

April 2012

UNDER THE AWNING WITH ED



It's that time of year again when the Unit has to voice our opinion on what WBCCI policies, procedures and practices need changed or revised. In this issue of the Badger Bulletin you will find the new motions that need your votes, read them carefully and vote accordingly. I will not offer the Unit an opinion other than this.... Lets get back to

Airstreaming and not spend a bunch of time with the politics of the club. It is what it is and it will be what those in charge want it to be.

In the last issue, John was kind enough to fill my space with an update on our new home in Door County. As I write this today I am in our home in Appleton surrounded by our entire worldly possessions placed in many, many, many boxes. I can't believe what a family of 4 can accumulate in 20 years, but here I sit in the middle of it all! The movers will be here next week and off we go to our place in Brussels. It's been an interesting year to say the least.

Our new address is:

9186 County Road K
Brussels, WI, 54204

Sandy - 920-475-7893 and her email is
sandyemerick@yahoo.com

Ed - 920-475-7891 and my new email is
edward.emerick@gmail.com

With all that is going on we are packed and ready to camp this weekend, something we have done for many Easter weekends over the years. It's time for a break and time to Stream! Get those units out of storage and hit the road, its time to go. The Wisconsin Unit wants to provide you with the opportunity to do what you want amongst other Airstreamers in Airstream products in an inviting place.

Until next time I see you, enjoy the ride.

Ed Emerick, President

The Wisconsin Unit

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**May Rally Flyer
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Elkhorn, Wisconsin
May 10 - 13, 2012**



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Upcoming Events

April Camp Out, April 27 – 28, 2012, Wisconsin Dells KOA, South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 608-254-4177. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711 bob.manak@wbcci.net (See flyer page 9)

April Luncheon & Business Meeting, April 28, 2012
11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI
608-254-1122 Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak,
262-524-8711 bob.manak@wbcci.net (See flyer page 9)

May Rally, May 10 – 13, 2012 Walworth County
Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI Hosted by Arlene & Dick Redell,
262-248-6108 redella@yahoo.com (See flyer page 10)

Caravan to Alumapalooza, May 26 – 29, 2011.
From Emerick's Aluminum Acres, Brussels, WI to the
Alumapalooza rally, Jackson Center, OH. Led by Ed &
Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893 SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

Brief Editorial

We regret that the usual cheery, effervescent content of the *Badger Bulletin* has been supplanted this month by Weighty Matters to be voted upon at the spring business meeting. This issue will be filled with the official motions, opinions of the Constitution and By Laws Committee, and legal opinions. In other words, **b-o-o-o-ring**. Sorry 'bout that.

The centerpiece of this year's International issues is the re-introduction of the proposed revised constitution which was introduced last year and then withdrawn. This year's handling of the proposed revised constitution has achieved a level of confusion exceeding even last year's. A brief recounting of the history of the matter may be helpful.

Late in 2010, 2010-11 International President Norm Beu appointed a Special Committee to come up with a revised constitution for the WBCCI. As was explained at the time, *revising* the constitution is a different matter than *amending* the constitution, a distinction based on abstruse sections of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

In the spring of 2011 the revised constitution was presented to the membership to be voted on in preparation for the June, 2011 Delegates Meeting. But just prior to the Delegates Meeting, the International President withdrew the motion.

Little has been heard of the revised constitution since then. However the official International ballot issues sent to Unit Presidents on March 31 included a motion by current International President Barry Heckenswiler to adopt the revised constitution.

In the mean time, several interested parties, including former members of the 2011 constitutional revision committee, proposed amendments to the revised constitution to be introduced at the Delegates Meeting, and emailed the proposed amendments to Unit Presidents.

The current International President, in an email to Unit Presidents dated March 28, 2011, advised that these members of the former constitutional revision committee "were not authorized to act on WBCCI's behalf" and that "the information provided must not be considered the official response of WBCCI."

Also, in an email dated March 26, 2011, Region 7 1st Vice President Linda Agre advised that the revised By Laws and Policy Manual proposed by the constitutional revision committee to go along with the proposed revised constitution "never went anywhere" and to disregard them.

And finally, the Constitution and By Laws standing committee, which opposed the revised constitution in 2011, is again opposing it in its 2012 opinion letter, reprinted on pages 4 – 5 of this newsletter. This year's CBL opinion letter is especially critical of the Delegates Meeting being asked to amend the proposed revised constitution.

Based on the foregoing facts, *my* prediction is that the International President will most likely call for an up-or-down vote on the proposed revised constitution and rule any amendments proposed from the floor to be out of order. [Note: I am not authorized to act on WBCCI's behalf and the information provided in the preceding sentence must not be considered the official response of WBCCI.]

