

**By-Laws  
of the  
Kansas State Club Named “Prairie Winnies”  
of  
Winnebago-Itasca Travelers**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the PRAIRIE WINNIES in the State of KANSAS. It is chartered by Winnebago-Itasca Travelers this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1972.

**ARTICLE II – State Club Colors and Symbols**

The State Club Colors are Yellow and Brown and the symbol is the Sunflower.

**ARTICLE III – Purpose:**

- Section 1. To assist the local chapters in the State of KANSAS and to do the planning and function of the State Club of said State.
2. To cooperate with the local chapter Presidents in problems that may arise where experience may be beneficial.
  3. To cooperate with all other organizations which are working toward the conservation of our natural resources.
  4. To provide, through identification with W.I.T., a basis of friendly welcome with other members.
  5. 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.
  6. To support the Winnebago Itasca Travelers Club on Caravans/Camping/Rallies, etc....
  7. To promote travel safety
  8. To provide for a frequent interchange of travel ideas and to take part in educational programs which improve the public knowledge of travel.
  9. To be formed and chartered by W.I.T. as a non-profit organization of travelers, for those who love the outdoors and open roads.

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10. Provide guidance and assistance to persons desiring to form local chapters within the State of KANSAS, and to aid their applications for W.I.T. Charter, when all provisions, as set forth in the W.I.T. Constitution and By-Laws, have been met.

**ARTICLE IV – Membership and Dues**

Section 1 – Membership

- A. Membership shall be opened to any person who is a member of W.I.T. in good standing.
- B. Honorary Members – may include past members who, because of health or age, sold their motorhome and can no longer participate as active members (definition of participation: significant assistance to a club or local chapter.) Honorary members may attend State and Provincial club meetings, Local chapter outings and Grand National Rally. (This excludes W.I.T. Rallies and Caravans.) Honorary members will be required to pay event fee. Honorary members will be voted on by the club or local chapter then the names must be reported to the W.I.T. General Manager to receive honorary certificates and card. Honorary members may not vote or be owners of X-brands. All honorary members will receive the W.I.T. Club News. as laid out in the W.I.T. By-Law..

Section 2 – Dues

- A. Annual dues to be as voted upon and accepted by the membership. Monies collected as dues will be used for proper administration of the State Club. Said dues to be sent to the State Club Treasurer covering the fiscal year.
- B. The annual dues for the State Prairie Winnies club shall be \$15.00 per year, due in August of each year. All honorary members shall pay \$5.00 dues per year.
- C. On the following December 31<sup>st</sup>, those who have not paid will be dropped from the roll. Reinstatement is \$5.00 and the member keeps their original number.
- D. Members joining April – July will pay one-half of the annual dues, \$7.50

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**ARTICLE V – Officers**

Section 1 – Officers

- A. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, The offices of **president and vice president of a state, provincial club or local chapter** shall not hold office more than two consecutive one year terms, nor more than two terms in any consecutive five year period in each office. (*Example: 2 years vice president, 2 years president, 1 year out of office in a five year period*)
- B. The officers of Secretary and Treasurer may be exempted from the above requirements and may be combined.

Section 2 – Vacancy of Office

- A. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the vice-President shall become the President and he shall appoint a new Vice-President
- B. Should other vacancies occur, within officers of the State Club, these vacancies shall be appointed by the President. Those appointed will hold office for an unexpired term.
- C. If any vacancy occurs during the year, in any one or more of the Local Chapter Offices, the chapter may elect a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

**ARTICLE VI – Executive Board and Advisory Board**

Section 1 – Executive Board

- A. The executive Board for the State Club of KANSAS shall consist of the duly elected Presidents of each local chapter of said state and elected officers of the State Club including the immediate past President. The State President will chair the executive board meetings with only a vote to break a tie vote.

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**ARTICLE VII – Committees and Appointments**

Section 1 – Committees

- A. Committee Chairman may be appointed from time to time as the State President deems necessary, and shall act for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the fiscal year.
- B. Committee Members may be selected from the entire membership of the State Club

**ARTICLE VIII – Meetings**

- Section 1.     The annual meeting of the State Club shall be held in the month of August each year, with three (3) additional meetings per year totaling four (4). (this does not include the Grand National Rally.) A club should hold four meetings a year and no fewer than three meetings
- 2     Officers shall be elected in the month of August taking office at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
  - 3     Special meetings may be called by the President at his discretion.
  - 4     A special meeting of the State Club may be called by the Executive Board if they deem it necessary
  - 5     A special meeting of committee members may be called by the chairman for specific program with the State Club
  - 6     Clubs and chapters must define a quorum for transaction of business at any duly called meeting of a minimum of 25% of the total membership. The quorum must be either a designated number or percentage.

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**ARTICLE IX – Fiscal Year**

- Section 1      The fiscal year shall begin with the first of September and end the following August.
2.              At the beginning of the fiscal year, W.I.T. will be furnished with a list of the elected officers and a roster of the membership for the year.

**ARTICLE X – Voting**

- Section 1.      The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members appointed by the President who shall propose a slate of officers to the membership prior to the annual election. Additional nominations may be presented from the floor.
2.              Each qualified adult member will be entitles to one vote. Proxy votes are not legal in any voting in W.I.T.

**ARTICLE XI – Campout – Rally**

- Section 1.      Any proceeds derived from campout/rallies involving the State Club, shall be of a non-profit venture. Any remaining balances shall be applied toward the activities of the State Club.

