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As adopted by The Great Outdoors Ambassadors Chapter of FMCA

Date: February 4, 2019.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the organization shall be The Great Outdoors Ambassadors Chapter, Family Motor Coach Association, Inc., Titusville, FL, herein after, referred to as Ambassadors. The areas of activity and the objectives of this chapter are not necessarily limited by any governmental boundaries.

ARTICLE II

APPLICATION OF NATIONAL BYLAWS

The national bylaws are herewith adopted in their entirety, insofar as they may apply to this chapter and as promulgated by the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc., herein after, referred to as FMCA. The supplemental bylaws contained herein shall define only the operation of this chapter and only to the extent that such supplemental bylaws are not inconsistent with the national bylaws.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A member must own a self-contained (a wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities) recreational vehicle or at least 1/3 interest in a self-contained (a wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities) recreational vehicle in order to vote or hold office in FMCA, a chapter, or an area association or to serve on a national committee. In accordance with the definition of "member," a surviving spouse or partner retains the membership. One vote per FMCA membership number.

## ARTICLE IV

### FISCAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Ambassadors shall be the first day of January and end the last day of December of the same calendar year.

## ARTICLE V

### DUES

#### Section I Annual Dues

The annual dues for each membership in the Ambassadors shall be \$15.00 per fiscal year for Full, Full Lifetime or Life Members. Membership dues may be changed by resolution at a general meeting.

#### Section II Annual Dues – Payment Terms

Dues from prospective members shall be the full amount required for the fiscal year in which the application is accepted... Renewal dues from members of this chapter shall become due and payable at the beginning of each fiscal year.

#### Section III Annual Dues - Arrears

Any member whose chapter dues remain unpaid for two months after said dues become due and payable shall not be deemed to be in good standing until said dues are paid. Any member who shall remain in arrears in the payment of dues for the period of three (3) months shall be deemed to have forfeited membership in this chapter of FMCA, without act, and shall forthwith cease to have any right, title, or interest in the affairs, conduct or property of the chapter.

#### Section IV

#### Quorum of Officers/Directors

A quorum at Directors' meetings shall consist of a majority of the entire Board of Directors. The acts approved by a majority of those present at a meeting at which quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the Board of Directors, except when approval by a great number of Directors is specifically required by these bylaws.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

#### Section I Chapter Business Meetings

There shall be at least two (2) chapter business meetings at least 14 days apart, each fiscal year. One (1) of the meetings must be an annual meeting at which its voting membership is to elect

chapter officers for a two (2) year term. The President and Secretary will alternate terms with the Vice President and Treasurer, providing smoother transitioning.

#### Section II Quorum

At any duly announced chapter meeting, 25% of the membership, in good standing, or 15 members, whichever is less, who are eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum. One vote per FMCA membership number.

#### Section III Rally Master

A Rally Master shall be appointed by the chapter president. The rally master shall be in charge of arrangements, assistance in emergencies, control of objectionable noise, marking of confusing road junctions, ground housekeeping, and any and all other matters which relate to the physical arrangements and conduct of said rally or campout. The rally master may enlist the aid of one (1) or more assistant rally hosts, as he/she may determine to be necessary for the performance of his/her duties.

### ARTICLE VII

#### CHAPTER OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### Section I Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be selected by the President of the chapter and serve during the chapter fiscal year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) chapter members, in good standing, not less than 30 days prior to the scheduled election of officers. This committee will nominate all chapter officers, and a National Director and an Alternate National Director, if desired, to sit on the governing board. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit such person, or any other eligible member, from being nominated for any available office, no later than the meeting at which the Nominating Committee's report is presented. All nominees must indicate clear acceptance to serve if elected. The Nominating Committee shall further function, as required, to fill vacancies which may occur in elected chapter offices.

##### Section II Definition of Officers

Election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. The chapter officers shall consist of an elected President, one (1) or more Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The duties of the elected officers shall be as defined in the national bylaws, and in particular, those portions relating to chapter operations, and such other duties as defined in the chapter bylaws. The date and results of the election of chapter officers shall be promptly reported in writing to the national headquarters.

### Section III Duration of Term

The terms of the chapter officers shall begin immediately after their election, and be for two (2) years. Each officer shall hold office until expiration of their term, and/or until a successor has been elected or until resignation or removal. The term of the National Director or Alternate National Director shall be for one (1) year and shall begin fourteen days after receipt by the national headquarters of notification provided by the Chapter Secretary of such election. There shall be no limit to the number of terms a National Director or Alternate National Director may serve on the Governing Board. The President and Secretary will alternate terms with the Vice President and Treasurer, providing smoother transitioning. The President and Secretary will be elected in even numbered years. The Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected in odd numbered years.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DISCIPLINE – RECALL OR EXPULSION

#### Section I

Final authority for the expulsion of members of this chapter and for the recall of officers shall be decided by a majority vote of the chapter membership. Any member, director or officer of this chapter is subject to expulsion, discipline or recall from the chapter for any of the following offenses:

- A. Violation(s) of the national constitution or bylaws of the Association, or of this chapter.
- B. Violation(s) of any rules lawfully made by or under the authority of the chapter officers.
- C. Violation(s) of and/or disregard of the Code of Ethics of FMCA.
- D. Any willful act or course of conduct contrary to the best interest of FMCA, or its members.
- E. Conviction of a felony.
- F. Failure to perform the duties of his/her office in a reasonable manner.
- G. Misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of office.
- H. Fraud, deceit, theft or embezzlement of any of the property of this chapter.
- I. Constant and continuous expression of dissatisfaction with the chapter, Association, its officials and/or its members at any places other than the regular meetings of the members.

## ARTICLE IX

### LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

In the event of liquidation or dissolution of the Ambassadors, all physical property of the chapter shall be sold and turned into cash. Such cash shall be deemed the property of the Ambassadors and shall be transmitted to a non-profit organization selected by the Ambassadors.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The bylaws of the Ambassadors may be amended by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present at a duly called meeting with prior notice, of at least 30 days. Balloting by email may be undertaken when the proposed amendment is of such importance that the wishes of the maximum possible number of the chapter membership should be made known. In any event, amendments shall be automatically accomplished as may be required by existing provisions, or future amendments, to the national bylaws, FMCA. Such automatic conforming amendments shall not be subject to prior or future vote of the chapter's membership.

## ARTICLE XI

### MEMBERS AND VOTING RIGHTS

Any action which is required to be taken by Members of the Association may be so taken by a vote of a majority of a quorum.

## ARTICLE XII

### RULES OF ORDER

The current edition of "The Newly Revised Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern the Ambassadors in all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.