

# **ELK INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER**

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE 1 – CHAPTER NAME**

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the ELK INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER of the FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as Chapter and FMCA.

### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

1. To promote the aims and objectives of FMCA as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of said Association and Elkdom within FMCA.
2. To provide fellowship and cooperation among FMCA owners and ELK members within the FMCA International Area, by carrying out activity and functions on behalf of its members for their common benefit.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

1. To be eligible for and maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must own at least one-third (1/3) of an FMCA approved coach, be a member in good standing with FMCA and a local BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS (BPOE) Lodge and meet all provisions set forth in the Bylaws and Standing rules of this Chapter.
2. Members' rights and responsibilities are specified in the Chapter Standing Rules.
3. Membership in this Chapter shall not be denied to any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality or disability.

### **ARTICLE IV – FISCAL YEAR**

1. The fiscal year of the Chapter is January 1 through December 31.

### **ARTICLE V – CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION**

1. This Chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving its existence and authority from the consent of its membership assembled in meeting.
2. CHAPTER MEETINGS; The term "meeting" shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Chapter.
  - A. BUSINESS MEETINGS; The Chapter must hold a least two (2) business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least 14 days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.
  - B. BI-ANNUAL ELECTIONS: Every two years the business meeting at the FMCA Summer International Convention shall be an Annual Meeting at which an election is held to elect and install Chapter officers including a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director.

