

BYLAWS

NATIONAL CAMPERS AND HIKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be National Campers & Hikers Association, Inc., doing business as (d.b.a.) Family Campers & RVers, hereinafter referred to as FCRV.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The purposes of FCRV are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. The objectives of FCRV are:

- A. To provide, through identification with the National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc., a basis for friendly welcome with other members.
- B. To encourage the organization and binding together of local chapters of campers, hikers and RVers, and unaffiliated members, in order to achieve uniformity of effort and results.
- C. To cooperate with other organizations which are working toward the conservation of our natural resources.
- D. To provide for a frequent interchange of camping, hiking and RV ideas.
- E. To recommend improvements in camping, hiking and RV facilities wherever the need exists; to bring these recommendations before the proper state, provincial, or national agencies; and to press for action until final resolution has been reached.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. A. Any individual or family, upon written application and payment of the current year's dues in advance, may be eligible for Regular Membership, with all the rights privileges of FCRV members contained herein.

B. Any individual or family, upon written application and payment of the current Life Membership dues in advance, may be eligible for Life Membership, with all the rights and privileges of FCRV members contained herein.

C. Any organization or corporation whose activities are related to FCRV's purposes or objectives, upon written application and payment of the current year's dues in advance, may be eligible for Commercial/Campground Membership. Said application shall be subject to approval of the Board of Trustees. Commercial/Campground members shall be entitled to all privileges of FCRV membership, except voting and holding office.

Section 2. Each classification of membership will receive membership materials as specified in the Operations Manual.

Section 3. All dues shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees and payable In US funds, or the equivalent in Canadian funds.

Section 4. Any non-member distinguished for the rendition of unusual or outstanding services or assistance to FCRV may be elected to Honorary Membership by the Trustees. Honorary Membership may be renewed annually at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Honorary Members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership except voting and holding office.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees, by two-thirds vote, may award an Honorary Life Membership to any member because of outstanding and sustaining service to FCRV above and beyond the ordinary demands of membership. An Honorary Life Member shall pay no dues and shall have all the privileges of membership and shall continue so long as either the husband or wife shall remain living.

- Section 6. The Board of Trustees may award Honorary Chapter Status to any State, Province, City, Town or organization (hereinafter called a group) for rendition of outstanding services or assistance to FCRV.
- A. The Honorary Chapter name shall include the name of said group as part of their chapter name, and shall be carried on the Honorary Chapter roll of FCRV for one full year from the date of such award.
- B. The legally recognized officers, directors or leaders of said group shall be recognized as the Chapter Officers.
- C. The citizens, residents or members of said group shall be recognized as the membership and shall be called Honorary Chapter members.
- D. Membership rights and privileges:
1. Honorary Chapter Members shall not pay dues.
 2. Honorary Chapter Members may display the colors, logo and insignia of FCRV.
 3. Honorary Chapters may be converted to an active chapter at any time by completing the following:
 - a. Chapter constitution and bylaws.
 - b. Application for chapter charter.
 - c. Members becoming dues paying members of FCRV.
 4. Honorary Chapters and their members shall have no other rights and privileges.
- Section 7. In the event of dissolution or other termination of FCRV, no member, whether Regular, Life or Commercial/Campground, shall be entitled to refund of any membership dues paid.
- Section 8. All rights in the Life Membership of a family shall terminate upon the death of the survivor of the husband and wife Life Members. All rights in the Life Membership of an individual shall terminate upon the death of the Life Member.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Officers of FCRV shall be President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording Officer, Corresponding Secretary, Comptroller, National Director and the Immediate Past President. These Officers shall serve without compensation.
- Section 2. The President shall:
- A. Preside at meetings of FCRV, the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board;
 - B. Enforce the laws, rules and regulations of FCRV;
 - C. Call special meetings whenever necessary;
 - D. Be in charge of administrative policies, expansion programs, the general welfare and legislative programs, and generally the work of the members of FCRV;
 - E. Authorize and direct all publications and evaluation reports, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.
 - F. Appoint the Chairpersons of Special Committees.
 - G. Oversee the operations of the FCRV office.
 - H. Perform any other duties normally associated with the office of President.
- Section 3. The First and Second Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as are assigned to them by the President or the Board of Trustees. In case of inability or absence for any cause of the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of that office, in their respective order. In the event of the resignation or death of the President, the First Vice President shall become President and the Second Vice President shall become First Vice President.
- Section 4. The Recording Officer shall be responsible for keeping the records of FCRV, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board.

- Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall handle all correspondence as directed by the Board of Trustees or the Executive Board.
- Section 6. The Comptroller shall be the custodian of the funds, securities, and assets of FCRV and shall perform all the duties usually appertaining to such office.
- Section 7. The National Director shall:
- A. Submit recommendations for appointment of State, Provincial and Regional Directors to the Board of Trustees for approval and be in charge of said Directors.
 - B. Report to the Regional, State and Provincial Directors the actions taken by the Board of Trustees.
 - C. Issue charters for all chapters and Associations.
 - D. Annually appoint and be in charge of the Awards Committee and its Chairperson, said appointments to be approved by the Board of Trustees.
 - E. Perform any other duties directed by the Board of Trustees or specified by these Bylaws.
- Section 8. The Immediate Past President shall perform such duties as are assigned to him.
- Section 9. In case of death or resignation of any officer, excepting in the office of President, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term of such officer.
- Section 10. The member of the Board of Trustees having responsibility for each Director of a Standing Committee shall recommend Directors of said Standing Committees to the Board of Trustees for their approval and removal by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording Officer, Corresponding Secretary, Comptroller, National Director and the Immediate Past President. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation.
- Section 2. This Board shall govern all of the affairs of FCRV and shall have the power to regulate the granting of membership and election of officers. It shall be in charge of the funds, stocks, assets and investments and other disposition of the money of FCRV.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of all members of the Board of Trustees, Regional Directors, State Directors, Provincial Directors and Directors of all Standing Committees. The members of the Executive Board shall serve without compensation.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall perform such duties as specified in these Bylaws or assigned by the Board of Trustees. In addition, the Executive Board shall have the power to:
- A. Elect the National Director.
 - B. Approve amendments to the Bylaws.
 - C. Remove officers, for just cause.
 - D. Suspend, cancel or terminate charters.
- Section 3. The National Director shall represent the State, Provincial and Regional Directors at all meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- Section 4. The title of Founder shall be a perpetual recognition of forethought of H. Ellsworth Nathan in originating the National Campers and Hikers Association and he shall forever be known by that title. He is an honorary member of the Executive Board with no voting rights.

ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, the National Director shall appoint Regional, State, and Provincial Directors.
- Section 2. The President may cause to be appointed the Chairpersons of Special Committees as deemed necessary by the President.
- Section 3. The National Director shall appoint a committee of three for the selection of the recipients of awards and citations. This committee shall determine the degree of merit and type of awards to be made and submit their selections to the National Director.
- Section 4. The term of all Directors and Chairpersons appointed by the President, and all appointments by these Directors and Chairpersons, will expire when the President who appointed them leaves office, or unless previously released by the President.
- Section 5. Directors of Standing Committees will expire when the member of the Board of Trustees having responsibility for said standing committee leaves office.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

- Section 1. Board of Trustees and Executive Board
- A. Meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board shall be fixed by the President or a majority of the Board of Trustees.
- B. At least ten days' written notice shall be given of all Executive Board meetings. Such notice of meetings shall be mailed by ordinary mail to the last registered address of the person to be notified, as set forth in the records of FCRV.
- C. Except as herein otherwise provided, a majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the Board of Trustees.
- D. Except as herein otherwise provided, a majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the Executive Board, providing a quorum of Trustees are present.
- Section 2. Annual Meeting - Campvention
- A. The Annual Meeting of FCRV shall be held once each year during the Annual Campvention, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Trustees. The Annual Campvention will be held some time during the time period of the last two weeks of June through the first two weeks of August.
- B. The purpose of the Annual Meeting will be to receive annual reports on the conduct of the business of FCRV.
- C. A majority of FCRV members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of FCRV, except that if the membership exceeds fifty then twenty-five or more shall constitute a quorum.
- D. The Board of Trustees will approve the site for the Annual Campvention and will, with the assistance of the Campvention Committee Director, designate a qualified person(s) to serve as the Campvention Host Chairperson(s). Such Host Chairperson(s) will be responsible for conducting the Campvention under the general guidelines established by the Board of Trustees.
- E. In the event of the inability of said Campvention Host Chairperson(s) to act as Chairperson, the Board of Trustees shall designate another Host Chairperson.

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS

- Section 1. All officers (except the National Director) shall be elected by a plurality vote of FCRV members for two year term of office, or until their successors are elected and installed. a
- Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be selected by the Board of Trustees prior to September 1 of the year before the election of officers shall take place.(Procedures will be found in Elections Section of Operations Manual.)
- Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members of the Executive Board and any Past President who shall act as Chairperson. No member of the Nominating Committee may run for office.
- Section 4. The Nominating Committee will consider all members in good standing as eligible for consideration. The Committee will contact each proposed nominee and secure in writing the member's willingness to serve if elected and a statement of personal qualifications.
- Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of two (2) nominees for each elective office to the Board of Trustees prior to December 1. The submission shall be in the form of a certified letter signed by a majority of the Nominating Committee and mailed to the President with copies to the members of the Board of Trustees.
- Section 6. The Trustees will cause the Ballots to be distributed to all FCRV members in a March mailing.
- Section 7. Each individual or family membership in FCRV shall be entitled to one vote for the election of officers.
- Section 8. The ballot shall be returned to an address selected by the Board of Trustees, postmarked before April 15. The Board of Trustees shall cause the ballots to be counted by a firm independent of FCRV, who will certify before April 30 to the President the result of the election.
- Section 9. Any member in good standing may petition the National Director concerning the conduct of the election. The National Director shall appoint a committee composed of at least three Executive Board members to investigate the petition. The committee will report its findings to the National Director who shall attempt to resolve any problems which may be found, if possible. The petition, findings and resolution, if any, will be presented by the National Director at the next meeting of the Executive Board, whose action shall be considered final. If no petitions are pending before it, the Executive Board may order the destruction of the ballots at the expiration of 90 days following the election.
- Section 10. The officers, except the National Director and the Immediate Past President, shall be installed at the Annual Meeting following their election, in the even numbered years. When it is necessary for the newly elected Trustees to conduct the New Executive Board Meeting before they have been officially installed, then, for the duration of the meeting, they will be acknowledged as fully legitimate officers of FCRV and all decisions made and all business transacted at that meeting will be valid, legal and binding.
- Section 11. The National Director shall be elected by the Executive Board for a term of two years in the odd numbered years between the election of other FCRV officers.
1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members of the Executive Board to conduct the nomination and election.
 2. Nominations shall be made by February 28th of the election year.
 3. Said committee shall distribute ballots to the Executive Board, to be returned no later than April 30th.
 4. The Nominating Committee shall count the ballots and report the results to the Board of Trustees.
 5. The National Director shall be installed at the Annual Meeting following said election.

