

23 May 2016

Dear SNU Member,

Thomas Smithson, the Region 12 representative to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Board of Trustees (IBT) sent a copy of his effort to revoke the charter of one of the Units in his area, the Sierra Nevada Unit (SNU), to SNU President Gary Haskett. If Smithson succeeds, it means that you will need to renew your WBCCI membership for 2017 with another unit or as a member at large if you wish to remain a member of the WBCCI.

In his efforts, Smithson has undertaken to bypass the authority delegated by the IBT to its standing committee for Constitution and Bylaws as described in the WBCCI Constitution Article IX section 4. He is also attempting to bypass Article XI which is about Unit Charters. The basis of his rationale to revoke the SNU charter with WBCCI is that there has been no formal acceptance of the SNU bylaws submitted in 2007. What Smithson is asking is that the SNU be punished for the IBT's failure to act according to its own Constitution and Bylaws.

It should be noted that the SNU bylaws of 2007 were prepared as a concrete suggestion and example to address governance and management issues in the WBCCI including regulatory compliance, tax exempt status maintenance, and organizational health. That is why the Bylaws section on the SNU website includes a report that discusses these issues, the requirements for the SNU Bylaws, and other related factors needed to understand what is being done and why.

A copy of the documents Smithson sent to the SNU President as well as the rebuttal prepared by the SNU Executive Committee is attached. If you have questions, please review the SNU Bylaws section on its website.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/members/index.html>

Questions, suggestions, or concerns may also be addressed to the SNU Headquarters by email hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or mail 716 Terra Ct, Reno, NV 89506.

Please share these documents and discuss them with other WBCCI members and with your IBT representative. Consider the issues, the manner by which WBCCI Trustees have responded to concrete, solid, and professionally based suggestions for improvement, and how WBCCI is perceived as contrasted to its expressed purpose, goals, and values. Consider whether Smithson's effort is in the best interest of the WBCCI, especially in contrast to the subject of his complaint and the methods he is using to address his concerns.

Note that planned SNU events and activities will not be changed by any of these issues.

Sincerely

SNU Bylaws Committee