



GEORGIA WINNIE REBELS

State Club of the WIT Club

BYLAWS

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Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be GEORGIA WINNIE REBELS (GWR) State Club of the WIT (Winnebago International Travelers) Club. The WIT Club is a national organization exclusively for owners of Winnebago Industries RVs.

Article II – GWR State Club Colors & Symbols

The GWR State Club colors are red and gray and the GWR State Club symbol is to be the shape of the state of Georgia with a rebel over a flying 'W'.

Article III – Purpose & Objectives

Basic purpose: To promote fellowship, friendship and fun among all members of the WIT Club; to foster and develop recreational, social and travel opportunities for enjoyment, pleasure, and use of the members of the WIT Club, and to encourage gatherings and outings on local levels.

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 RVs of high quality.

Article IV – Membership & Fees

Section 1 – The Club

The GWR State Club is a part of the WIT Club.

Section 2 – Eligibility

Any person or family who is a WIT Club member in good standing is eligible for membership in the GWR State Club.

Section 3 – Dues

Annual dues for the GWR State Club shall be \$25.00 per year payable in October. Dues are considered OVERDUE if not paid by the beginning of the next fiscal year. New members joining on or after September 1st and having paid dues for the remaining portion of that fiscal year are exempt from additional club membership dues for the following fiscal year (January through December). Dues are to be collected by the GWR State Club Treasurer.

Section 4 – Honorary Members

In accordance with the national bylaws, the GWR State club may choose to name honorary members. The recommendation for honorary membership shall be by majority vote of members present at an official GWR State club meeting

Article V – Officers

Section 1 – Required Officers

- A.** The officers shall consist of at a least a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices.
- B.** All officers will be nominated and elected at the January GWR State Club meeting and will assume office at the May GWR State Club meeting.
 - B-1.** The President of the GWR State Club shall not hold office more than five consecutive one year terms. A partial term shall not count as a term served. An individual must be out of the office as president for two years before becoming eligible to return as president.
 - B-2.** The office of Vice President may be exempted from the above requirement.
 - B-3.** The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be exempted from the above requirements and may be combined.
- C.** Both the Treasurer and the President may sign bankcards to write checks on the GWR State Club bank account. However, the President will exercise this authority only in the event that the Treasurer should become incapacitated, unavailable, etc., and only until such time that the Treasurer becomes available or a newly appointed Treasurer becomes eligible to sign checks on the GWR State Club bank account.
- D.** New members are not eligible to hold office for one calendar year from the date of membership.

Section 2 – Officer Responsibilities

A. President:

- 1. Leads the membership and coordinates the affairs and events.
- 2. Presides over meetings. Offers recommendations and suggestions for consideration. In case of a tie, casts a vote.
- 3. Appoints committees as needed and serves as chairperson of all except the nominating committee. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the President and may be excused without cause.
- 4. Insures all provisions of the WIT Club Bylaws are followed, that they are reviewed periodically and are in accordance with WIT Club Bylaws.
- 5. Notifies WIT Club immediately of any accident or injury which occurs during any outing, meeting or rally.
- 6. Recruits new members for the GWR State Club.
- 7. Attends outings of other clubs or chapters as often as possible.
- 8. Encourages members to participate in the GWR State club functions.
- 9. Works with the WIT Club Area Representative in her/her area.
- 10. Requests certificate of insurance from the Wit Club office, if required by the campgrounds or fairgrounds.
- 11. Follows up with each officer to be sure all duties are being performed.
- 12. Works with each officer to insure that the WIT "Club of Excellence" forms are submitted by the deadline each year.

B. Vice-President:

- 1. Presides over meetings, if the President is absent.
- 2. Carries out duties assigned by the GWR chapter bylaws.
- 3. Assists the President in coordinating affairs and events.

C. Secretary

- 1. Keeps accurate up-to-date records of the GWR State Club membership. Following the elections, sends a complete membership roster and listing of new officers to the WIT Club office and the WIT Club area reps. Both items are required annually.
- 2. Records the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and its executive board and distributes the minutes of the proceeding by mail or email to the membership.
- 3. Verifies that all members and applicants fro membership are members of the WIT Club.
- 4. Submits the information on the GWR State Club outings for "Who's Inviting Travelers" to the WIT Club news editor.

5. Handles correspondence for the GWR State club.
6. Prepares a newsletter on a regular basis for distribution to the membership, the WIT Club area reps and to the honorary members via email.
7. Submits news articles to the WIT Club News editor for publication in the magazine and/or on the website. Note: The President may assign a Newsletter Chair person for this duty.
8. Sends "Invites to join club" letters via U.S. mail to new WIT members and new Winnebago product owners each month using the lists sent from WIT.

D. Treasurer

1. Receives, safeguards and keeps accurate records of all GWR State Club funds.
2. Submits written reports (Treasurer Reports) on funds at each meeting of the GWR State Club. Gives an oral report to the Membership.
3. Disburses funds only for authorized purposes and only in accordance with the GWR State Club bylaws.
4. Distributes GWR State Club patches, logos, and other related materials.
5. Responsible for obtaining and maintaining the GWR State Club Federal EIN (Employer Identification Number).
6. Files the electronic IRS Form 99-N e-postcard by May 15th for the previous fiscal year. E-postcard is found on the internet at www.irs.gov/990N.

