

ROMERS BYLAWS  
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**ARTICLE I – CHAPTER NAME**

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the Romers chapter of FMCA hereinafter referred to as Chapter or FMCA.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange of activities, which provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.

**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 a FMCA approved coach, 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 based on race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status such as disability, age, marital and family status, sexual orientation and gender identity, health status, place of residence, economic and social situation.
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 FMCA dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges for the Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for membership in the Chapter shall be an amount as the membership shall establish in the Chapter’s Standing Rules.

- B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues from Chapter members become due and payable October 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- C. INITIAL APPLICATON: Application for membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter and FMCA dues (unless already a FMCA member). Chapter dues shall be prorated as defined in the Standing Rules.
- 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 months (December 1<sup>st</sup>) after becoming due shall be considered delinquent and not in good standing. After three months (January 1<sup>st</sup>), 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 ballot or electronic means on stated propositions.
- 2. ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR: The fiscal and membership year of the Chapter shall commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> and end on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3. CHAPTER MEETINGS.
  - A. TYPES: The term “meeting” shall include coach rallies, camp outs and any other gathering suitable to the function of the Chapter.

- B. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: In each fiscal year, a chapter shall hold at least one Membership meeting at which a quorum is present. The meeting can be a gathering in one area or where some or all of the members communicate with other members through electronic means, such as the internet or by telephone that allows all members the opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. Said meeting shall be duly announced in advance to the membership, including adequate description of how to participate.
  
  - C. QUORUM: A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called Membership Meeting is twenty five percent (25%) of the Chapter family unit membership or fifteen (15) family unit members, whichever is less.
  
  - D. 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.
    - 1. The Chapter has established that voting shall be one (1) vote per each adult member.
  
    - 2. Balloting by mail or electronic means may be undertaken when a proposed matter is of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.
  
  - E. PARLIMENTARY PROCESS: The rules contained in ROBERT'S 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 or 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 FMCA no later than the last week of December a list of its newly elected Chapter officers and assurance that one (1) Membership meeting was held.

5. APPLICATION OF BYLAWS: This Chapter accepts and agrees that the Chapter Bylaws shall conform to any mandatory requirement stipulated in the Bylaws of FMCA.

#### **ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS**

ELECTIONS: Elections for all officers shall be held during odd numbered years. Election of officers shall be conducted at the last scheduled Membership meeting of the odd numbered year. Officers to be elected shall include the President, one or more Vice Presidents(s), Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director. A Nominating committee, constituted as in ARTICLE VII of these Bylaws shall submit a list of candidates for the offices to be voted upon. Further nominations may be accepted from the floor, if properly made and seconded.

#### **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the most recently published FMCA Chapter Officer's Handbook, the Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules.
2. TERMS OF OFFICE: The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a two (2) year term of office.
3. OFFICER LIMITATIONS:
  - A. An individual FMCA member may hold either a single office in each of two chapters or two offices in one chapter. A member may hold the office of National Director or Alternate National Director in only one chapter.
  - B. 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 Chairs shall be appointed by the President.
2. Terms of Committee Chairs shall be two (2) years.
3. Standing Committees shall be an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee.

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE: The Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) members and an audit shall be performed annually.

B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

At the first Membership Meeting of an odd numbered year, a Nominating Committee shall be elected. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected by the Chapter membership, no later than sixty days prior to the scheduled election of officers. Each member elected to this committee shall confirm their willingness and ability to serve in such post.

Serving on the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person or any other member in good standing from being nominated from the floor for an elective office.

4. Duties of Standing Committees shall be performed in accordance with the most recently published FMCA Chapter Officer's Handbook, these Bylaws and the Chapter's Standing Rules.
5. A Committee quorum shall be fifty (50) percent plus one.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS**

1. **MANDATORY AMENDMENTS:** Amendments applicable to Chapter operations shall be automatically adopted as may be required by the FMCA 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 sixty-six percent (66%) affirmative vote of the members present at a duly called Membership meeting, by mail ballot or electronic means, providing that prior notice of at least thirty (30) days has been given of the propositions(s) to amend.
3. Any member of the Chapter may propose changes in the Bylaws at any Membership Meeting.
4. 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 Romers 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.

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1. Membership is limited to owners of all **gas and** diesel-powered motorhomes.
2. Annual dues shall be \$24.00 and Associate Members dues shall be \$5.00. New Members dues shall be prorated on a quarterly basis.
3. Application fee shall be \$40.00.
4. Rallymasters shall make their rallies self-supporting, if possible. The Treasurer is empowered to provide Rallymasters up to \$2,000 to cover deposits for recreational vehicle park and catering deposits. **The Romers Club will pay for the cost of any Club room or extra RV space needed at rallies.** All proper documentation, receipts and excess rally funds shall be returned to the Treasurer within 30 days of completion of the rally.
5. Refund of rally registration costs will be made only to the extent there is no cost incurred by the Chapter.
6. Guests with motorhomes may attend rallies.
7. An Associate Member is a member who no longer owns a recreational vehicle and pays dues but is not eligible to vote or hold elected office. An Associate Member attendance at a Membership Meeting shall not be counted in determining presence of a quorum. An officer converting to Associate Member status may be allowed to complete his/her term of office, vote and be counted in determining presence of a quorum.
8. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members: President, Vice President, Membership Chair, Webmaster, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director, and immediate Past President as Director at Large, and shall meet at each rally prior to the Membership Meeting.

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9. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President and Treasurer. The Executive Board may approve expenditures up to \$2,000 for emergency, routine and/or recurring expenses which shall be reported at the next Board of Directors meeting.
10. The Treasurer's Report shall be submitted in writing (or electronically) 30 days prior to a Membership Meeting. The Treasurer's Report shall include, as a minimum, the prior rally/rallies income and expenses, and net profit or loss from rally, as well as routine, ongoing and emergency expenses and all account balances. **Only the treasurer and the president have the authority to sign checks on the account**, but dual signatures shall not be required
11. An Audit Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President at the first Membership Meeting of an odd numbered year. The Audit Committee shall select the remaining two (2) members of the Committee. The Committee may not include Board Members, and/or significant others. Their duties shall be as described in the most recently published FMCA Chapter Officer's Handbook. The results of any audit shall be reported at the next Membership Meeting.
12. Any member of the Chapter may propose changes in the Standing Rules at any Membership Meeting.