

ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the TAILGATORS 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 which provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.
2. DESCRIPTION: This Chapter shall be authorized to function as a social organization.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

1. ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must own at least one-third (1/3) of an FMCA-approved coach, be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter. Maximum membership in the Chapter is limited to thirty-five (35) coaches.

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. DEFINITION: The term "member" as used herein is defined by FMCA as a family unit consisting of a husband and wife, or adult person(s), with or without children.

3. 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 in amount as the membership shall establish.

B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues for Chapter members become due and payable January 1st of each 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 after March 1st shall be considered delinquent; after April 1st membership is cancelled.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

1. 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 January 1st, and end on December 31st.

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 ELECTION: One of the business meetings must be an Annual Meeting at which the voting general membership is to elect Chapter Officers, including a President, 1st and 2nd Vice President(s), a Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Director, and an Alternate National director. (See Article V, Section 1,B of these By Laws).

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 units' members, whichever is less.

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 (1) vote per family unit.

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

F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS: The rules contained in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern this Chapter and in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA, and of this Chapter.

4. MAINTAINING AFFILIATION: This Chapter must maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) family unit members.

The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a list of its membership, a list of its incumbent chapter officers, and assurances 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 with any mandatory requirements stipulated in the National Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA.

ARTICLE V - 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 by the Chapter membership.

B. This Committee shall nominate candidates for Chapter Offices, including a President, 1st & 2nd Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and an Alternate National Director.

C. Election of an individual to the Nominating committee shall not prohibit that person or any other member in good standing from being nominated from the floor for any elective office.

D. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates to fill vacancies which occur in elected Chapter offices.

2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES: The duties shall be:

A. To select a slate of officers for the new year to be presented for voting by the Chapter membership.

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

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

D. To select one of its members as Nominating Committee Chairperson who may serve as the presiding officer in conducting the election.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the National FMCA Bylaws. (FMCA Bylaws Article XVI).

ADDITIONAL DUTIES:

1ST Vice President - Administrative including Newsletter.

2ND Vice President - Wagonmaster including entertainment.

2. TERMS OF OFFICE:

The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a one (1) year term of office.

3. OFFICER LIMITATIONS:

A. An individual FMCA member may hold chapter office in only one (1) chapter.

B. Individual FMCA members may hold no more than two (2) offices in the same chapter.

C. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members, Life Members, or Honorary Members, who have advanced from one of these classes, have the right to hold office in FMCA or this Chapter.

D. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by Law.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

1. COMMITTEES: Committee members and Chairpersons (except Nominating Committee) shall be appointed by the president.

2. DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSONS: All committees shall function within the policies of the Chapter and 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 by majority of the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

1. MANDATORY AENDMETS: Amendments applicable to Chapter operations shall be automatically adopted as may be required by mandatory amendments to the National constitution and Bylaws. Such mandatory amendments are not subject to voting by the Chapter membership.
2. AMENDING PROCEDURE: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds percent (2/3%) affirmative vote of the members present 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 changes in the Bylaws.

Approved amendments to these Bylaws become effective immediately upon their adoption, or at such time as specified in the amendment.

ARTICLE IX - LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Tailgators Chapter of FMCA, b majority vote of the Chapter, the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be contributed to a non-profit charity.