

BLUEBONNET TRAVELERS CHAPTER BYLAWS 2024

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the BLUEBONNET TRAVELERS CHAPTER of the WINNEBAGO GoLife Community, hereafter referred to as GoLife.

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 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 plan group rallies, weekend trips and promote traveling safety.
- d. 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 owns or previously owned a recreational vehicle of any brand is eligible for active membership in the Bluebonnet Travelers Chapter. Active members pay dues, have voting privileges, and are eligible to hold office.

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

Section 3. Honorary members of Bluebonnet Travelers do not pay dues, may attend all chapter functions, but may not vote or hold office. Honorary members are previously active members who would like remain connected to the chapter even though they may no longer be able to participate in person.

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.

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 the event 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 may be excused without cause.**
- d. Attend outings of other clubs and chapters as often as possible.**
- e. Encourage members to participate in state club and chapter functions.**
- f. Work with the Area Representative in his/her area.**
- g. Follow up with each officer to be sure all duties are being performed.**

The VICE-PRESIDENT shall:

- a. Preside over meetings if the president is absent.**
- b. Carry out duties assigned by the Chapter bylaws.**
- c. Serve as chair of the nominating committee.**
- d. Assist the president in coordinating affairs and events.**

The SECRETARY shall:

- a. Keep accurate up-to-date records of the Chapter membership.**
- b. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and its executive board.**
- c. 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, name tags, 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 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

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 Vice 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 active members and must include one officer.

Section 4: Meetings may be held electronically and voting may be made electronically or by proxy.

ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority and Amendments

Section 1: 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 vote of those present.

Section 3: The effective date of these revised Bylaws shall be October 19, 2024.