**ARTICLE XII – By-Laws**

- Section 1      W.I.T. By-Laws shall govern on any item not specifically covered by this Constitution and By-Laws
- 2              Roberts Rules of Order, as far as applicable, will apply in case of disagreement on any item not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws or which is not covered by the By-Laws of W.I.T.
- 3              Disciplinary Action
- A              The purpose of this section is to guarantee the rights of every member of the State of KANSAS. The Executive Board shall have the right to discipline any member for just cause.
- B              The Executive Board, in response to a complaint by one or more members through their President, in writing, may consider revocation of

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membership for cause. Such deliberations must be undertaken by at least one more than half the Executive Board. Upon notification of a complaint, the Executive Board will investigate the merits of the complaint, notify the effected member, and provide him/her an opportunity to appear before the board to speak or write in his/her behalf. The final decision to revoke membership must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the membership (in compliance of the W.I.T. by-laws).

- C After one year, the excluded person(s) may make application for the reinstatement to the State Club or Local Chapter. Their application must receive affirmative votes from a majority of the membership and must serve a “no vote” probationary period of 90 days. All voting will be by written secret ballot
- D An officer or appointed chairman may be removed from his/her elected office or chairmanship for cause. Cause may be:
- 1) Derelict in the performance of duties
  - 2) Conducting club affairs in an uncouth manner
  - 3) Conduct which is objectionable and reflects detrimentally upon the State Club, Local Chapter, or W.I.T
  - 4) Repeated drunkenness in public
  - 5) Any other such just cause as may be decided upon by the membership and approved by the Executive Board; then only by an affirmative majority vote by the Executive Board

**ARTICLE XIII – Friendship Rally**

Section 1. The State Club may hold a Friendship Rally to welcome owners of units other than a Winnebago or Itasca and for non-members of W.I.T. who do own a Winnebago Industries product, to join in promoting camping, fun and fellowship. This Friendship Rally will not be used in place of an annual State Rally

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**ARTICLE XIV – By-Laws Agenda**

Section 1      The regular order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

- A      Call to Order
- B      Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
- C      Reading the Treasurer’s report
- D      Introduction of guests and non-members
- E      Unfinished Business
- F      Special Committee reports
- G      Election and installation of officers (annual meeting)
- H      New Business
- I      Adjournment

NOTE: The agenda may be changed or altered to fit the needs of specific meeting, reason, or requirement.

For the first organizational meeting, an election of officers shall be held. The temporary chairman will ask for nominations from the floor of those eligible to hold office as stated in ARTICLE V, Section 1, A&B. Thereafter, a nominating committee, appointed by the chairman, will ask for nominations from the floor

- 2      All references in this Constitution and by-Laws, where written in the male gender, does not preclude in any way a female from holding an elected or appointed office in this organization.

**ARTICLE XV – National club, State Clubs, and Local Chapters**

Section 1      the name, herein referred to as “State Club” applies to Provincial Clubs. The aforementioned clubs shall consist of all members belonging first to Winnebago-Itasca Travelers – Dues wise

**ARTICLE XVI – Officer Responsibilities**

Section 1 President

- a.      Responsible to membership to lead and coordinate affairs and events.  
         Presides over meetings.

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- b. Offers recommendations and suggestions for members consideration.
- c. In case of a tie, to cast a vote appoints committees as needed. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the President and may be excused without cause.
- d. Insures all provisions of the WIT by-laws are followed.
- e. Notifies W.I.T. immediately of any accident or injury which occurs during any meeting
- f. Recruits new members for State Club/Local Chapters
- g. Coordinates Show and Tell programs at dealers
- h. Attends outings of other club or chapters as often as possible.
- i. Encourages members to participate in club or chapter functions.
- j. Works with the Area Representative in his/her area.
- k. Prior to the election of new officers, the outgoing president shall appoint an audit committee consisting of no more than three members to audit the finances for the previous year. The audit committee is expected to complete its work during the meeting, campout or rally before the new officers are installed. The audit committee's report will be made part of the record of the club, or chapter (per W.I.T. by-laws).
- l. Request certificate of insurance from the WIT office, if required by campgrounds or fairgrounds
- m. Follows up with each officer to be sure all duties are being performed.

2 Vice President

- a. Presides over meetings if the President is absent.
- b. Carries out duties assigned by the State Club/Local Chapter By-Laws.
- c. Assists the President in coordinating Affairs and Events

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3 Secretary

- a. Keeps accurate and up-to-date records of the Club/Chapter membership
- b. Records the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and its Executive Board
- c. Verifies that all members and all applicants for membership are members of W.I.T.
- d. Forwards a roster of complete membership to W.I.T. office, includes a list of officers immediately following the election of officers
- e. Sends information on club/chapter outings and “Who’s inviting Travelers” to the club news editor
- f. Handles all correspondence for the Club/Chapter

4 Treasurer

- a. Receives safeguards and holds all Club/Chapter funds
- b. Keeps accurate accounts of all Club/Chapter funds
- c. Gives oral and written reports to membership
- d. Disperses funds for authorized purposes
- e. Distributes patches, logos and other related materials

5 Immediate Past President

- a. Serves as an advisor to the President
- b. Is a member of the Executive Board

6 Other officers may be elected by the Club or Chapter pursuant to the members desires and interests. Possible officers include: wagonmaster, director, chaplain, and additional Vice Presidents.


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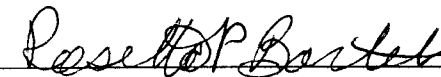
**ARTICLE XVII: Powers:**

This chapter and these bylaws exist and draw their authority from the bylaws of Winnebago Itasca Travelers dated December 31, 2010. These chapter bylaws may not conflict with the WIT Bylaws. If there is a conflict, the WIT Bylaws rule.

**APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2011**

Kansas Prairie Winnies

  
\_\_\_\_\_ President

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2011, WINNEBAGO-ITASCA TRAVELERS

  
\_\_\_\_\_ General Manager