Recording /Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

Sec. 3 An officer who advances to an office pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 4 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. 4 In the event of the death or resignation of the President or the death, advancement or resignation of the Vice President, or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the vacancies will be filled through a special election by the unit membership.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall consist of all of the unit officers plus the immediate Past President of the unit.

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

Sec. 3 A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

Sec. 4 The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI BUSINESS MEETINGS

Sec. 1 The annual business meeting of the Unit shall be held during the month of December. Additional business meetings may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Unit business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing at least fifteen 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 voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this organization, and each such membership, identified by the International Club membership number, shall be considered one vote, except for co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this unit as provided for in Article III, Section 8.

Sec. 3 Ballots submitted by email, regular mail or facsimile may 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. Votes allowed in this manner should be received by the unit 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.

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 government of the Unit 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 a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been emailed or mailed first class to each member of the Unit at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting.

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

This Constitution adopted and effective May 15, 2019 at 200 RM 2871 Fort Worth, TX

BYLAWS AND POLICY

ARTICLE I
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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

Sec. 2 The order of business shall be:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Reports of Officers and Committees
- D. Special Orders
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. New Business
- G. Announcements
- H. Adjournment

ARTICLE II
COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 No Standing committees are authorized. Committees will be created, and Chairpersons appointed by the Executive Board or President as deemed necessary and will terminate at the completion of their appointed task. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Sec. 2 All committees shall consist of a Chairperson and as many members as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or President. Chairpersons shall have the authority to select members of the committee. Chairpersons of Committees shall report in person or via written document at each meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III Membership and Publicity

Sec. 1 All members in good standing are considered Membership Ambassadors and are encouraged to engage in promoting the Unit with potential new members.

Sec. 2 Members may assist in mentoring new members. New and potential members will have access to the Unit's website and other public social media platforms.

Sec. 3 Members are encouraged to share and publicize the Unit's activities and Rally/Caravan schedule.

ARTICLE IV GUESTS

Sec. 1 A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing and using the member's trailer or motorhome or staying in a non-RV facility such as a cabin, motel room, etc., may attend activities of the Unit. Members sponsoring such a guest shall pay one extra rally fee exclusive of the parking fee.

Sec. 2 A member in good standing in this Unit may sponsor and invite a non-member Airstream recreational vehicle owner, as a prospective member, to attend rallies and other activities of the Unit.

Sec. 3 Members in good standing in the International Club may attend activities of the Unit provided that such members, and where required, shall have made prior reservation for each attendance.

Sec. 4 A unit, once each calendar year, may host a rally or 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 unit 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 unit 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 V
NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the unit's annual business meeting, appoint a three member Nominating Committee who shall, after having obtained the prior acceptance for office of each nominee if elected, place in nomination one candidate for each office to be filled by election, and submit a written report to the Executive Board which shall include the names of all candidates considered, and the President shall distribute the report to the membership not less than fifteen (15) days prior to said business meeting. Additional candidates who have previously consented to accept the office if elected, may be placed in nomination from the floor of said meeting. No seconds are required for any nomination.

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board.
- Enforce the Unit Constitution and Bylaws.
- Appoint all committees.
- Have such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principal executive officer.
- Correspond with the membership via email regarding the Unit's rally and caravan schedule, club news and reminders.

Sec. 2 The Vice President shall:

- Attend all business meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board.
- Assist the President.
- Temporarily assume the duties of the President in the President's extended absence, temporary inability to perform the duties of President or at the written request of the President.

Sec. 3 The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall:

- Record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board. Copies of the same shall be emailed or mailed to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days following each meeting.
- Record the attendance of the officers at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.
- Issue notices of all meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board as prescribed in Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution.
- Prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting.
- Coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain an accurate roster of paid-up members of the Unit.
- Send a Welcome letter or email to new members with general information about the Club, its rallies, website, calendar and all other social media means of communication.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall:

- Maintain the financial records of the Unit and receive all monies, as prescribed in international Bylaws, Article XVI Financial Management Sec. 12 - 13 and Policy, Financial Data Guidelines, and promptly deposit them in the bank previously chosen by the Executive Board.
- Notify members of expiration of dues and issue receipts for dues paid. Changes to this roster shall be shared with the Recording/Corresponding Secretary.
- Submit a full written report of finances to the Executive Board at each meeting. Each year the books and accounts will be audited by a committee selected by the incoming President. Before retirement, all books, monies and property of the Unit shall be delivered promptly to the incoming Treasurer.

Sec. 5 Directors/Trustees (if added per Article IV, Section 1 of the HOTC Constitution) shall:

- Attend all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board
- Accept assignments as directed by the Unit President

ARTICLE VII DELEGATES

Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall appoint one delegate and one alternate from among the Regular Members who will attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. An Affiliate Member of this Unit who is a regular member in the same region may be appointed if the unit has no Regular Members who are going to attend the Delegates Meeting. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The delegate should be instructed with respect to the wishes of the Unit on matters to come before the meeting. The President and Secretary shall certify to these appointments.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

Sec. 1 The annual Unit 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 Unit dues before November 15 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 on or before December 31, the membership will 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 on others of our diverse membership so as 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 POLICY

Sec. 1 Policy consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Unit and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit may be adopted by the Executive Board or the Unit members.

ARTICLE XI LIABILITY

Sec. 1 Neither the Unit 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 XII AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Executive Board by two-thirds (2/3) 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.

ARTICLE XIII MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR DISSOLUTION OF THIS UNIT

Sec. 1 In the event the members of this Unit deem it desirable for this Unit to merge with another Unit, or for the Unit to consolidate with other Units, or for the Unit to dissolve, the members shall, through the President of this Unit, 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 and Policies as last amended were adopted on May 15, 2019 at 200 RM 2871 Fort Worth, TX.