

# WINNEBAGO INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS BYLAWS FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS

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**ARTICLE 1** – Name

The name of this organization shall be the <u>Fraser Valley Explorers</u> Chapter of Winnebago-International Travelers.

**ARTICLE II** – Chapter Colors & Symbols

The Chapter colors are \_\_\_\_\_\_ To be Advised \_\_\_. The Chapter symbols will be the \_\_\_\_\_ Dogwood flower.

# **ARTICLE III** – Purposed & Objectives

## Basic purpose:

To promote fellowship, friendship and fun among all members of WIT; to foster and develop recreational, social, and travel opportunities for the enjoyment, pleasure and use of the members of WIT; and to encourage gatherings and outings on local levels. One Friendship Outing may be held every 12 months to non-Winnebago Industries RV's & requires four months prior approval by the Consumer Engagement Manager and preannounced in the WIT Club News.

## · Objectives:

To assist in protecting member's rights as private RV owners. To serve as a feedback mechanism to Winnebago Industries for the development of new motor homes of high quality.

# **ARTICLE IV** – Membership & Fees

- Section 1 The chapter was formed as part of Winnebago International Travelers
- Section 2 Any person or persons who is / are a WIT member(s) in good standing is

eligible for membership in the \_\_\_\_Fraser Valley Explorers\_ Chapter.

Section 3 - Membership dues are payable by December 31 following AGM of that year. If Membership is not paid by due date, Member will be removed from Membership/Email lists & FVE website access.

Section 4- Honorary Members not actively participating in outings or events for a period of two years to be removed from Honorary listing.

## **ARTICLE V** – Officers

## Section 1 – Officers

- The officers shall consist of at least a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices.
- Officers will be elected at the annual meeting. The President and Vice-President can hold office for one year but no more than five consecutive years. Only the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be exempted from the above requirement and may be combined into one person.
- Refer to WIT by-laws regarding Complimentary WIT memberships for Executive positions.
- Voting by members may take place in duly called meeting or by mail/email ballot. Proxy voting may not be used.

#### Section 2 – Vacant Office

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall become the President for the remainder of the elected President's term. If a vacancy occurs in other offices, the chapter may elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

#### Section 3 – Others

Other officers may include Wagon master, Director, Chaplain, Youth Coordinator and additional VP's.

## **ARTICLE VI** – Committees

Section 1 - The Executive Board shall be composed of the current Officers and the

## immediate Past President

Section 2 - The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President to serve for the following year and shall be dismissed upon election of new Officers. The committee shall place in nomination candidates for all offices. At the meeting when this report is made, other nominations may be made from the floor.

# **ARTICLE VII** – Meetings

- Section 1 Regular meetings of a Local Chapter shall, as far as practical, be held monthly.

  The day and hour to be fixed by the Chapter. Additional meetings may be held if so decided by the Chapter.
- Section 2 Each year, the Annual Meeting shall be the meeting at which Officers shall be elected, such Officers to take office at the next regular meeting.
- Section 3 Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by three members of the Chapter upon notification to all members of the Chapter.
- Section 4 A quorum of the Chapter shall consist of <u>20%</u> members. (Percentage or specific number of membership).

## **ARTICLE VIII** – Fiscal Year

- The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on October 1st of each year and end on September 30th of the following year. Presiding Treasurer will draw up a budget for the coming year.
- Prior to accepting the fiscal year report, 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 when the new officers are installed. The Audit committees'
  report shall be made part of the record of the Chapter.
- At the beginning of the Fiscal year, Winnebago-International Travelers headquarters will be furnished with a list of new Officers and roster of membership.

# **ARTICLE IX** – Bylaws

Section 1 - Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any regular meeting.

Section 2 - In case of disagreement, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on any items not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE X** – Expulsion / Reinstatement Club / Local Chapter Member

- A member may submit a petition with the support of the two thirds majority of the Chapter members through the President to the Executive Board for confirmation or denial of their petition. The Executive Board's decision should concur with the majority of the members.
- A member may submit a request for expulsion through the President to the Executive Board. The Executive Board should review the request and make a recommendation to the membership. To approve the recommendation, the majority of the membership must vote in its support.
- The person named in the petition or request has the right to reply to the charges in writing prior to action being taken.
- In either case, the expulsion and / or reinstatement of a member is based on the two thirds majority support of the Chapter membership. The Executive Board does not have the sole power to expel or reinstate a member.
- In either process, the Executive Board should not vote against the wishes of the majority of the membership.
- After the process is complete, documentation should be send to the National WIT organization in Forest City, IA.

## **ARTICLE XI** – Powers

This Chapter and these bylaws exist and draw their authority from the bylaws of Winnebago-International Travelers dated July, 2016. These Chapter bylaws may not conflict with the WIT bylaws. If there is a conflict, the WIT bylaws rule.