

By Laws of  
**Florida Discovery Sunshiners**  
A chapter of the  
Discovery Owners Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this chapter shall be the **FLORIDA DISCOVERY SUNSHINERS** chapter of the Discovery Owners Association, Inc. The Chapter is formed as part of the Discovery Owners Association, Inc., a non-profit, volunteer organization.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose of the chapter is enjoying our Discovery coaches and discovering our friends. The Chapter primarily services Florida DOAI members, but membership is open to all DOAI members

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND FEES**

**Section 1.** Any person or family who owns a Discovery Motor home and is a qualified member of the Discovery Owners Association Inc is eligible for membership in the **Florida Discovery Sunshiners** Chapter. Both Pilot and Co-pilot shall have membership and voting privileges.

**Section 2.** The annual dues for the **Florida Discovery Sunshiners** Chapter shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) a year. A member joining after January, will pay a pro rated amount equal to one dollar (\$1.00) per month for the remainder of the year. Dues are due to the Treasurer by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January each year. These dues were recommended by the chapter officers and accepted by the founding chapter members.

**Section 3.** Regular meetings or campouts of the chapter shall be held two or more times a year. The dates and times will be set by the Chapter officers.

**Section 4.** Special meetings of the membership may be called by the president or any two officers upon notification to all members five days prior to the meeting.

**Section 5.** A quorum shall be 25% of the members.

## **ARTICLE IV**

**Section 1.** The Chapter Officers shall be the administrative body of the Chapter and shall also perform such functions and duties as ordered by the Chapter.

**Section 2.** Any vacancies shall be filled by the officers for the unexpired term.

**Section 3.** The Chapter Officers shall hold meetings as they deem necessary, as the President or any two officers may at any time call a meeting.

**Section 4.** A majority of the officers shall constitute a quorum to hold a meeting on any specific question. Absent officers may mail their vote in to the Chapter Secretary prior to the meeting date or call their vote in by phone/computer during the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Chapter are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Wagon Master. They shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices. They shall be elected by the Chapter members each year at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one (1) year, with a term limit of four (4) years. After serving 4 years in the same position, the individual must stay out of that office for at least one year before they can be eligible for the same office again.

**Section 2.** The Treasurer's report shall be filed for audit at each meeting, and an audit by two non-officer chapter members appointed by the president shall audit the reports and financial records in January of each year.

## **ARTICLE VI – THE BOARD**

The board consists of the elected officers, the past President, and two elected directors.

## **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** The nominating committee shall consist of three or more volunteer non-officer members in September. If less than three members volunteer, the President shall appoint the remaining members to the committee. The Chairman of the nominating committee shall present the proposed slate of officers at the next meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Election of officers will take place at the November/December annual meeting. Officers will assume their duties as of the following January 1.

**Section 2.** Other committees may be appointed by the President and shall act for the duration of their assigned task.

## **ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

**Section 2.** All funds of the chapter shall be deposited in the Chapter's bank account.

## **ARTICLE IX – BY LAWS**

### **Section 1. Amendment of bylaws**

- a. Changes to the bylaws may be proposed, in writing, to the Chapter Secretary, and reviewed by the board of directors, by any member.
- b. Proposed changes to the bylaws will be mailed/emailed to each member thirty days prior to the meeting for which announcement has been made that a bylaws amendment will be presented. The bylaws may then be amended with a 2/3 majority vote of the Chapter members present and voting.

**Section 2.** Standing Rules may be promulgated (put into effect by formal public announcement) to address other Chapter procedures. In case of a conflict, our Chapter bylaws take precedence over our Chapter Standing Rules.

**Section 3.** This chapter will operate under the bylaws and standing rules of Discovery Owner Association, Inc., which shall take precedence over this document.

## **ARTICLE X – TERMINATION OF CHAPTER**

If the activities of the chapter terminate, any property or Chapter funds shall be donated to a non-profit organization, as decided by the Chapter.

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