

BYLAWS FOR CHAPTER 29 OF ESCAPEES RV CLUB

ARTICLE I: NAME, LOCATION, AND RECORDS

Section 1. The name of Chapter 29 is the Carolina Rovers.

Section 2. The general geographic area is loosely defined as North and South Carolina.

Section 3. The chapter records shall be kept in triplicate, with one copy in the possession of the secretary, one in the possession of the president, and one copy sent to the national headquarters of Escapees RV Club.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

This chapter was reorganized on April 2011 for the purpose of providing a framework for members of Escapees RV Club to make new friends through organized rallies and other announced social activities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this chapter is open to all current members of Escapees RV Club.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The elected officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two officers at large as designated by the President. The officers shall constitute the executive board.

Section 2. The term of office for each elected officer shall be two years; however, each officer shall serve until replaced. Terms will be staggered. Officers may serve more than one term.

Section 3. In the event the chapter is unable to fill the position of vice president or officers-at-large, it shall not constitute a violation of these bylaws. *Section 4.* Duties of officers are described in the *Chapter Officers Handbook* from national headquarters.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. Conducting the business of this chapter shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order when such rules are not in conflict with the bylaws or specific directives from Escapees RV Club.

Section 2. A quorum of 10% of members, including one elected officer, shall be required for conducting the business of the chapter at meetings. A majority vote of members present is required.

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Section 3. A meeting shall be held at each rally where a quorum is present. A minimum of one rally a year must be held. All members shall be notified in writing as to the date, place, and time of all meetings. Such notification requirement will be satisfied by any mailing at least 90 days prior to the event, including, but not limited to, the chapter newsletter and/or *Escapees* magazine.

Section 4. Executive board meetings shall be held at the call of the president, or at the request of any other two elected officers.

Section 5. Accurate minutes must be kept of business conducted at all meetings. Minutes will be the only legal record of all meetings. Votes at all meetings will be recorded, and at the board meetings votes are to be recorded by name.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers shall be elected at the Spring meeting.

Section 2. Nominations: A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president at least six months prior to the month of the election. The nominating committee shall obtain at least one nominee for each office. Other members may mail in nominations for any office. All nominees must give written consent to be considered. Exception: Additional nominations, with verbal consent, may be taken from the floor of a regular meeting.

Section 3. Voting shall be by ballot. A majority of votes cast is required to elect each officer.

Section 4. The new officers will assume their respective offices at the Spring meeting immediately after the Executive Board ratifies the election.

ARTICLE VII: DUES

The dues will be a minimum of \$5.00 annually and no more than \$20.00 annually, and will due on Dec. 31st of each year. Any member whose dues are not paid by June 1st shall be dropped from the chapter rolls with prior notification. Any new member joining before June 30, dues will be applied to the current calendar year. New members joining after July 1st, dues will be applied to the next calendar year. The amount of dues shall be set forth in the standing rules.

ARTICLE VIII: EMERGENCY ACTION

In the event that any required action cannot be completed as set forth in these bylaws, the executive board may take emergency action for the benefit of the chapter, which emergency action must be submitted to the membership for ratification by ballot.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended or revised only after written approval of Escapees RV Club. All members must be notified of proposed amendments and furnished with a ballot to be returned. Approval of two-thirds of the ballots received is required for an amendment to carry.

ARTICLE X: STANDING RULES

The chapter may adopt a set of standing rules to cover activities and/or situations not specified in the bylaws. These standing rules may not be in conflict with, or supersede, the bylaws. These standing rules may be adopted, amended, revised, or repealed at any publicized meeting upon approval of two thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XI: INDEMNIFICATION

Each officer and committee member, while serving as such, shall be indemnified against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she may be subjected because of service, or by reason of any act or omission alleged to have been committed by such officer or committee member, unless such act is the result of a willful or grossly negligent act or omission on the part of said officer or committee member.

ARTICLE XII: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Any officer, rally host, committee member, member, or guest who is handling any type of funds for the chapter shall keep an accurate account of such funds, including receipts and disbursements, and shall turn over said funds, with a written balance accounting, to the treasurer in an expeditious manner.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this chapter, all obligations shall be paid and any remaining assets shall be sent to Escapees RV Club. Escapees RV Club shall not be liable for any debts incurred by the chapter .

ARTICLE XIV: RELEASE OF OFFICER

Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of all of the Board (which consists of officers and official appointments, e.g. editor, historian, etc.) and / or with approval from Escapees Chapter Directors, or he/she may resign at any time.

STEPS IN MAKING AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

This directive is based on form number 631, "Bylaws for Chapters of Escapees RV Club." This is suggested procedure only.

1. Make sure you think it is a good idea.
2. Compose the proposed amendment and have it proofread so you won't have to go through the entire procedure again for a minor mistake or omission.
3. Review your proposal with all officers or other members to eliminate possible objections that might result in a surprise "no" vote.
4. If possible, have it reviewed by chapter directors before a vote to save time and trouble.
5. Have the proposed amendment included in the chapter newsletter, along with a ballot that includes the date, time, and place that the ballots will be counted. This must be done far enough in advance to assure that virtually all chapter members have the opportunity to cast their ballots.
6. Campaign as appropriate to ensure passage. This may be done by requesting an article to be published in the chapter newsletter.
7. Two-thirds of the ballots cast must be in favor of the amendment. Note that the requirement of advanced notification of all members precludes any changes to this amendment from the floor at the time the ballots are counted. Any changes to this amendment (or any other bylaw provision) must be made by following this directive.
8. Submit approved amendment to National for final approval.
9. If and when approval is received, the amendment is in effect. It must then be published in the next chapter newsletter.

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