However, our Unit President has decided to include the proposed amendments on our Unit ballot for the guidance of our Delegate if these motions do come to the floor.

Let the games begin!

Region 7 Rally Plans

By Linda Agre, Region 7 1st Vice President

The plans for the Region 7 Rally at Spicer, MN are well under way. One of the 'do different' suggestions was to have officers leadership get-togethers before the rally started. So on a first time trial basis I would like to extend an invitation to all Unit officers, web masters, and newspaper editors to a pre-rally get together, 'think tank' session on Wednesday morning August 8:

9:00 a.m. Presidents & Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers

10:00 a.m. Newsletter & Website Editors

11:00 a.m. Membership & Mentoring Chairpersons.
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(Region 7 Rally Plans, continued)

Every Unit Member is welcome. So if a member is thinking about taking an office this would be a good chance to ask questions and get a feel for the job.

This would mean that officers would have to come in on Tuesday, August 7th. Now I know most of you can teach me a thing or two but we have new officers that could benefit from your expertise. It will give us a chance to meet Unit Officers, share ideas, get to know each other better, and promote joint unit rallies and caravans.

Please let me know if you will be attending, also would like to know if you are NOT interested. My e-mail address is: agre5628@aol.com

On another note: Our Fund Raising Project will be the Peace Gardens Monument which was approved by the IBT in January 2012.

Don't forget to call in your reservations before July 1, 2012.

Look forward to seeing you in Spicer -----Linda

Spring Business Meeting Ballot Issues

Election of International Officers

Leading off the 2012 Delegates Meeting is election of International officers for the 2012-13 term. As usual there is only one candidate for each office, as follows:

International President – Don Clark

First Vice President – John Boutwell

Second Vice President – John Stumpf

Third Vice President – Joe Perryman

Recording Secretary – Cecelia Stansbury

Treasurer – Kathy Hampel

Nominating Committee (2) - C. C. Gartman
Carolyn Florence

Amendment No. 1 New WBCCI Constitution

Proposed by International President

The proposed revised constitution has not changed from the one proposed in 2011. The complete revision package can be viewed or downloaded from the WBCCI web site at <http://www.wbcci.org/documents/Delegates%20Mailing%20only%20amendment1.pdf>

The revised constitution, just as it is without editing marks, comments, etc. has also been provided by WBCCI HQ and may be viewed or downloaded at the Wisconsin Unit web site, http://wisc.wbcci.net/files/2012/03/Revised_Constitution.pdf

To summarize very briefly, major changes to the existing constitution are

1. Replace the present Delegate's Meeting with a "Member Caucus" with direct member voting
2. Change the procedure for amending the constitution
3. Eliminates the office of International 3rd Vice President
4. Changes the name of "Regions" to "Areas"
5. Changes the "Code of Ethics" to "Standard of Conduct"

Delegate Motion No. 1

Amends the proposed revised constitution to retain the Delegate's Meeting as presently constituted.

This motion may be viewed or downloaded at the Wisconsin Unit web site, http://wisc.wbcci.net/files/2012/03/Delegate_Motion_1.pdf

Delegate Motion No. 2

Amends the proposed revised constitution to give the Delegate's Meeting the power to review and repeal or amend WBCCI By Laws and Policies

This motion may be viewed or downloaded at the Wisconsin Unit web site, http://wisc.wbcci.net/files/2012/03/Delegate_motion_2.pdf

Delegate Motion No. 3

Amends the proposed revised constitution to restore the method of constitutional revision by direct vote of the units as established by Article XVI, Section 1 of the present constitution.

This motion may be viewed or downloaded at the Wisconsin Unit web site, http://wisc.wbcci.net/files/2012/03/Delegate_motion_3.pdf

Amendment No. 2 Motor Home Amendment

Proposed by the International Board of Trustees

This proposed amendment would open up WBCCI life membership to owners of any Thor motor home in addition to Airstream products.

This amendment is reproduced in its entirety on pages 6 – 7 of this newsletter.

The Constitution and Bylaws opinion letter is included on page 8.



