



Constitution and Bylaws for the Iowa Club Winnebago-Industries Travelers

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Iowa Winnie Hawks, Inc. (the “Club”).

ARTICLE II

Club Colors and Logo

The Club colors are black, silver, and gold. The Club logo will be depicted as the State of Iowa outlined in black and gold. Centered within the logo will be a gold “I” superimposed over a black flying “W” with a silver gray hawk’s head on top. “IOWA W.I.T.” shall be across the top and the Club name “WINNIE HAWKS” will be across the bottom.



ARTICLE III

Purpose

Section I This Club was formed as part of the WIT Club which is an international organization of travelers, for those who love the outdoors and open roads.

Section II The purpose of this Club shall be:

- a. To promote fellowship, friendship and fun among all members of the Club.

- b. To foster and develop recreational, social and travel opportunities for the enjoyment, pleasure and use of the members of the Club.
- c. To plan, encourage and carry out group rallies, weekend trips, campouts and any other activities that will provide enjoyment, companionship, recreation, and promote the spirit of good will among its members.
- d. To support the Club and WIT Club on caravans, rallies and all other activities.
- e. To cooperate with all other organizations which are working toward the conservation of our national resources.
- f. To provide, through identification with WIT, a basis of a friendly welcome with other members.
- g. To promote traveling safety.

ARTICLE IV

Membership and Fees

- Section I Admission to the Iowa Club shall not be denied because of sex, sexual preference, race, religion, marital status, color, or nationality.
- Section II Any person or persons, who singly or jointly own a Winnebago Industries' RV product, is eligible for membership in the Iowa Club if they are a current member of WIT.
- Section III Any person or persons, who are past members and because of health or age, sold their Winnebago Industries' RV product and can no longer participate as active members, may become honorary members.

Honorary members may attend State Meetings and Rallies, local chapter outings and the Grand National Rally (GNR). This excludes WIT Rallies & Caravans.

Honorary members will be required to pay event fees for any event they attend.

Honorary members may not vote, hold office, nor hold honorary membership if they are owners of non-Winnebago RV products.

Honorary members must be reported to the WIT Club Office for approval to receive their honorary certificate and card.

Section IV There shall be a one-time initiation fee for the Club of \$5.00. The annual dues will be \$10.00 per unit or as recommended and accepted by the Club and are to be paid to the Club Treasurer by November 1 of each year.

New members, who join the Club during or after GNR, will pay the initiation fee and annual dues and will receive the remaining months of that year free. The dues paid will apply toward the next year, which begins November 1.

Section V Expenses incurred at any Club outing shall be prorated and collected from those participating in the outing.

Section VI Non-Iowa Winnie Hawks members may attend a maximum of two (2) meetings as guests without becoming members of the Club.

ARTICLE V **Officers**

Section I The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a three (3) member Board of Directors, all of whom shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices. The term for the Board of Directors will be a staggering three-year term. The incoming President will appoint a new Director for the vacant three-year term each year, insofar as possible maintaining one Director from each of the three Iowa areas: west, central and east.

Section II The Vice President shall automatically succeed the President at the end of his/her term or in a case of a resignation. The Immediate Past President shall remain as an advisor and shall serve as chairman of the nominating committee.

Section III The officers shall be elected by the Club membership present at the annual meeting and hold office for one year. The President and Vice President shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are exempt from this requirement and may, as needed, be combined into one position upon a vote of the members.

Officers shall be installed at the Fall Meeting and assume their positions on November 1.

Section IV Prior to 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, outing or rally before new officers are installed. Checking account balances should be at the minimum considered necessary by the officers to operate the Club during the year. Any amount in excess of expenses should be applied toward the next year's operations. The audit committee's report will be made part of the record of the Club.

Section V If any vacancy occurs during the term of office in any one or more of the offices provided for in this Constitution, the Club may elect a successor(s), who shall hold the office for the unexpired term. In the event the President's office becomes vacant, the Vice Present shall automatically succeed the President and a new Vice President will be elected. The Club may, by majority vote, find that an emergency exists and provide for a modification of the term of an office for the duration of one (1) Club year.

Section VI The Club Treasurer is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the Club's EIN (Employer Identification Number) and filing an electronic IRS Form 990-N e-Postcard which is required for all clubs with gross receipts under \$50,000. The report is to be filed by the 15th of the 5th month following the end of the financial year or as otherwise required by law.

ARTICLE VI **Committees**

Section I The Nominating Committee shall be headed by the Immediate Past President and may consist of other past presidents. The Committee shall meet prior to the annual meeting to propose a slate of officers. The slate of officers shall be presented to the Club at the annual meeting by the Immediate Past President or in his/her absence, by a Director delegated by him/her. Other nominations for officers or directors may also be presented from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section II Committees may be appointed by the President upon approval by the Club and shall act for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the Club year.

ARTICLE VII
Meetings

- Section I The Club will hold a total of three (3) meetings per year. The Club's annual meeting shall be held during the State Rally.
- Section II At the annual meeting, officers shall be elected and directors appointed. The newly elected officers will assume their duties on November 1 of that year.
- Section III Special meetings may be called by the President or by any three (3) members of the Club upon notification to all members of the Club.
- Section IV A quorum of the Club shall consist of twelve (12) members. (Note: one member, singly or jointly, equals one vote per WIT number).
- Section V The regular order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:
- a. Call to order
 - b. Introduction of guest(s) or non-member(s)
 - c. Reading of minutes of previous meeting by Secretary
 - d. Reading of Treasurer's report
 - e. Old business
 - f. Election and installation of officers (Annual meeting only)
 - g. New business
 - h. Program
 - i. Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII
Fiscal Year

- Section I The fiscal year of the Club shall commence on November 1 of each year and end on the following October 31.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

- Section I This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Club provided that: 1) a quorum is present; 2) advance written notice of the intention to vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting to amend the Constitution and Bylaws, with the amendment specified, has been sent to all members; and 3) at least

thirty (30) days has passed between introduction of the proposed change(s) and the acceptance thereof.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws should be submitted to the WIT General Manager for approval prior to the membership voting.

Section II Notices and other communications in writing shall be transmitted either by regular mail or by electronic mail in a form readily converted to printed format.

Section III In case of disagreement *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern on any item not specifically covered by this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE X **Interpretation**

Any discrepancy in interpretation of these Bylaws with the WIT Bylaws shall be ruled in favor of the WIT Bylaws.

Adopted: Sept 13, 1971 - Signed by Claude Orvis, President and Witnessed by Dale Brady
Revised: Jul 1984 – David Robinson, President
Revised: Jul 1988 – Marrlee Airey, President
Revised: Jul 1990 – Kenneth Anderson, President
Revised: Sept 1991 – Don Graf, President
Revised: Sept 2014 - Butch Peters, President

Revised: Jun 1994 – Lawrence Moore, President
Revised: Sept 1998 – Lowell Smith, President
Revised: Feb 2002 – Ed Kahler, President
Revised: Jul 2004 – Elmer Arends, President
Revised: May 2009– Chester Mower, President
Revised: May 2012 – Tom Bailey, President