

# **BLUEBONNET TRAVELERS CHAPTER BYLAWS 2014**

## **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the BLUEBONNET TRAVELERS CHAPTER of Winnebago-Itasca Travelers, hereinafter Winnebago International Travelers, referred to as WIT.

## **ARTICLE II - Chapter Colors and Emblem**

The Chapter colors are green and blue. The Chapter emblem will be the Bluebonnet Patch shown below.



## **ARTICLE III – Purpose and Objectives**

### **Section 1. Basic Purpose**

To promote fellowship, friendship and fun among all members; to foster and develop social and travel opportunities for the pleasure and use of the members of the Bluebonnet Travelers and to encourage gatherings and outings on state, provincial and international levels.

### **Section 2. Objectives**

- a. To recommend improvements in travel facilities wherever the need exists, to bring these recommendations before the proper state or national agencies and to press for action until the improvements have been made.

- b. To provide for a frequent interchange of travel ideas and to take part in educational programs which improve the public knowledge of travel.
- c. To cooperate with all other organizations which are working toward the conservation of our natural resources.
- d. To plan group rallies, weekend trips and promote traveling safety.
- e. To assist in protecting member's rights as a private RV owner.

## **ARTICLE IV - Membership and Fees**

**Section 1.** Any person or family in the general area of Houston, Texas who own a Winnebago Industries manufactured vehicle and who have been accepted for membership and whose dues are paid to WIT is eligible for membership in the Bluebonnet Travelers Chapter.

**Section 2.** The annual dues for the Bluebonnet Travelers shall be as recommended and accepted by the Chapter. (See Standing Rules)

**Section 3.** Non-WIT member owners of a Winnebago Industries manufactured recreational vehicle may be guests of the chapter a maximum of two times without becoming a member.

**Section 4.** Honorary members of Bluebonnet Travelers may attend all chapter functions but may not vote or hold office.

**Section 5.** Owners of non-qualifying units (anything other than a Winnebago Industries manufactured recreational vehicle) may NOT attend chapter functions as a guest (except at a Friendship Rally).

## **ARTICLE V - Officers**

**Section 1.** The elected officers of the Bluebonnet Travelers Chapter shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall hold office for at least two (2) years. The Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office at the discretion of the membership. The chapter Historian shall be appointed by the President.

**Section 2.** The duties of the elected officers shall be as follows:

**The PRESIDENT shall:**

- a.** Be responsible to membership to lead and coordinate affairs and events.
- b.** Preside over meetings, offer recommendations and suggestions for the members' consideration. In case of a tie vote to cast a vote.
- c.** Appoint committees as needed. Serve as Chairman of all appointed committees except the nominating committee. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the president and will be excused without cause.
- d.** Insure that the provisions of the WIT bylaws are followed.
- e.** Notify WIT immediately of any accident or injury that occurs during any meeting.
- f.** Talk to dealers, coordinates Show and Tell programs.
- g.** Attend outings of other clubs and chapters as often as possible.

- h.** Encourage members to participate in state club and chapter functions.
- i.** Work with the Area Representative in his/her area.
- j.** Request certificates of insurance from the WIT office if required by campgrounds or fairgrounds.
- k.** Follow up with each officer to be sure all duties are being performed.
- l.** Distribute Chapter Birthday patches.
- m.** Maintain an inventory of Bluebonnet Travelers vests, polo shirts and other clothing to be distributed to new members when purchased.

**The VICE-PRESIDENT shall:**

- a.** Preside over meetings if the president is absent.
- b.** Recruit new members for the Bluebonnet Travelers Chapter by contacting new owners of Winnebago products using the new owners list sent out by the WIT Office. Ensure that guests attending our functions receive a new member packet.
- c.** Carry out duties assigned by the Chapter bylaws.
- d.** Assist the president in coordinating affairs and events.

**The SECRETARY shall:**

- a.** Keep accurate up-to-date records of the Chapter membership. Following the election,

send a complete roster and listing of new officers to the WIT Office. A new roster is required annually.

- b. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and its executive board.
- c. Verify that all members and applicants for membership are members of WIT.
- d. Request year patch or birthday patches for chapter's 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year birthdays. To receive chapter birthday patches, a letter of request and a current roster must be sent to the WIT Office.
- e. Submit information on chapter outings and "Who's Inviting Travelers" to the WIT Club News editor. Deadlines can be found in the WIT Club News magazine.
- f. Handle correspondence for the chapter.

**The TREASURER shall:**

- a. Receive, safeguard and keep accurate records of all chapter funds in the name of the chapter.
- b. Submit written reports on funds at each meeting of the chapter. Give oral report to the membership.
- c. Distribute funds only for authorized purposes and only in accordance with the chapter Bylaws and/or Standing Rules.
- d. Distribute patches, logos, vests, shirts, nametags, and other related materials. Collect the money for these items as necessary.

- e. Receive new member applications and send copies to the President and Secretary.

**The HISTORIAN shall:**

Maintain photo albums and electronic files of the chapter as well as other records of activities.

**The IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT shall:**

- a. Serve as an adviser to the president.
- b. Be a member of the Executive Board.

**Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Bluebonnet Travelers Chapter and the immediate past-president.**

**Section 4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the president, the vice-president shall be the president for the remainder of the elected president's term.**

**Section 5. If any other vacancy occurs during the year in any one or more of the elected offices provided for in these Bylaws, the chapter may elect a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.**

#### **ARTICLE VI- Committees**

**Section 1. Committees may be appointed by the President and shall act for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the Chapter year.**

#### **ARTICLE VII - Nominations, Elections and Installation of Officers**

**Section 1. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be dismissed upon election of new officers. The Committee shall place in nomination candidates for all offices at the October Meeting. When this report is made at the November meeting other nominations may be made from the floor and the elections shall follow. Consent for a candidate's name to**

be placed in nomination must be obtained prior to the nomination.

**Section 2.** If more than one candidate's name is placed in nomination, then the election shall be by secret ballot. A majority of votes cast shall be sufficient to elect.

**Section 3.** The installation of officers shall be held immediately following their election.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Meetings**

**Section 1:** Regular Meetings of the Bluebonnet Travelers Chapter shall, as far as practical, be held monthly, the day and hour to be fixed by the membership. Additional meetings may be held if so decided by the membership.

**Section 2:** Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by any three members of the Chapter upon notification to all members of the chapter.

**Section 3:** A quorum of the Chapter shall consist of 25% of the membership and must include one officer.

#### **ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority and Amendments**

**Section 1:** The Bylaws of Winnebago International Travelers and Robert's Rule of Order shall be the authority of all questions of parliamentary law not covered by these Bylaws.

**Section 2:** Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any regular meeting. The proposed amendment may be passed by a 2/3rd' s vote of those present.

**Section 3:** The effective date of these revised Bylaws shall be May 18, 2014.