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AMENDMENT 1

March 19, 2012

To: Delegates, 2012 Annual Delegates Meeting, Sedalia, MO

From: Chairman, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1. Recommendations from this committee are contained below as specified by the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, on this matter.
 - A. This matter is being brought forward by the WBCCI President which is allowable under the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Section 2.
 - B. The WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee does NOT recommend the passage of this proposed constitution for the reasons contained within this letter.
 - C. This committee does NOT consider this matter as a amendment to be in proper format, that is, no motion with a rationale, no knowledge as to who the is the originator. Also, the motion in its present form is NOT considered to fully comply with the provisions of the Code of the State of Ohio under which the WBCCI functions as a non-profit corporation. It does not comply with Chapter 1702.11 of the Ohio Code which specifies the content of our corporation regulations (we refer to this as our Constitution), and also other portions of the Ohio Code. This is based on legal counsel.
2. You, as Delegates, are being ask to make additional modifications to the proposed new constitution which you should NOT have to do. You SHOULD have been provided with a new constitution, if one was desired, as a complete and thoroughly researched document, verified as being compatible with any desired provisions that are in compliance with the necessary requirements of the Code of the State of Ohio. You must realize that our organization is a Corporation granted by the State of Ohio that requires compliance.

3. The above situation has been prompted by fact that formulation of the new proposed constitution was not done under the purview of the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This committee was given no input in the development of the proposed document or chance to verify compliance before submission to the Delegates. As a result, you, the Delegates, are being ask to accomplish an almost impossible task, long and arduous requiring maybe several days, with still no realization that the efforts of your work will be in compliance with the Ohio Code until a complete review is accomplished well after the completion of the 2012 Delegates Meeting. Therefore, any document passed should be held to be effective until after a review supervised by the IBT be completed.
4. The recommendation of this committee is that this proposal not be approved, but if the Delegates desire a new revised constitution, desired items be forwarded to this Committee where by the WBCCI Bylaws, an revised constitution, fully compliant, will be submitted and then be made available to the Delegates for consideration. The Delegates are also advised that a two year study was reported in 2005 stating any revision to the Constitution was not necessary, however, if a revised Constitution is desired by the Delegates, as many as possible of the desired modifications will be included that are compliant with the Ohio Code. This likewise would be coordinated by the IBT.
5. As the contents of the proposed constitution have not changed, the data with an article- by- article assessment contained in this committee's recommendation report dated March 18, 2011, still apply. The Delegates should not be placed in a situation where they are called on to do the work of the formulating committee. The Delegates, representing the membership, deserve better and the result of completed work, not suppressed into doing the detail and the time required.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Shafer, Chairman

Amendment No. 2

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Change the Constitution, Page 2, Article VI, Section 2:

In Section 2, insert paragraph C as follows: **Regular Members who are Life Members may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members if they replace their Airstream manufactured recreational vehicle with a Class A motor home manufactured by a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc.**

The existing paragraph C becomes paragraph D with the following changes:

Replace “manufactured by Airstream, Inc.” with **as defined in paragraphs B and C above.**

Existing paragraph D becomes paragraph E

Existing paragraph E becomes paragraph F.

Section 4 after Airstream, Inc. and before who, insert **or a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc.** and after Airstream, Inc. and before owned vehicle, insert **or a Class A motor home as defined in this article.**

These paragraphs of Article IV would then read:

- Sec. 2 C.** Regular Members who are Life Members may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members if they replace their Airstream manufactured recreational vehicle with a Class A motor home manufactured by a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc.
- Sec. 2 D.** Regular Members, who were in good standing when they sold their recreational vehicle as defined in paragraphs B and C above may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members, provided such members do not own another brand of recreational vehicle, except such Regular Members may own another brand of recreational vehicle that is parked in a permanent or semi-permanent location to be used by the members as a vacation facility or a home.
- Sec. 2 E.** Such Regular Members shall possess all the rights and privileges of the International Club, including the right to retain their membership number, except that those who have relinquished their membership number and are to be reinstated as Regular Members in a Unit and the International Club shall be assigned a new membership number by International Headquarters.
- Sec. 2 F.** A Unit shall not establish other requirements for an applicant to be a member of a Unit.
- Sec. 4** Notwithstanding the requirements that ownership of a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1 of this Article, is a prerequisite for membership; not more than ten officers and employees of Airstream, Inc. or a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc., who do not own such a recreational vehicle may be members at any one time, provided they have the use of such an Airstream, Inc., or Class A motorhome as defined in this article owned vehicle in which to participate in International Club activities.

Amendment 2

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Rationale:

We are losing members as their Airstream motor homes age and become no longer road worthy. Not being able to purchase a qualified motor home, they may choose to purchase another brand and drop their membership. If they are Life Members, it would be a commitment to WBCCI.



