

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOXCAR HOBOS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

1. The purpose of this organization is to:

a. entertain children and adults as Clowns, Hobos, and with a Hobo band, & train rides

when allowed and available, and also with other clowns on special occasions.

b. promote the National Association of Boxcar Hobos and the work we do:

c. support and participate in the Child Welfare programs of our sister organization,

the National Boxcar Association and their Annual Children's Party;

d. help entertain the children invited to lunch at the National Promenade, or if possible,

any other activity in which we are asked to participate.

2. Membership Eligibility: You must be either a 40/8 Voiture or a La Femme member in good standing.

a. If no dues are received from a Hobo after two (2) consecutive membership years, the

Hobo /Clown will be dropped from membership. If the Hobo wishes to be reinstated, he/she must

pay the current dues plus a reinstatement fee of \$5.00.

b. If a Charter member does not renew their dues, and should they desire to return to the group at a later date, they will lose their designation as a Charter member.

c. If you apply for life Membership and are accepted, you must pay the rate applied and

also maintain your dues with either the 40 & 8 or La Femmes. If your dues in 40/8 or La Femmes lapse, you will forfeit your Life Membership. Life membership dues are now: \$100 up to age 50, \$75 from age 51 to 60, \$50 from age 61 to 70, and \$25 from age 71 up.

d. Life Membership committee has drawn up the rules and a disclaimer to be signed by

anyone opting for a life membership in the Boxcar Hobo Organization. Rules for Life Membership are as follows:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

1. you must be a member of the 40 8 or La Femme and also a Boxcar Hobo or Hobo Clown in good standing for at least one (1) year.

2. Proof of membership in parent organization must be given whenever

requested.

3. A non refundable (for any reason) fee of \$25 - \$100, depending on age, must be paid in one lump sum.

4. Member MUST maintain membership and the 40 & 8/La Femmes. If your membership is dropped from there, your Hobo membership will automatically be dropped also and your life membership dues forfeited.

5. A completed application for life membership will be kept on file by the National Boxcar Hobo Secretary.

6. A special membership card, Life member pin, and a Life Member patch will be given to each life member at the time your application is approved by the National Boxcar Hobo Secretary. The secretary will determine your 40 & 8 dues or La Femme dues have been paid.

Additional pins and patches may be purchased from the Secretary at a reasonable fee.

7. Life membership applications will be available at the Hobo Meeting at Promenade National. After that date, the applications may be obtained from the national Boxcar Hobo Secretary by calling or writing to him/her.

3. Dues:

Dues are \$5.00 per year unless changed by vote of those present at National Promenade except for Life Membership dues providing you keep your 40 & 8/La Femmes dues current.

Life dues again are: \$100 to age 50, \$75 age 51-60, \$50 age 61-70, and \$25 age 71 and up.

4. Membership year/Fiscal Year: September 1 through August 31.

5. OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

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| a. President | e. Holy Hobo |
| b. Vice President | f. Sergeant-at-arms |
| c. Secretary | g. Executive Board (1 year, 2 yr. and 3 yr.) |
| d. Assistant Secretary | h. Treasurer |
| i. Jr. Past President Secretary, Treasurer, and any Assistants will be bonded. | |

6. Election

- once a year at the National Promenade
- term of office is for one year unless asked to serve another term.
- Eligibility for Office is: any member in good standing who volunteers or is volunteered
- Officers to be elected by nomination and voice ballot at our annual meeting. When Necessary the President and Executive committee would have the authority to appoint a pro-tem officer until such time as an election could be held.

7. Duties of Each Officer shall be:

- To help the National association of Boxcar Hobo grow and promote the projects that we do.