

# Texas W Club

Winnebago Industries Travelers

## 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 1971

Due to the change of name of the International Club, the Texas "W" Club recognizes WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES TRAVELERS WIT CLUB as the governing body of all Winnebago Industries Clubs and Chapters that are affiliated with it, Region, State or Local.

### ARTICLE I – NAME:

The name of the organization shall be the TEXAS "W" CLUB OF WINNEBAGO-INDUSTRIES TRAVELERS WIT 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 shall 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: encourage gatherings and outings on state and local levels.
2. To provide for travel ideas and taking part in educational programs which improve the public knowledge of travel.
3. To plan, in conjunction with the local chapters, the State Rally to be held in October of each year. To promote and assist, if necessary, with the state meetings usually held in January, April, July (GNR) and October (state rally)
4. To promote travel safety.
5. To support your Winnebago Industries Travelers WIT Club on caravans and rallies, etc.

### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

1. Winnebago Industries Travelers WIT Club members residing in Texas may be guests of Texas "W" a maximum of two (2) times without becoming a member. Thereafter, a registration fee will be assessed.  
Out of state members of W.I.T. may be accepted as members of the Texas W Club. To become members of the Texas W Club they must pay annual club dues. The annual dues and terms of membership for Winnebago Industries Travelers WIT Club shall be set forth by Winnebago Industries Travelers WIT Club.
2. The annual dues for Texas "W" Club are as recommended and approved by the club membership and are due on October first (10/01) of each year. Members not paid by October thirty-first (10/31) shall be dropped from the roll. You must show your paid

WIT card when paying dues. If paid by mail, please indicate your WIT number and your membership expirations date.

3. Dealers who are authorized to sell Winnebago Industries RV's are automatically members of W.I.T. and may attend Club meetings and Rallies in accordance with Winnebago Industries Travelers WIT Club By-Laws (Article VI 2).
4. HONORARY MEMBERS; National Honorary Members are owners/non owners of Winnebago Industries RV's who promote or assist W.I.T. activities, either directly or indirectly. National Honorary Members of W.I.T. are named only by the General Manager and may be recommended by the State Club President. (Includes but not limited to businesses, campgrounds, city officials, etc.). Honorary members may not vote or be owners of X-brands.

#### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a First Vice-president, a Second vice-president, and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of which shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Officers shall be elected each year as part of the business of the State Rally in October, from the membership. They 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 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 have a space 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 January, April, July (G.N.R.), and October of each year. The G.N.R. meeting is an “open” meeting to which all Texas W Club members, and guests, are welcome. Changes may be made at a previous meeting, by vote of the membership present, to accommodate various camping 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.
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 on 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.
7. A Quorum of the Texas W Club shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership being present at a meeting.
8. In any voting at the club meeting, all members have a right to vote. A Dealer membership is permitted one vote.

#### ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR:

1. The fiscal year of the club shall be October first of each year, to September thirtieth (10/1 through 9/30).

#### 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 on 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 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 service to repeal and supersede all other such By-Laws now in use by the Texas “W” club of Winnebago Industries Travelers WIT 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 vote are to be given by the active members at the last meeting of the Texas “W” club.

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