

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

### GMC GREAT LAKERS MOTORHOME CLUB, INC.

October 27, 2019 Revision

#### ARTICLE I –NAME AND INCORPORATION

1. The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc.
2. This club is incorporated in the state of Michigan under the name of GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club, Inc. This corporation is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE II – OBJECT

1. **PURPOSE:** This club exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of 1973 to 1978 GMC Motorhomes.
2. **AREA:** This club shall be authorized to function in the area served by all states and Canadian provinces that touch the Great Lakes.
3. **SCOPE:** This club will have members with a mutual interest in the maintenance, preservation, and care of the classic Class “A” GMC motorhome produced from 1973 to 1978 with a Vehicle Identification Number commencing with the letters “TZE”.

#### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

1. **ELIGIBILITY**
  - A. To be eligible for and maintain membership in this club, a person must meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the bylaws of this club.
  - B. Membership in this club shall be open to any family unit or individual regardless of race, age, gender, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability.
  - C. This club is open only to members who own at least one-third (1/3) of a Class “A” GMC Motorhome produced from 1973 to 1978 with a Vehicle Identification Number commencing with the letters “TZE”.
2. **DEFINITIONS**
  - A. 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.
  - B. The term “membership” is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a qualifying motorhome who share a membership number.
  - C. The term “member” is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership.
  - D. The term “qualifying motorhome”, is defined as a 1973 to 1978 GMC Motorhome that has a Vehicle Identification Number commencing with the letters “TZE”.
3. **VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE:** A member must own a qualifying motorhome or at least one-third (1/3) interest in a qualifying motorhome in order to vote or hold office in this club. Only Charter Members and Full Members have the right to hold office in this club.

4. **DUES AND FEES**

- A. **ANNUAL DUES:** Annual payment of club dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the club. Dues for membership in the club shall be an amount, as the membership shall establish for charter, full and associate members.
- B. **RENEWAL:** Renewal dues from club members become due and payable January 1.
- C. **INITIAL APPLICATION:** Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual club dues. If an initial application is accepted after September 1, 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 club membership.
- E. **ARREARS:** Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than one (1) month after becoming due shall be considered delinquent - their names will not appear in the member directory and they will not receive club publications
- F. **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

5. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** The duties of elected officers shall be defined in the GMC Great Lakers Standing Rules.

6. **RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:**

- A. A member may only hold a single office in the club at any given time
- B. Any member in good standing and eligible to hold office may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
- C. Only one member of a family unit shall be entitled to hold an elective position during any given year.
- D. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any club property, except as required by law.

7. **EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

- A. The following officers of the club shall constitute the Executive Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Directors-at-Large, and the immediate Past President.
- B. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the club between business meetings.

**ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES**

- 1. **APPOINTMENT:** Committee members and a chairperson (except the Nominating Committee) shall be appointed by the president.
- 2. **DUTIES:** All committees shall function within the policies of the club and (except the Nominating Committee) under the direction of the president. Committee members may participate in club Executive Board meetings only when requested by the club president.
- 3. **QUORUM:** A committee quorum shall be a majority.

**ARTICLE VI – CLUB ADMINISTRATION**

- 1. **AUTHORITY:** This club shall be democratically self-governed, deriving its existence and authority from the consent of its membership.
- 2. **ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR:** The fiscal and membership year of the club shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st.

3. **CLUB MEETINGS:**

- A. The term “meeting” shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings, and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the club. There shall be no less than four (4) club meetings held each fiscal year.
- B. **BUSINESS MEETINGS:** In each fiscal year, the club shall hold at least one business 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. Business meetings are to be held during each club rally, as determined by the president.
- C. **OFFICER ELECTION:** The voting general membership is to elect club officers, including a president, vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and three (3) directors-at-large.
- D. **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called club meeting is 25% of the club family unit memberships or fifteen family unit memberships, whichever is less.
- E. **VOTING:**
  - 1). The club has established that voting will be **one vote per membership number**.
  - 2). Except as specified elsewhere in these bylaws, a simple majority vote of members in good standing, eligible to vote and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.
  - 3). Voting may be conducted at a business meeting, or by mail, email or other electronic means. (NOTE: Allowing for an election or other proposed matter to be decided by mail, email or other electronic means may not also allow voting on the election or the proposed matter at a meeting).
- F. **PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS:** The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this club’s proceedings to which they are applicable.

- 4. **ANNUAL AUDIT:** An annual audit of the club’s -financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

**ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS**

1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly by the club membership following the first Executive Board meeting of the year.
- 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 club offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three (3) directors-at-large for the new term to be presented for voting by the club membership.
- C. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the club should they be elected.
- D. To make certain that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable club bylaws.
- E. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies that may occur in elected club offices.

**ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- 1. Policy and Procedures amendments applicable to club operations are not subject to a vote by the club membership.

2. **AMENDING PROCEDURE:** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, at which a quorum is present, providing that prior notice of at least 30 days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend. Balloting by mail may be undertaken when the proposed amendment is of such importance that the wishes of the greatest possible number of club membership should be made known.

A. Any member of the club may propose amendments to the bylaws.

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

#### **ARTICLE IX – STANDING RULES**

This club may adopt Standing Rules to provide guidelines and procedures by which the club may function and operate.

#### **ARTICLE X – LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION**

This club may be dissolved by a majority vote of club members. All of the physical property of the club shall be offered for sale to the club members before being offered to the public. Proceeds, after payment of all debts, shall be donated to a qualified non-profit charity or charities of the club's choice.

#### **REVISIONS:**

1. By majority vote of club members, the GMC Great Lakers Motorhome Club is an independent, nonprofit organization, not operating under the authority or control of any parent organization. By Laws revision dated on October 27, 2019. Approved by 71% of club membership on November 30, 2019.