# Amendment No. 1

# **Proposed by: Delegates**

As instructed by the Delegates at the June 30, 2012, meeting, the following amendment has been reviewed and revised by the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article VI (Title: Qualifications of Membership), Section 1, by inserting after "Airstream, Inc." and before the words "shall be.." the following: or a class A motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc., beginning with the 2007 model year, and

at the end of this section, add the following: **Ownership of a Thor manufactured class A motor home shall be by a LIFE or a minimum 10 year member.** 

Section 1 would then read as follows:

An adult who owns a hard sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., or a class A motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc., beginning with the 2007 model year, shall be eligible for membership. Ownership of a Thor manufactured class A motor home shall be by a LIFE or minimum 10 year member.

and

Insert in Section 2.B of this Article after the words "Airstream, Inc.," and before "as defined in this article" the following: **or Thor Industries, Inc.,** 

Section 2.B would then read as follows: Ownership, except as provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., or Thor Industries, Inc., as defined by this Article, and the payment of annual Unit and International dues to a Unit is prerequisite to retaining membership as a regular member.

(The changing of Section 2.C is not recommended at this time.)

Further, the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the amendment of the WBCCI Constitution, Article III (Title: Visions, missions and Objectives), Section 1, by inserting between the words "for Airstream" and the word "owners.", the following: **and specified Thor.** 

Section 1 would then read as follows:

**Vision Statement.** Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. maintains its unique position of strength and visibility among recreational vehicle organizations as the recreational vehicle club of choice for Airstream **and specified Thor** owners.

and

In Section 2 of the same Article, insert between the words "of Airstream" and the words "owners" the following: and specified Thor.

Section 2 would then read as follows:

**Mission Statement.** Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. is a diverse community of Airstream and specified Thor owners with a commitment to Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

#### **RATIONALE**

The basic issue on this proposed amendment appears to be whether to keep the Club "pure" Airstream or give primary consideration to "membership". The intent of this proposed amendment has these purposes:

- 1. An attempt to win back former WBCCI members who have chosen the motor home lifestyle either by desire or physical requirements due to the fact that since the 2006 model year Airstream no longer manufactures class A motor homes.
- 2. To provide a suitable choice for current Airstream class A owners who would prefer to have a newer RV.
- 3. To establish a business relationship with a second Thor Industries Company for the purpose of shared interests and resources to the mutual benefit of WBCCI, Airstream and Thor Motor Coach Company.
- 4. Continue to maintain our present status as an independently owned corporation with a willingness to diversify our member base by selected non-Airstream products within the Thor Industries umbrella as only towable Airstreams and class B motorized vehicles are now produced by the Airstream Company, and therefore, not limit our membership to a reduced portion of the RV public.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

If not passed, none. If passed, a reasonable increase in membership resulting in increased income.

As directed by the Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, this Committee makes this statement: The committee considers this proposed amendment to be a valid motion for consideration of the Delegates at the 2013 Delegates Meeting and the decision of the Delegates will not compromise the Constitution. The major issue of this motion is the content of Section 1, and all other additions to the amendment motion are for purposes of keeping the Constitution consistent. It is noted that there is no provision for individuals to become new members by this amendment in the purchase of a Thor product. This is one of a number of options open to the Delegates as potential modifications to this Constitutional Amendment Motion as they determine what is best for our organization.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Delegates at the 2012 Delegates Meeting voted to send the proposed amendment concerning the inclusion of Thor Industries, Inc. class A motor homes to the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the purpose of "perfecting" the motion, and then to present the modified motion to the 2013 Delegates Meeting. Since the 2012 Amendment was not voted up or down, the WBCCI Parliamentarian has ruled that the motion now presented is a NEW Amendment Motion, therefore, any action or voting considered last year is not binding on deliberations of the 2013 Delegates.

The only successful vote from the 2012 Meeting was the insertion of "ONLY LIFE OR MINIMUM 10 YEAR MEMBERS" would be considered as eligible to continue WBCCI membership with a Thor Industries class A motor home. This, also, may be retained or omitted, by amending this motion.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

Airstream has built fifth wheel and fiber glass trailers, and even a single class C, previously. There has been no sustained call for a remanufacturing of these products, only the class A motor home. This has been considered previously and still remains an issue before the Club membership. Therefore, this is the subject of this Constitutional amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Shafer, Chairman, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee Committee Members: Carol Ortiz, Jean Helker