

Texas W Club

By-Laws

Forward: The Texas "W" Club was organized under a charter granted by Winnebago International Travelers (W.I.T.) at the Grand National Rally in 1971. Effective 2023, WIT evolved to become the GoLife Community.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Texas “W” Club.

ARTICLE II – CLUB COLORS AND SYMBOLS

The Texas "W" club colors are Red, White, and Blue. The Texas "W" club symbol shall be a White Star on Blue background with Red letters. Each Club or local chapter may retain their own colors, symbol, and logo.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

1. To promote fellowship, friendship, and fun among all members of The Texas "W" Club and to encourage gatherings and outings at state and local levels.
2. To plan in conjunction with local chapters, the State Rally, and to promote and assist, as necessary, with state meetings.
3. To promote travel safety.
4. To support the GoLife Community as appropriate.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

1. Current or previous owners of current or future Winnebago products may be members of Texas W. This includes Winnebago, Itasca, Newmar, and Grand Design.
2. Current dues paying members may remain a member of Texas W if they purchase another brand of RV.
3. Members that no longer own an RV may remain a member of Texas W and if they are current dues paying members. Members opting not to pay dues may continue as Honorary members but may not vote or hold office.
4. Owners of non-Winnebago products may attend Texas W rallies with an additional fee of \$15 as a guest.
5. The annual dues for Texas "W" Club are as recommended and approved by the club membership and are due on October first of each year. Members not paid by October thirty-first shall be dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a First Vice-president, a Second Vice-president, and a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices.
2. Officers shall be elected each year from membership as part of the business of the State Rally and shall hold office for one year or until successors have been elected and installed. An officer may succeed him/herself in office or another office if elected by the membership. The President and Vice President shall not hold office more than five (5) consecutive one-year terms. A partial term shall not count as a term served. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be exempted from the above requirements and may be combined. The President and Treasurer may not be members of the same household. The President may, if he/she so desires, appoint a parliamentarian to serve and assist him/her during his/her term of office. A ballot will list nominees offered by the nomination committee and allow for nomination(s) from the floor to be a write-in. If more than one member is running for an office the election(s) will be by secret ballot. The Parliamentarian will appoint a committee of three to assist in receiving and counting ballots.
3. If a vacancy occurs during the year, in one or more of the offices provided for in these by-laws, the Board of Officers may appoint a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.
4. The Executive Board for Texas "W" shall be composed of the current officers, immediate past president, and Texas Local Chapter presidents, or designated representatives, who are members of Texas "W". The President of the Texas "W" Club shall serve as Board Chairman. The Immediate Past-President of the Texas "W" club shall serve as a member of the Board and shall serve as Chairmen of the Nominating Committee. In the event a local Chapter President is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice President of that Chapter may take his/her place and assume his/her prerogatives. In the event neither officer can attend that meeting, a delegate may be appointed by that Chapter and should bring with him/her written authority, signed by the President and Secretary of that Chapter, otherwise, he/she may only sit in the meetings as an observer.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES:

1. The President of the Texas W Club may sit as an official member of all committees, except, he/she cannot be a member of a Nominating Committee or sit in with it.
2. The Program Committee shall be the responsibility of the Chapter hosting a particular meeting or rally. A hosting Chapter may ask for additional help and the Texas W Club President may appoint a committee to assist them.
3. A Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate past president, who will act as the chairperson of the Nominating Committee, and two other members of Texas W selected by the chairperson. If the Chairman is unable to attend, the Committee shall elect one of its members as chairman Pro-Tem. The committee will then proceed to select a slate of officers to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. After the Nominating

Committee has made its report, further nominations may be made from the floor. Only the local chapter President or his/her properly accredited alternate may be present and vote when the Nominating Committee is in session.

4. Committees may be appointed by the President and shall serve for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the club year.

ARTICLE VII - MEETING:

1. Regular meetings of the Texas W Club shall, so far as is practical, be held in April, July (Camp Winnebago), and October of each year. The Camp Winnebago meeting is an "open" meeting to Winnebago brand RVs and their owners. Changes may be made to the meeting schedule at a previous meeting, by vote of the membership present, to accommodate various situations that may arise.
2. Business may be transacted at all meetings provided that a quorum is present, and the officers are in their place. A Quorum of the Texas W Club shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership being present at a meeting.
3. The October meeting is designated as the State Rally and is also the annual meeting of the Texas W Club and is the proper time to hold an election of officers for the ensuing year.
4. The newly elected officers shall be installed immediately following the election and shall take office at this time. The first order of business in this case will be new business
5. All records, monies, charter, and properties in care of the outgoing officers should be turned over to the incoming officers at this meeting, or arrangements should be made to do so promptly. An annual audit of the financial records will be made, and the results will be reported at the annual State Meeting.
6. Special meetings of the Texas W Club may be called by the President, or by any three (3) members upon notification of all members of the club in writing, giving the purpose for which the meeting is called. Only the business for which the meeting is called may be transacted at the meeting. A Quorum must be present.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR:

1. The fiscal year of the club shall be from October first to September thirtieth of each year,

ARTICLE IX -BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:

1. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting of the club provided that a quorum is present, and provided that intention to amend the by-laws shall have previously been communicated, in writing to all members.

ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. By- Laws may be adopted at a regular meeting.
2. In case of disagreement, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern any item not specifically covered by the By-Laws.
3. The regular Order of Business at all meetings shall be as follows:
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
 - C. Reading of Treasurer's report
 - D. Introduction of guest(s)
 - E. Unfinished business
 - F. Election of Officers (Annual Meeting only)
 - G. Installation of Officers (Annual meeting only)
 - H. New business
 - I. Program (if planned)
 - J. Adjournment

ARTICLE XI - REPEALING CLAUSE:

1. The adoption of these By-Laws will serve to repeal and supersede all other such By-Laws now in use by the Texas "W" Club.

ARTICLE XII - DISBANDMENT OF CLUB:

1. Upon disbandment of the Texas "W" club, a favorite charity will be given any remaining funds after all indebtedness is paid off. Decision made on charity and final votes are to be given by the active members at the last meeting of the Texas "W" club.

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