

BYLAWS GMC CLASSICS

Effective July 2021

ARTICLE I - CLUB NAME

The Name of this non-profit organization shall be the GMC Classics Club, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

ARTICLE II- OBJECT

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

AREA/SCOPE: This club functions in the South Central United States, mainly in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, with a special interest in the care and preservation of the TZE motorhomes manufactured by General Motors from 1973 to 1978.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

1. ELIGIBILITY:

A. Eligibility for membership in this Club requires the prospective member own a GMC motorhome (with the exception noted in Section 2, below) and meet the dues requirement. Membership in the Club shall not be denied any person because of race, religion, color, marital status, age, nationality or disability.

B. 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.

C. The term "Membership", is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a Qualifying Motor Coach.

D. The term "member" is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitute a membership. The voting rights of each member are defined in the description of each category.

2. FAMILY ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: In order to perpetuate long-standing friendship, good fellowship and cooperation among members of this Club, this classification is available on request by a member in good standing that no longer owns a qualifying coach (GMC). Family Associate Members shall pay the same dues as full members and will enjoy the same rights and privileges as full members.

3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: This membership may be bestowed on those members who have provided outstanding service to the club while holding full membership in the Club. These members must be nominated by the Executive Committee and presented to the Club for approval at the next scheduled business meeting. No dues are required and no voting rights will be extended to an Honorary Member.

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 this Club. The annual dues for membership in this club shall be an amount the membership shall establish from year to year by resolution at a general meeting. In no event shall dues be less than \$25.00 per year. (See Standing Rules).

B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues from Club members become due and payable at the beginning of the fiscal year, 1 January.

C. OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP TERMS: Members may choose to avail themselves of a 5-year membership or a Lifetime Membership. The dues for these classes of membership in this club shall be an amount the membership shall establish by resolution at a general meeting. In no event shall dues be less than \$100.00 for the 5-year membership and \$250.00 for the Lifetime Membership.

D. INITIAL APPLICATION: Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Club dues. If an initial application is accepted during the last (3) months of a fiscal year, the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.

E. ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than (2) months after becoming due shall be deemed to have forfeited membership and will have no further right, title, or interest in the affairs, conduct or property of this club.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of elected officers shall be defined in the STANDING RULES of GMC Classics.

2. TERMS OF OFFICE: The elected officers of this Club shall serve a term of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected. Any member in good standing may challenge a sitting officer before their term is up and a special election shall be held at the fall rally for that year.

3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:

A. Individual members may hold no more than two (2) offices in the club.

B. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.

C. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Club property, except as required by law.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. The officers of the Club shall constitute the Executive Committee. (See Standing Rules)

B. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between its business meetings. The Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Club, and none of its acts shall be in conflict with the Club.

C. The Nominating Committee shall have the responsibility of nominating members to fill open officer positions as they may arise. The nominated member(s) shall be ratified by the membership at the next occurring club rally. Other members may be nominated at that time from the floor as described in Section 3 above and, if necessary, an election will be held at said rally.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

1. APPOINTMENT: Committee members and Chairperson shall be appointed by the President.

2. DUTIES: All committees shall function within the policies of the Club and under the direction of the President. Financial reports, vouchers, and monies due the Club shall be submitted on a timely basis.

3. QUORUM: A Committee Quorum shall be a simple 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 assembled in meeting or, in certain instances, by mail or email vote on stated propositions.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR: The fiscal and membership year of the Club shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

3. CLUB MEETINGS:

A. **TYPES:** The term "meeting" shall include coach rallies or any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Club and duly announced to the Club membership. Members shall not be required to attend any number of meetings nor any meetings at all; however, members are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible.

B. **BUSINESS MEETINGS:** The Club must hold at 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.

C. **ANNUAL ELECTION:** The general membership is to elect Club officers, including a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other officers as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee with approval of the membership. (See standing Rules) This annual election shall be held at the Fall Rally if there are open positions to be filled. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination their slate of officers, then nominations from the floor shall be called for. Installation to take place at the following Winter Rally.

D. **CHALLENGE ELECTION:** If, during their 3-year term, another club member wishes to challenge an officer for their position, an election shall be held between the current office holder, and the challenging member. Such elections shall be held at the Fall Rally.

E. **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Club meeting is twenty-five percent (25%) of the Club family unit membership or ten (10) family unit members, whichever is less.

F. **VOTING:** Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of members in good standing, present and voting, shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.

The Club has established that voting will be 1 vote for each adult member.

Balloting by mail or e-mail may be undertaken when proposed matter is deemed to be of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.

G. MAINTAINING ORDER: The President or other officer who is presiding over meetings of the club shall maintain order in a manner that said officer deems appropriate.

4. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS: The Treasurer shall make available to all members, via the club website, the financial records of the club's business. Said records shall be available at any time during the year. The Treasurer shall also make available said records to any member who requests them, should the member be unable to access the records on the club website for whatever reason.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee. The Club President may, at his or her option, add additional members from the general membership of the club.

B. Appointment 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 Officers of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other Club officers as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee with the approval of the membership. (See Standing Rules)

C. To report their slate of officers at the Fall Rally.

D. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Club should they be elected.

E. To make sure that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable Club bylaws.

F. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies that occur in elected Club offices.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

1. AMENDING PROCEDURE:

A. These Bylaws may be amended by a Two-Thirds 2/3 affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least thirty (30) days has been given to the proposition(s) to amend. Balloting may be by mail or email in lieu of a duly called meeting. In this case, a 2/3 majority of returned ballots is required for passage.

B. Any member of the Club may propose changes in the Bylaws by submitting them to the Executive Committee for consideration. Proposals must be in writing and clearly state the proposed change(s). 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 this Club, by majority vote of the Club, all of the remaining assets of the Club shall be contributed to the purpose(s) for which the Club is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.

ARTICLE X - STANDING RULES

Standing rules may be adopted to establish or clarify Club policies and practices not related to parliamentary procedures and are subordinated to and in accordance with Club bylaws. Standing rules are adopted by a majority vote, are amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without previous notice or by majority vote with such notice. This action may be done at any regular meeting by a vote of those present. Standing rules may be temporarily suspended for the duration of a meeting by a majority vote.