ARTICLE X. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS, AND REGIONAL, STATE AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS

- Section 1. Officers may be removed for just cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Board.
- Section 2. Regional, State and Provincial Directors may be removed for just cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Trustees.
- Section 3. Just cause shall be defined as any of the following:
A. Personal use of FCRV funds or property.
B. Failure to comply with Board of Trustees or Executive Board directives.
C. Failure to comply with FCRV policies or directives.
D. Other serious misconduct in office.
- Section 4. In case of the extended absence of any officer, or a Regional, State or Provincial Director, or should the above designated Board not wish to act on removal, the Board may, by a majority vote of the entire designated Board, delegate the powers and duties to any other officer in the case of an Officer, or any other member in the case of a Director.
- Section 5. Removal or delegation shall require that just cause be shown at a regular meeting of the above designated Board and prior notice for such anticipated action must have been sent to all such Board members, including the Officer or Director to be removed or replaced.

ARTICLE XI. CHARTERS AND DESIGNATION OF AFFILIATES

- Section 1. FCRV is empowered and authorized to issue charters to State, Provincial and Unit Associations, and Chapters of individuals, composed of campers, hikers and RVers who are members of National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc., pursuant to these Bylaws.
- Section 2. The term State or Provincial Association shall mean the Association of chartered chapters organized in and for the separate States of the United States or Provinces in Canada.
- Section 3. The term Unit Association shall mean the chapters organized in and for the cities, towns, counties, or any other subdivision of states or territories of the United States, or Provinces or territories in Canada.
- Section 4. The Board of Trustees of FCRV shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the admission of State, Provincial and Unit Associations, and chapters, and the amendment of such rules and regulations.
- Section 5. The Executive Board may suspend, cancel or terminate State, Provincial or Unit Association or chapter charters on the request of the National Director.
- Section 6. Bylaws of all chapters shall first be approved by the State or Provincial Director of the State or Province. Thereafter, the charter application shall be approved by the National Director.
- Section 7. All proposed amendments to State, Provincial or Unit Association, or Chapter Constitutions or Bylaws shall be approved by the State or Provincial Director prior to the final vote by the chapter members.
- Section 8. State, Provincial and Unit Associations, and chapters, shall work through, and cooperate with, the State or Provincial Director of their State or Province. The State or Provincial Director shall have the responsibility, subject to review by the Executive Board, to veto actions of any State, Provincial, or Unit Association, or chapter, which are contrary to the policies of FCRV.

Section 9. No State, Provincial or Unit Association, or chapter, shall disband, so long as there remain five members in good standing on its rolls who wish to remain a chartered chapter of FCRV, without the express approval of the State or Provincial Director.

ARTICLE XII. OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

Section 1. The names National Campers & Hikers Association, Inc. and Family Campers & RVers may be used only by FCRV. Its insignia may be used on various articles and/or publications approved by the National Insignia Director under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. All manuals, programs, patches or other materials developed for FCRV at the request of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Board shall become the sole property of FCRV, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern FCRV in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order FCRV may adopt.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or revised by a majority vote of the Executive Board, provided that notification of intent to amend or revise is included in the call for such a meeting, and also provided that a quorum is present at such meeting.

Section 2. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Trustees, provided that notification of intent to revise or amend has been sent to all Trustees.

ARTICLE XV. DISSOLUTION OF FCRV

Section 1. Should the activities of FCRV be terminated, any property or funds held by FCRV shall be disposed of in the following manner, as specified in the Articles of Incorporation:

- A. Property and assets shall be sold, as directed by the Board of Trustees.
- B. After all debts have been satisfied, the remaining funds shall be given to tax exempt educational, charitable or historical organizations.
- C. The choice of programs or institutions to receive distribution of the assets of FCRV shall be decided by the majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees just prior to the termination of FCRV.

ARTICLE XVI. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

Section 1. With the adoption of these Bylaws, all previous Bylaws shall be cancelled.

HISTORICAL REFERENCES FOR BYLAWS

Bylaws adopted July 1960	Amended July 1991
Amended July 1964	Amended July 1994
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