

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS GMC SAGUARO JETSET CHAPTER

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION, INC.

As amended and adopted by the GMC Saguario Jetset Chapter of FMCA to conform to the National FMCA Bylaws Format (NOVEMBER 2007) Adopted _____

ARTICLE I – CHAPTER NAME

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the GMC SAGUARO JETSET Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Chapter and FMCA.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

- 1. PURPOSE:** This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.
- 2. AREA:** This Chapter shall be authorized to function FMCA'S Rocky Mountain Area.
- 3. SCOPE:** This Chapter will have memberships with a mutual interest in GMC Motorhomes and/or drawn from the state of Arizona and surrounding states.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter. Memberships in this Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality, or disability.
- 2.** The term “Family Unit” is defined as a person; his or her spouse, or partner; dependents of each, regardless of age; non-dependent grandchildren and great grandchildren and great-grandchildren age eighteen and under.
- 3.** The term “Membership“ is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a Qualifying Coach who share a membership number.
- 4.** The term “Member” is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership. The voting rights of each member are defined in the description of each category.
- 5.** A membership must own a Qualifying Coach (Motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a Qualifying Motor Coach (Motorhome) in order to vote or hold office in this Chapter.

6. The term “ Qualifying Motor Coach “ is defined as a self-propelled, completely self-contained vehicle that contains all the conveniences of a home, including cooking, sleeping, and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The terms motor coach and Motorhome may be used interchangeably.

7. DUES AND FEES

A. ANNUAL DUES: Annual payment of Chapter and National dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for membership in the Chapter shall be an amount as the Chapter membership shall establish.

B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues from Chapter members become due and payable each October 1st for the following calendar year.

C. INITIAL APPLICATION: Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter and National dues (unless already an FMCA member). If an initial application is accepted after October 1st , the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.

D. INITIATION FEE: New and reinstated members may be required to pay an initiation fee in an amount to be established by the Chapter membership.

E. ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than two(2) months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent, after three(3) months, membership is canceled.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS; The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in Member and Volunteer Handbook.

2. TERMS OF OFFICE: The elected officers of the Chapter shall serve a one(1) year term of office, or until their successors are elected.

3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:

A. A member must own a Qualifying Motor Coach (Motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a Qualifying Motor Coach (Motorhome) in order to vote or hold office in this Chapter.

- B. An individual FMCA member may hold office(s) in only one (1) Chapter.
- C. Individual FMCA members may hold no more than two (2) offices in the same Chapter.
- D. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
- E. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime, Life Members, or Honorary Members who have advanced from one of these classes have the right to hold office in this Chapter.
- F. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by law.

4. EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- A. The officers of the chapter shall constitute the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter between its business meetings. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Chapter, and none of its acts shall be in conflict with the Chapter or FMCA.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

- 1. **APPOINTMENT:** Committee members and Chairperson (except Nominating Committee) shall be appointed by the President.
- 2. **DUTIES:** All committees shall function within the policies of the Chapter and (except Nominating Committee) under the direction of the President. Financial reports, vouchers, and monies due the Chapter shall be submitted on a timely basis.
- 3. **QUORUM:** A Committee quorum shall be a majority.

ARTICLE VI – CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

- 1. **AUTHORITY:** This Chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving to its existence and authority from the consent of its membership assembled in meeting or, in certain instances, by mail vote on stated propositions.
- 2. **ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR:** The calendar and membership year of the Chapter shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

3. CHAPTER MEETINGS:

A. Types: The term “meeting” shall include coach rallies, camp outs, dinner meetings, and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Chapter.

B. BUSINESS MEETINGS: The Chapter must hold at least two (2) business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least fourteen (14) days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.

C. ANNUAL MEETINGS: One of the business meetings must be an Annual Meeting at which an election is held if required by a one(1) year term option.

D. QUORUM: A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is twenty-five percent (25%) of the Chapter family unit membership or fifteen (15) family unit members, whichever is less.

E. VOTING: Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of F# and L# members in good standing and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter. The Chapter has established that voting will be one (1) vote per family unit. Balloting by mail may be undertaken when proposed matter is voted to be of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.

F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS: The rules contained in the current of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern this Chapter’s proceedings to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA, and the Bylaws of the Chapter.

4. MAINTAINING AFFILIATION: This Chapter must maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) family unit memberships. The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than December 31st each year, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that two (2) business meetings were held.

5. ANNUAL AUDIT: An annual audit of the Chapter’s financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

6. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: This Chapter accepts and agrees that the Chapter Bylaws shall conform to any mandatory requirements stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly by the Chapter membership.

B. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elected office.

2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:

A. To select one of its members as Nominating Committee Chairman.

B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Offices of President, Two (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and an Alternate National Director for the new term to be presented for voting by the Chapter membership.

C. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.

D. To make certain that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable National and Chapter bylaws.

E. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies that occur in elected Chapter offices.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

1. MANDATORY AMENDMENTS: National Bylaw Amendments applicable to the Chapter operations shall be automatically adopted by the Chapter and are not subject to a vote by the Chapter membership.

2. AMENDING PROCEDURE: These Bylaws may be amended by a 65% affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least thirty (30) days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend. Any member of the Chapter may propose amendments to the Bylaws. Approved amendments to these Bylaws become effective immediately upon their adoption, or at such time as specified in the amendment.

3. DISTRIBUTION: Copies of changes, additions, amendments, or revisions to these Bylaws shall be forwarded to the National Office and to the National Area Vice President.

ARTICLE IX – LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this 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 non-profit charity or charities.

AFFECTIVE: _____

The following are suggested to be edited and placed the standing rules
New membership is further limited to GMC Motorhome owners.
Continuing membership is limited to GMC Motorhome owners, or former GMC Motorhome owners who have become owners of another brand of Motorhome, who are members in good standing in the Chapter and who wish to maintain such membership. [AMENDED 2/17/04]

Associate Membership will be available to former GMC Motorhome owners, who are members in good standing in the Chapter and have become owners of other than GMC Motorhome, or do not own a Motorhome any longer, and who wish to maintain such membership. No voting rights are extended to Associate Members, nor can associate members hold an elective office. [AMENDED 2/17/04]

Former members whose membership lapses must meet new membership criteria to rejoin the Chapter. [AMENDED 2/17/04] [Edit for Standing Rules.](#)

At the May meeting the President shall nominate six (6) candidates for the Nominating Committee to be listed on the ballot, which shall be mailed to all eligible members. The election results shall be made public at the June meeting and the following newsletter. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected annually by the Chapter membership to serve a one year term.

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The mail in ballots shall provide for write-in votes. The mail-in ballots received by the secretary shall be brought to the annual election meeting, opened and counted by the nominating committee and results announced at the meeting. In the event of unforeseen difficulties, such as death, illness, or inability of a nominee to serve in office, the members present at the election meeting may vote to nullify the mail-in ballots for any position, and elect a qualified person to serve in the office. The date and results of the election of chapter officers shall be promptly reported in writing to the National Headquarters of FMCA. Edit for Standing Rules???????