E. Immediate Past President

1. Serves as an advisor to the president.
2. Serves as the chairman of the Executive Board of the GWR State Club.

F. Transition of Old to New Officers

It is the "responsibility of the outgoing officers" to make a smooth transition to the new officers. Each officer should have a file box, notebook and/or electronic files containing all documents and other materials relative to his/her office. The officers of the GWR State Club may determine the success or failure of the club. During the officer's term in office he/she should be an effective leader by gathering and organizing all club related materials. This will help the new officers considerably.

Section 3 – Vacant Office

If a vacancy occurs in the office of the president, the vice-president shall become the president for the remainder of the elect president's term. If a vacancy occurs in any other office, the GWR State Club shall elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term. In the event there is a delay in the membership electing a successor, the Executive Board shall appoint an interim officer.

Section 4 – Other Officers

Other officers may include wagon master, director, chaplain, youth coordinator, and additional vice-presidents.

Article VI – Executive Board

Section 1 – Function of the Board

The officers and executive board shall govern the GWR State Club and shall perform such functions and duties as shall be ordered by the membership.

Section 2 – Members

The executive board shall consist of the current GWR State Club officers and the immediate past Club resident.

Section 3 – Term of Office

All members of the executive board shall hold office until their successors have been elected and installed.

Section 4 – Chairperson

The immediate past president of the GWR State Club will automatically become the Chairman of the Executive Board.

Section 5 – President's Responsibility

The president will be permitted to call a special meeting of the executive board any time he/she deems necessary or at the request of two board members.

Section 6 – Quorum Defined

A quorum of the executive board will consist of at least two-thirds of the members of the board.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1 – Who can appoint

Committees may be appointed by the president upon approval of the GWR State Club.

Section 2 – The Chairperson

The president shall appoint the chairperson of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the chairperson(s) shall have the responsibility of picking their assistants. All committees shall act for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the fiscal year (last day of December).

Section 3 – The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the executive board, excluding the president, who shall meet shortly prior to the January meeting to propose a slate of officers which shall be presented to the GWR State Club by the president or in his absence, the vice-president or a member of the board delegated by the president. Other nominations may be presented from the floor at the January meeting.

Article VIII – Meetings and Outings

Section 1 – When meetings and outings are held

Business state meetings shall be held during every outing held during the year except during the annual state rally (usually held in either April or May). Outings will be held during the 2nd full Friday of each month except December (usually held 1st weekend) due to the holidays. Outings can be held on a different weekend if the host(s) request it and members agree. There will be no outing scheduled during July due to the Grand National Rally (GNR). The GWR State Club can choose to sponsor and participate in a regional rally with the cooperation of the neighboring state clubs of their choice and may schedule such sponsored rally at a time and place determined by the participating regional clubs.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the president or by any three members of the GWR State Club.

Section 3 – Quorum defined

A quorum of the GWR State Club shall consist of 20% of the voting members. Voting members are defined as all members of the club in good standing not including honorary members. A business meeting is not considered to be an official meeting unless a quorum of the membership is present. Items requiring a vote must be tabled until a quorum can be assembled.

Section 4 – Order of Business

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 by the secretary
- C. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
- D. Introduction of guests and non-members
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. Election of Officers (January) and Installation of Officers (May)
- G. New Business
- H. Program
- I. Adjournment

Section 5 – Rules of Order

It is highly recommended that the "Robert's Rules of Order" govern all proceedings in which they are applicable.

Section 6 – Reimbursing for the GWR State Club Outings

Reimbursement will be issued to the host(s) according to the document titled "Guidelines for Hosting a State Club Outing".

Article IX – Fiscal Year

Section 1 – Fiscal year defined

The fiscal year of the GWR State Club will begin on the first day of January and end the last day of December.

Section 2 – Fiscal Treasurer's Report

At the January meeting, the current or out-going president shall appoint either up to three members to audit the finances for the previous year during the January meeting or an auditor to audit the finances for the previous year prior to accepting the fiscal year report. The auditor is expected to complete the work by the February state meeting. The auditor's report shall be made part of the record of the GWR State Club.

Section 3 – Secretary's Report to the WIT Club

After the September meeting, but no later than November 1st, the club secretary will furnish a list of new members and roster of membership to the Wit Club headquarters.

Article X – Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1 - Reviews

The GWR State Club must review their bylaws to insure compliance with the WIT Club Bylaws. The GWR State Club bylaws should be reviewed by the bylaws committee any time changes to the WIT Club bylaws is published. Any discrepancies shall be addressed by amending the GWR State Club bylaws to achieve compliance.

Section 2 – Bylaws Committee

The bylaws committee shall be the executive board plus up to two at-large members selected by the board to assist in the process.

