

Doubletree Suites Owners First International Rally
May 26-29, 2006
Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

Organizational meeting for the Suites Owners International Travel Club was held Saturday morning, 9-12 noon Eastern Daylight Time on May 27, 2006. There were 97 individuals in attendance.

Wayne Rothwell chaired the meeting. Vicki McMaster and Barbara Mohr acted as recording secretaries.

Initial drafts of the proposed by-laws had been posted on the website mobilesuitesrvclub.com previous to the meeting and also mailed to all meeting attendees after payment received for the rally. The initial draft was done with input from Dave & Barbara Mohr, Wayne and Carol Rothwell, Colin and Karen Brittan, Bonnie Fogg, Tom and Cheryl Brockman, and Arnie and Ellie Weisbrot.

Wayne reviewed the goal of the club would be 99% social with events such as rallies and caravans. It was agreed by a show of hands (rising vote) to follow the Roberts Rules of Order. Consensus will be primary method of decisions, with Roberts Rules being followed if there was no consensus.

Wayne turned the floor over to Colin Brittan to run the discussion of the proposed bylaws.

Colin opened the floor for comments regarding the proposed by-lays starting with Article #1. Colin proposed that "SOITC" be used to refer to the club rather than "Suites Owners" or "SOI" or "ITC" in the by-laws. Arnie Weisbrot proposed to take out the " " " in Suites. Both were agreed in the majority.

Article #2- Decision that Arnie Weisbrot would correct grammatically. Unanimously agreed that language "and other related activities" would be added after ...social ...activities, to allow for activities in the future. (also in Article #4)

Article #3- ok

Article #4 - Discussion regarding who should be included- what if other suites added later. Eligibility was discussed. Discussed will there be dues.

Motion by Mike Barr regarding approval of dues for SOITC. Second by Jay Chism, discussion on motion ensued, motion passed.

Article #5 - Ed Verby next raised the question of what is the definition of "family unit". Wayne Rothwell explained that the assumption was a maximum of 2 votes per unit. This was delayed for discussion under Voting on pg 4.

Arnie Weisbrot moved to strike “who resides in the United States or Canada” under definition of a member. Seconded and passed.

Lee Benfield proposed eliminating “membership” since it was redundant with “member”. Ron Diggett seconded. Discussion. Motion failed.

Discussion ensued regarding dues and fees. Explanation of fees given by Wayne, example was fees for the rally.

Renewal – Betty Johnson asked about prorating membership dues. Discussion. Determined that this is covered in #3 Initial Application. No Changes.

Article #6

Discussion regarding business meeting and electronic connections. Connection must be real time. Leave broad to cover new technologies.

Quorum – Ed Verby proposed that each unit has 2 votes regardless of number of people in the family unit. Discussion followed with comments regarding single owners, dual owners etc. Motion by Becky Brazemore that each unit gets two votes. Mike Barr seconded. Motion carried.

Voting – Decision to eliminate the last sentence in this section regarding breaking a tie. Discussion on whether the president will vote. Decision that President will only vote to break a tie.

Correct the lettering of the items in Article #6.3.

Article #6.4 - Jim Bray suggested that change be made from 2 business meetings annually for the regional groups to 1 business meeting. Agreed.

Article #6.6 – Discussion regarding Regional Chapters and adherence to SOITC bylaws. Verbiage clarified.

Board Positions – Discussion on Regional Directors/Regional Clubs. Question on who votes for Regional directors – whole membership?

Arnie Weisbrot make a motion that the Regional Directors are elected from the membership of that region. Dave Mohr seconded. Motion passed.

Point was made that everyone should be required to belong to a region. Each individual can pick his or her region. It was decided to add to the application which region you want to belong. If you are a member of the National club you can go to any function in any region.

Discussion on whether a board position specifically for Canada should be appointed due to the unique requirements Canadians face. 1 Canadian member favored, the others present did not agree. No motion made.

Board will determine state of incorporation.

Discussion regarding changes to by-laws. Mike Barr moved that proxy votes should be required. Any potential change will be published on website and each person can email back their vote or mail back the vote.

Question regarding liability insurance and whether should be addressed in by laws. Tom indicated this would be addressed by the board in the business processes.

Board will decide who has 3-year terms. Board members will be replaced after they are no longer an owner of a suite.

Consensus that agreed upon changes would be made to by laws by recording secretary on Saturday night along with grammatical changes by Arnie Weisbrot to present to attendees on Sunday morning at next meeting.

Wayne Rothwell suggested that each Region should meet at 9:30 am on Sunday prior to the SOITC organizational meeting to elect a Regional Director and discuss region activities.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. Saturday, May 27.