

1
2
3
4
5
6
7

CHAPTER BYLAWS

Columbia Basin Cruisers

FMCA Motorhome Club

8
9
10
11
12

ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME

13 The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the **Columbia Basin Cruisers** a Chapter of the Family
14 Motor Coach Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Chapter and FMCA.

15
16
17
18
19

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

- 20
21
- 22 1. PURPOSE: This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that
23 provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.
 - 24 2. AREA/SCOPE: This Chapter shall be authorized to function in the FMCA's Northwest Area with a mutual
25 interest in and/or location(s) in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia,
26 and Northwest Territories Canada.

27
28
29
30
31
32
33

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

- 34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
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.

Membership 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 aged 18 and under.
 3. The term "Membership," is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a Qualifying Motor 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. The term "Associate Member or Family Associate" is defined as an FMCA member who no longer owns a Qualifying Motor Coach and is in good standing with FMCA. An Associate Member or Family Associate shall be required to pay dues, however shall not be eligible to vote or hold elected office. An officer converting to associate membership status shall be allowed to complete his or her term of office.
 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

44 in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The terms
45 motor coach and motorhome may be used interchangeably.

46
47 7. DUES AND FEES:

- 48 A. ANNUAL DUES: Annual payment of Chapter and National dues enables persons to become active
49 members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for
50 membership in the Chapter shall be an amount as the membership shall establish.
51
52 B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues from Chapter members become due and payable annually **October 1st**.
53
54 C. INITIAL APPLICATION: Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of
55 annual Chapter and National dues (unless already an FMCA member). If an initial application is
56 accepted after **September 1st** the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.
57
58 D. INITIATION FEE: New and reinstated members may be required to pay an initiation fee in an
59 amount to be established by the Chapter membership.
60
61 E. ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than three months after becoming due
62 shall be considered delinquent; **after December 31st** membership is cancelled.
63
64

65 **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

- 66
67 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the Member and Volunteer
68 Handbook.
69
70 2. TERMS OF OFFICE: The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a one-year term of office, or
71 until successors are elected.
72
73 3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:
74
75 A. A member must own a Qualifying Motor Coach (motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a Qualifying
76 Motor Coach (motorhome) in order to hold office in this Chapter.
77 B. An individual FMCA member may hold office(s) in only one chapter.
78 C. Individual FMCA members may hold no more that two offices in the same chapter.
79 D. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
80 E. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members, Life Members, or Honorary Members who have advanced
81 from one of these classes have the right to hold office in this Chapter.
82 F. No officer or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property,
83 except as required by law.

84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
100
101
102
103
104
105
106
107
108
109
110
111
112
113
114
115
116
117
118
119
120
121
122
123
124
125
126
127
128

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 Chairmen (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 twenty-five percent of committee membership or at least three committee members whichever is greater.

ARTICLE VI - CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

- I. AUTHORITY: This Chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving 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 fiscal and membership year of the Chapter shall commence on October 1st and end on September 30th each calendar year.
- 3. CHAPTER MEETINGS:
 - A. TYPES: The term "meeting" shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings, and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Chapter
 - B. BUSINESS MEETINGS: The Chapter must hold at least two business meetings, at which a quorum is present, each membership year. Said meetings must be at least fourteen days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.
 - C. ANNUAL ELECTION: One of the business meetings shall be an Annual Meeting at which an election is held if required by a one year term option. The voting general membership is to elect Chapter officers, including a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, National Director, and an Alternate National Director.
 - D. QUORUM: A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is twenty-five percent of the Chapter family unit membership or fifteen family unit members, whichever is less.

129
130
131
132
133
134
135
136
137
138
139
140
141
142
143
144
145
146
147
148
149
150
151
152
153
154
155
156
157
158
159
160
161
162
163
164
165
166
167
168
169
170
171
172
173
174
175
176
177

E. VOTING: Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of members in good standing and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.

The Chapter has established that voting will be one vote for each adult member.

Balloting by mail may be undertaken when a proposed matter to be voted on is of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.

F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS: The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERTS 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 this Chapter.

4. MAINTAINING AFFILIATION: This Chapter must maintain a minimum of fifteen family unit members. The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that two 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 Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected annually 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: The duties shall be:

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

B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and Alternate National Director for the new year 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.

178
179
180
181
182
183
184
185
186
187
188
189
190
191
192
193
194
195
196
197
198
199
200
201
202
203
204
205
206
207

ARTICLE VIII- AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

1. MANDATORY AMENDMENTS: National Bylaw Amendments applicable to 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 sixty six percent affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least thirty 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 the Columbia Basin 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 non-profit charity or charities.

EFFECTIVE Adopted Unanimously by CBC Board April 22, 2006 and Ratified by CBC Membership on September 2, 2006 at the Annual Membership Meeting following published advance notice of pending amendments.