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March 19, 2012

To: Delegates, 2012 Annual Delegates Meeting, Sedalia, MO
From: Chairman, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1. Recommendations from this committee are contained below as specified by the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, on this amendment.
 - A. This amendment is valid and proper in its format and was forwarded to the 2012 Delegates Meeting by the International Board of Trustees. Consideration of this matter is considered as proper and it meets all the requirements of both the Constitution and further complies with the Code of the State of Ohio under which the WBCCI functions as a non-profit corporation.
 - B. There are both positive and negative considerations on either way the Delegates may choose to vote and as such, this committee proposes no recommendation as it is a personal matter based on what is determined to be the best for the Club. However, the Delegates are reminded that the Constitution makes no provision for limiting the number of times that an amendment on a subject can be brought forward. The fact that this is the second time for this amendment warrants in itself some consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Shafer, Chairman

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

April Camp Out and Luncheon

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 27 – 29, 2012

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Camp Out



KOA-Wisconsin Dells
S235A Stand Rock Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Information: (608) 254-4177
Reservations: (800) 562-4178
Email: wd.koa@frontier.com

Please make camping reservation directly with the KOA as early as possible.

Tell them you are with the Airstream/WBCCI group to get the \$25/night rate.



Directions

2 mi off I-90/94

From east take Exit 87 Hwy 13 N, left at 3rd stoplight on Stand Rock Rd.

From west take Exit 85, left on Hwy 12, left on City A, right on Stand Rock Rd (before bridge).

Luncheon

April 28, 2012, 11:30 AM

Location:

Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South,
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

RSVP by April 20th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

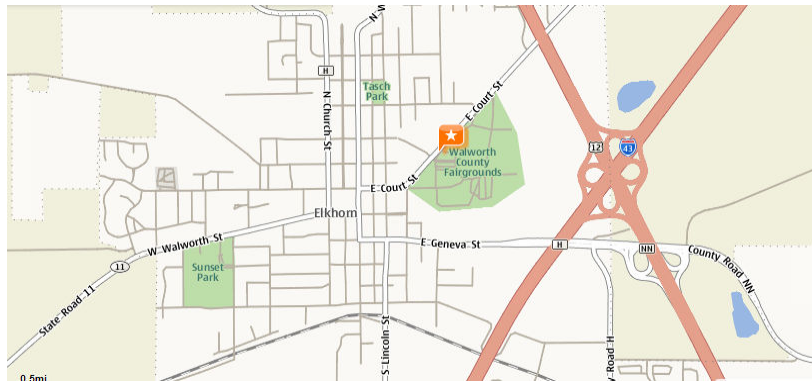
The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.



WBCCI Wisconsin Unit
May Mothers' Day Weekend Rally
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn Wisconsin
May 11 – 13, 2012

Hosted by Arlene & Dick Redell, 262-248-6108 or (cell) 262-215-6000
or (email) redella1@yahoo.com

Walworth County Fairgrounds. 411 E. Court Street Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121 262-723-3228



Directions

Take Hwy 43 to Exit #29 (Hwy 11-Elkhorn) West on Hwy 11 - about 1 mile to fairgrounds.

Camping fee is \$25.00 per night which includes electric, water, dump station on the grounds and use of a heated building with a kitchen. It is possible to come sooner and stay longer if you want at \$25 per night.

No reservations are necessary. Pay the Fairgrounds directly if the office is open. If office is closed, give your check, made out to the Walworth County Fairgrounds, to hosts and they will see that it is paid.

Schedule

Friday: Arrive anytime after 10:00 AM, happy hour, followed by fish fry

Saturday: Breakfast hosted by the Redells, sightseeing, happy hour, supper at the Pizza Ranch

Sunday: Breakfast hosted by the Redells, visit until departure

Questions: Call Arlene Redell 262-248-6108 or 262-215-6000 or redella1@yahoo.com

Some Local Attractions. . .

Lake Geneva Cruise Line, Riviera Docks, 812 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. 262-248- 6206
<http://www.cruiselakegeneva.com/index.php> Tours approx. \$20 – 28 per person

Geneva Lake Museum, 255 Mill Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147 262-248-6060
<http://genevalakemuseum.org/> Admission \$7 per adult

White River State Trail. A 12-mile trail between Elkhorn and Burlington. (State Trail Pass required for bicycling) <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/whiteriver/>

The Dancing Horses Theatre, 5065 Highway 50, Delavan, WI. Shows scheduled 1 PM May 12 & 13
Adults \$25, children \$12.50; lunch available May 12 at extra charge. <http://www.thedancinghorses.com/>

Millie's Restaurant & Shops, 2484 County O South, Delavan, WI 53115 <http://www.millieswi.com/>

And, for you runners, the **Lake Geneva Marathon** will take place the morning of May 12!
http://www.lakegenevasports.com/LG_Marathon/LGMarathon_Main.htm !