Section 3 – Amendment Process

The bylaws committee shall submit proposed changes to the membership by email or at a regularly scheduled meeting at least 30 days before a vote is taken. Changes to the GWR State Club bylaws shall be approved by majority vote of the members present at an official meeting of the GWR State Club.

Section 4 – Effective Date of Bylaws

The effective date of revised bylaws shall be the date approved by the members. Revisions to the bylaws are to be recorded by the secretary. The revised bylaws shall contain a revision number, the date approved and a summary of the changes since the last revision. A copy of the revised bylaws is to be emailed to the club membership and the WIT Club office within 30 days of the date of approval. Members who do not have email may request a printed copy. Printed copies can be provided by the club secretary. The revised bylaws will also be posted to the GWR State website. The submittal to the WIT Club office must include a cover letter showing the effective date of the revision. The cover letter must be signed by all of the officers.

Article XI – Enforcement of Bylaws

Section 1 - Discipline

The WIT Club General Manager with the recommendation of the WIT Club Area Representative by their own initiative or upon complaint from at least five (5) members may discipline any member who has violated the bylaws or who has disregarded responsibilities and duties outlined herein. Prior to taking any action, the above persons shall ask the member recommended for discipline to reply to the charges. If the charged member does not respond within 30 days, the complaint shall be assumed to be true.

Section 2 – Suspensions & Revocations

The General Manager of the WIT Club, with the recommendation of the Area Representative, may suspend or revoke the charter of any club found to be violating the provisions of the bylaws. The above persons may also place the club under trusteeship and reorganize the club. The Executive Board of the club may petition for reactivation subsequent to the time the offenses have been remedied.

Section 3 – Expulsion/Reinstatement of club members

- A. A member may submit a petition with the support of the two-thirds majority of the club members through the president to the Executive Board for the confirmation or denial of their petition. The Executive Board's decision should concur with the majority of the members.
- B. 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.
- C. The person named in the petition or request has the right to reply to the charges in writing prior to action being taken.
- D. In either case, the expulsion and/or reinstatement of a member is based upon the two-thirds majority support of the club membership. The Executive Board does not have the sole power to expel or reinstate a member.
- E. In either process, the Executive Board should not vote against the wishes of the majority of the membership.
- F. After the process is complete, documentation should be sent to the National WIT Club organization in Forest City, Iowa.

Article XII – Powers

This GWR State Club and these bylaws exist and draw authority from the bylaws of the WIT Club national organization. These GWR State Club bylaws may not conflict with the WIT Club national bylaws. If there is a conflict, the WIT Club national bylaws rule.

Article XIII – Summary of Changes

1. Removed all references to "Chapters" from the bylaws.
2. Added abbreviation of GWR to refer to Georgia Winnie Rebels throughout the bylaws.
3. Article I - Added new WIT Club name of Winnebago International Travelers.
4. Article IV/Section 3/Dues: Changed the GWR State Club dues to \$25.00 per year.
5. Article V/Section 2/ President: Removed reference to the Show & Tell Program.
6. Article V/Section 2/Secretary: Added: Sends "Invites to join club" letters via U.S. mail to new WIT members and new Winnebago product owners each month using the lists sent from WIT and sends newsletters to honorary members via email.
7. Article V/Section 2/Treasurer: Corrected the internet address for the IRS Form 990-N postcard to www.irs.gov/990N.
8. Article VIII/Section 1: Changed when the meetings are held to 2nd full Friday of each month. Exceptions: July due to GNR, GWR rally month and December.
9. Corrected misspellings and formatting throughout the bylaws including the incorrect numbering of Sections under Article VIII.
10. Article VIII/Section 6 (prev. section 5): Changed to: Reimbursement will be issued to the host(s) according to the document titled "Guidelines for Hosting a State Club Outing".
11. Article IX/Section 2/Fiscal Treasurer's Report: Changed "Current or out-going president shall appoint either up to three members to audit the finances for the previous year during the January meeting or an auditor to audit the finances for the previous year prior to accepting the fiscal year report. The auditor is expected to complete the work by the February state meeting".
12. Article X/Section 4: Added - The revised bylaws will also be posted to the GWR State website.



The executive committee hereby approves the Georgia Winnie Rebels Bylaws

September, 2020

Name/Signature

Date

Fred Tomsett

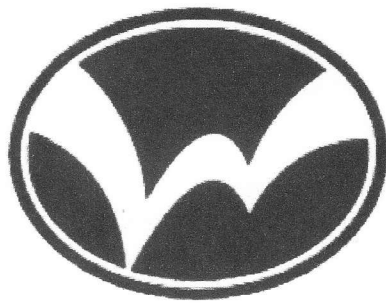
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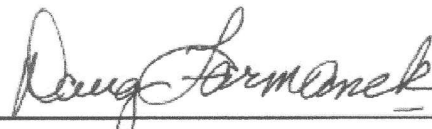
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is chartered this day of 06/01/1971

with the **WIT Club**

chartered as a State Club

hereby entitled to all courtesies and privileges under this charter.



General Manager, WIT Club



Area Representative, WIT Club