

**Constitution
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 23rd 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 the said state.
- Section 2. To cooperate with the local chapter Presidents in problems that may arise where experience may be beneficial.
- Section 3. To cooperate with all other organizations which are working toward the conservation of our natural resources.
- Section 4. To provide, through identification with W.I.T. a basis of friendly welcome with other members.
- Section 5. To recommend improvements in travel facilities wherever the need exists; to bring there recommendations before the proper state or national agencies; and to press for action until the improvements have been made.
- Section 6. To support the Winnebago Itasca Travelers Club on Caravans/Camping/Rallies, etc...
- Section 7. To promote travel safety.
- Section 8. To provide for a frequent interchange of travel ideas and to take part in educational programs which improve the public knowledge of travel.
- Section 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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Section 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, dues-wise.
- B. Honorary Members – may include past members who, because of health or age, sold their motor home 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 and then the names must be reported to the W.I.T. General Manager to receive honorary certificate and card. Honorary members may not vote or be owners of X-brands. All honorary members will receive the W.I.T. Club News, free of charge.

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 and term of membership for W.I.T. Club shall be set forth by Winnebago-Itasca Travelers Club.
- C. 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. On the following October 31st, those who have not paid will be dropped from the roll. Reinstatement is \$5.00 and the member keeps their original number. Members joining April – August will pay the regular initiation fee of \$5.00 and one-half of the annual dues, \$7.50 for a total of \$12.50.

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ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

- A. The officers shall be a President, 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, and shall hold office for no more than two years. No officer of a State Club with more than 25 members shall hold office more than two consecutive terms nor more than two terms in any consecutive five year period. The offices 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 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 Appointees

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 for the fiscal year.
- B. Committee Members may be selected from the entire membership of the State Club.

Section 2 – Appointees

- A. All appointees by the State President must first be presented to the Executive Board for ratification by majority vote.

ARTICLE VIII – Meetings

Section 1. The annual meetings 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.) Officers shall be elected in the month of August, taking office at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at his discretion.

Section 3. A special meeting of the State Club may be called by five (5) members of the Executive Board if they deem it necessary.

Section 4. A special meeting of the committee members may be called by the chairman for specific program with the State Club.

Section 5. An agenda of all State Club business to be transacted will be mailed to all local Chapter Presidents thirty (30) days prior to the date set for a called meeting.

Section 6. A quorum for conducting State Club business shall consist of 25% of the membership units present.

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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.
- Section 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 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.
- Section 2. Each qualified adult member will be entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not legal in any voting in W.I.T.

ARTICLE XII – By-Laws

- Section 1. By-Laws may be adopted or amended at any regular meeting with 25% of the membership units present.
- Section 2. W.I.T. By-Laws shall govern on any item not specifically covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 3. 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.
- Section 4. 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 membership for cause. Such deliberations must be undertaken by at

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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 majority of the Executive Board.

- C. After one year, the excluded person(s) may make application for 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 a 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 the membership and approved by the Executive Board; then only by and 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 XIII – 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 of the Treasurers report.
 - D. Introduction of guests and non-members.
 - E. Unfinished Business.
 - F. Special Committee reports.
 - G. Election and installation of officers.
 - H. New Business.
 - I. Adjournment.

Note: The agenda may be changed or altered to fit the needs of specific meetings, 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.

- Section 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 XVII – Officers Responsibilities

- Section 1. President
- Responsible to membership to lead and coordinate affairs and events.
 - Presides over meetings.
 - Offers recommendations and suggestions for members consideration.

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- In case of tie, to cast a vote.
- Appoints Committees as needed. Committee members serve at pleasure of the President and may be excused without cause.
- Notifies W.I.T. immediately of any accident or injury which occurs during any meeting.
- Recruits new members for State Club/Local Chapters.
- Coordinates Show & Tell programs at dealers.

Section 2. Vice President

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

Section 3. Secretary

- Keeps Accurate and up to date records of the Club/Chapter membership.
- Records the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and it's Executive Board.
- Verifies that all members and all applicants for membership are members of W.I.T.
- Forwards a roster of complete membership to W.I.T office, includes a list of officers immediately following that election of officers.
- Sends information on Club/Chapter outings and "Who's Inviting Travelers" to the club news editor.
- Handles all correspondence for the Club/Chapter.

Section 4. Treasurer

- Receives, safeguards and hold all Club/Chapter funds.
- Keeps accurate accounts of all Club/Chapter funds.
- Gives Oral and written reports to members.
- Disbursed funds for authorized purposes after a vote from members.
- Distributes patches, logos and other related material.

REVISED THIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1999 Kansas Prairie Winnies

_____ President _____ Secretary
Approved this _____ day of _____, 1999, WINNEBAGO-ITASCA TRAVELERS
_____ General Manager