No reservations or advance rally registration required—no rally fee!

(Friday night fish fry, Saturday night dinner at the Pizza Ranch, and fees for attractions are on your own.)

April 9, 2012

Wisconsin Unit Ballot for 2012 International Election

The spring unit business meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, April 28, 2012 at the Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Company restaurant, 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. The business meeting will take place immediately following the luncheon which begins at 11:30 AM. This will be an important meeting because we will be discussing proposed revisions to the WBCCI Constitution.

A ballot is enclosed so that those unable to attend the meeting can vote by mail.

In order to vote by mail, mark the enclosed ballot and mail in an envelope addressed to

Teri Boehmer
Wisconsin Unit Secretary
928 Oak Street
Delafield, WI 53018

Be sure to include your name and WBCCI number in your return address on the envelope. It would be good to mark the envelope **BALLOT** so that it won't be mistaken for anything else. Since the Secretary will be attending the rally, **your ballot must be received at the above address no later than April 26, 2012 in order to be counted.**

The Secretary will bring the unopened ballot envelopes to the business meeting so that any member voting by mail who later decides to attend the meeting can take back their unrecorded mail ballot and vote a new ballot at the meeting. The envelopes will be opened at the meeting and the mail ballots counted along with ballots cast at the meeting.

Further information on the two proposed amendments to the WBCCI Constitution is included in the April issue of the *Badger Bulletin* and posted on the Wisconsin Unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/> Paper copies will also be available at the meeting.

The full documentation package (85 pages) on the 2011 revised constitution referred to in Amendment 1 is available at the WBCCI web site,

<http://www.wbcci.org/documents/Delegates%20Mailing%203-30-2011.pdf>

(The revised constitution has not changed since it was introduced in 2011 and subsequently withdrawn from consideration at the 2011 Delegate's Meeting.)

Members are encouraged to inform themselves on these important issues and **vote!**

Wisconsin Unit Ballot for 2012 International Election

This ballot may be mailed to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Unit or voted at the business meeting to be held April 28, 2012 at the April luncheon. To vote by mail, mark your ballot and enclose in an envelope addressed to Teri Boehmer, Wisconsin Unit Secretary, 928 Oak Street, Delafield, WI 53018. Include your name and WBCCI number in the return address.

Mailed ballots must be received by April 26, 2012 to be counted.

International Officers

International President:	Don Clark	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l 1st Vice-President:	John Boutwell	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l 2nd Vice-President	John Stumpf	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l 3rd Vice-President	Joe Perryman	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l Recording Secretary:	Cecelia Stansbury	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
International Treasurer:	Kathy Hampel	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Nominating Committee:	C. C. Gartman	[]
(vote for 2)	Carolyn Florence	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]

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Delegate Authorization

The Delegates Meeting is defined as a "deliberative assembly", meaning that Delegates have the power to discuss and amend matters before them, including matters which have not been voted on by their Units.

Traditionally, Units may allow, or not allow, their Delegate to "vote their conscience", meaning to cast the Unit's vote at the Delegates Meeting in accordance with their understanding of the Unit's wishes.

Should the Wisconsin Unit Delegate and/or Associate Delegate be allowed to cast the Unit's vote on matters not voted upon by the unit in accordance with their understanding of the Unit's wishes?

YES []
NO []

Amendments to International Constitution

Amendment 1. Proposed by International President Barry Heckenswiler.

Amendment 1 replaces the present WBCCI Constitution with a new and extensively revised one.

Since the revised constitution may be further amended at the Delegates Meeting, this ballot includes separate questions pertaining to the proposed constitution as introduced, and as it may be amended.

Should the proposed revised WBCCI Constitution, **as introduced**, be adopted?

YES []
NO []

Delegate Motion 1. Would restore the Delegates Meeting to the Revised Constitution.

FOR []
AGAINST []

Delegate Motion 2. Would give the Delegates Meeting the power to review and amend or repeal sections of the WBCCI By Laws and Policies.

FOR []
AGAINST []

Delegate Motion 3. Would restore the method of amendment of the Revised Constitution by direct vote of the Units.

FOR []
AGAINST []

Should the proposed revised WBCCI Constitution, **as amended at the 2012 Delegates Meeting**, be adopted?

YES []
NO []

Amendment 2. Proposed by the International Board of Trustees. This amendment would open WBCCI life membership to owners of Thor motor homes.

Should Amendment 2 be adopted?

YES []
NO []