

BY-LAWS
SEASIDE WINNIES
Revised February 2011

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Seaside Winnies of Florida Chapter, of Winnebago-Itasca Travelers.

ARTICLE II - CHAPTER COLORS AND SYMBOLS

Section 1 - The chapter colors are gold, green and blue.

Section 2 - The chapter symbol is the outline of the state of Florida with a palm tree in the southeast corner

Section 3 - The chapter motto will be "Drive friendly -till we meet again".

Section 4 - The chapter vests will be light blue material with gold and green ric-rac trim around the neck and down the front opening. Each vest will have two pockets and display only the club patch and the charter member strip where applicable. The top of the patch will be centered about 6 inches below the shoulder seam with the charter member strip 1/2 inch below the patch. Colors of material and trim must be approved by the board of directors.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - 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 at local levels.

Section 2 - Objectives; Assist in protecting members rights as private RV owners. Serve as a feedback mechanism to Winnebago Industries for the development of new motor homes of high quality.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Section 1 - The chapter was formed as part of the Winnebago-Itasca Travelers.

Section 2 - Any person or persons who is/are WIT members in good standing is eligible for membership in the Seaside Winnies.

Section 3 - The annual dues for this chapter shall be established by the board of directors, payable January 1 and becoming delinquent March 1 each year. Members

joining after June 30 will pay one half of the annual dues for the balance of the year. Members joining after November 1 will pay an amount equal to the annual dues to be applied to all the following year.

Section 4 - The fee and program for each campout will be decided by the Wagonmaster for the respective campout when it is determined what the probable cost of the campout will be. Cost to include 2 night camping fee, 2 breakfasts and any incidental expenses for entertainment etc.

Section 5 - (Added April 1994) Seaside Winnies may also name Honorary members. Honorary members may include past members who, because of health or age, sold their motor home and can no longer participate as active members. Honorary members may also include owners/non-owners of a Winnebago Industries RV who promote or assist WIT activities, either directly or indirectly. Honorary members may attend State, Local chapter outings and Grand National Rally. (This excludes WIT Rallies and Caravans.) Honorary members will be required to pay event fee. Names must be reported to the WIT office to receive honorary certificate and card. Honorary members may not vote or be owners of x-brands. Honorary members will receive complementary WIT Club News.

Section 6 - (Added April 1994) Candidate names for honorary membership will be submitted to the Seaside members at any regular meeting and must be approved by a simple majority vote of the quorum present.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1 - Chapter officers

A. The offices 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 officers.

B. Officers will be elected at the December meeting, and shall hold office for one year or until their respective successors have been duly elected and installed.

C. (Amended February 2011) The office of President of a Local Chapter shall not hold office more than 5 consecutive one year terms. Person must be out of office as president 2 years before being able to return back as President.

Section 1 ó (Amended February 2011) The office of Vice President may be exempted from the above requirement. The office of secretary and treasurer may be exempted from the above requirements and may be combined.

Section 2 - If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the vice-president shall become president for the remainder of the elected Presidents term. If a vacancy occurs in any other office, the chapter may elect a successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 3 - Spouses of officers shall be considered co-officers. Others can be chaplain and/or additional vice-presidents.

Section 4 - Wagonmasters will be elected at the December meeting and have the responsibility to organize, conduct and set fees for each respective campout.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1 - The Board of Directors shall be composed of the current officers, the immediate past president and four Wagonmasters who shall be elected from the membership at the December meeting.

Section 2 - The nominating committee consisting of a chairman and two members shall be appointed by the president. The nominating committee shall meet prior to the November meeting each year to propose a slate of officers which shall be presented to the Seaside chapter at the November meeting. Other nominations may be presented from the floor at the December meeting when elections will be held.

Section 3 - Committees may be appointed by the President and act for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the chapter year.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular meetings of this chapter will, as far as practical, be held every month from November through May each year. Date and hour to be announced in the monthly campout schedule or newsletter. Additional meetings or outings may be held if so decided by the chapter so long as all members are notified, in writing, in advance.

Section 1A - A friendship campout may be held no more than once each year to invite non-Winnebago/Itasca owners and/or non-WIT member Winnebago/Itasca owners to join WIT. The friendship campout must be preannounced in the Club news and authorized by the Executive Director of WIT.

Section 2 - Each year the annual meeting shall be in December when the officers will be elected, such officers to be installed and take office at the first chapter meeting of the calendar year.

Section 3 - Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by any three members of the chapter upon request to the president. The President must notify all chapter members in writing in advance of any special meeting.

Section 4 - The President may call a meeting of the Board of Directors at his/her discretion prior to or following any general meeting.

Section 5 ó (Amended January 2011) A quorum for transaction of business at any duly called meeting of a minimum of 25% of current membership as listed on the current Seaside Winnies roster. The quorum must be either a designated number or percentage.

Section 6 - Each person listed on the current Seaside Winnies roster will have one vote.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 - The fiscal year of this chapter shall begin with January 1 of each year and end the following December 31.

Section 2 - Prior to accepting the fiscal year treasurer's 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 or prior to the January meeting when new officers are installed. The audit committee's report shall become a record of the chapter.

Section 3 - At the beginning of the fiscal year, Winnebago-Itasca Travelers headquarters will be furnished with a list of new officers.

Section 4 ó Winnebago-Itasca Travelers headquarters will be furnished with a new Seaside Winnies roster after March 1 of each year and/or before December 1 each year.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

Section 1 - By-laws may be adopted or amended at any regular meeting when a legal quorum is present. Members must be notified in advance; in writing, of any meeting covering any change in by-laws.

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

ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section 1 - Each coach owner will be responsible for the safety and conduct of their family members, guests and pets.

Section 2 - The Board of Directors, in response to a complaint by one or more members, in writing, may consider disciplinary actions or revocation of membership in the chapter for cause. The accused member shall be provided an opportunity to respond to any and all charges. The final decision to revoke membership must be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors.

Section 3 - An officer of the chapter may be removed from office for inappropriate behavior. In this case, the membership as a whole must vote to remove said officer. A

simple majority vote by the legal quorum at a duly called meeting of the chapter is required.

ARTICLE XI – POWERS

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

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these revised bylaws shall be December 31, 2010. All clubs and local chapters must review their bylaws to insure compliance with the WIT Bylaws. All amended Bylaws must be submitted to the General Manager, WIT.