

Winnebago....Itasca....Travelers

Washington State Wash-I-Bagos By-Laws (Revised 5/20/06 – Approved by WIT 6/19/06)

ARTICLE I - The name of this organization shall be “WASH-I-BAGOS” from the State of Washington and is originally chartered by the parent organization Winnebago-Itasca-Travelers on June 19, 1975.

ARTICLE II - Colors:
The Club Colors are GREEN and WHITE
Symbol:
The Club Symbol is the official Winnebago-Itasca-Travelers Logo.

ARTICLE III - Purpose and Objectives:

- (1) To promote and cultivate goodwill and fellowship among all friends and members of WIT.
- (2) To provide assistance to all the Washington State WIT Chapters and to assist and cooperate with the Chapter Presidents with any problems where the State Club's experience may be beneficial.
- (3) To plan, administrate and coordinate all the various functions of the Washington State Rally for the purpose of entertaining, educating and camaraderie at a cost that is reasonable.
- (4) To recommend improvements to travel facilities wherever the need exists and to make these recommendations known to the proper State or National agencies and to help insure that these said recommendations are made.
- (5) To support WIT and the Winnebago organization with participation with caravans and rallies.
- (6) Help promote travel safety among all members.
- (7) To encourage and assist in exchanging travel information within the State Chapters and to take and active part in any educational programs which improve the public knowledge of travel.
- (8) To be formed and chartered by WIT as a non-profit organization of travelers for those whose sole

- purpose is to enjoy the outdoors by traveling and camping.
- (9) Provide guidance and assistance to persons desiring to form additional local WIT chapters within the State of Washington and to assist with their application to WIT.
 - (10) Assist in protecting member's rights as a private RV owner.
 - (11) Actively pursue assisting persons or organizations in need throughout the community.

ARTICLE IV - Wash-I-Bagos Membership:

- Section 1. The WASH-I-BAGOS CLUB IS formed as part of the parent organization the WINNEBAGO-ITASCA-TRAVELERS.
- Section 2. REGULAR MEMBERS: Any person or persons who is/are current member(s) of good standing with WIT is/are eligible for membership in the WASH-I-BAGOS. As a condition of being accepted for membership in the WASH-I-BAGOS, members shall abide by the Club By-Laws. Members deviating from accepted standards and conduct may be eligible for expulsion as set forth elsewhere in these By-Laws.
- Section 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: shall be made available, upon approval of the Executive Board of Directors, to representatives of Winnebago Industries and/or its certified dealers. Associate Members may attend official functions and meetings, but have no voting rights and may not hold any office in the WASH-I-BAGOS.
- Section 4. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: shall be made available, upon the approval of the Executive Board of Directors, to past members who because of health or age sold their motor homes and can no longer participate as active members. Their status must be reported to the WIT office annually. Honorary Members may attend official functions and meetings, but have no voting rights and may not hold any office in the WASH-I-BAGOS.

- Section 5. The annual dues are \$10.00 and can only be raised reflecting general club expenses upon the approval of the general membership or the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. The fiscal year for WASH-I-BAGOS membership is from January 1 to December 31. Members not submitting dues by June 1 forfeit membership and all further club privileges, benefits and newsletters shall be withheld.

ARTICLE V - Application for Membership:

- Section 1. Applicants for regular membership, by virtue of applying for membership, agree that they accept and shall abide by the provisions of the WASH-I-BAGOS By-Laws. Applicants for regular membership also attest that they are owners of a Winnebago Industries Recreation Vehicle and current members of good standing in WIT. Upon remitting the proper annual dues, the applicants are eligible for membership in WASH-I-BAGOS. Subsequent to acceptance for membership, a membership card will be provided to each new member and, if requested, a copy of the WASH-I-BAGOS By-Laws.
- Section 2. Dealers who are authorized to sell Winnebago Industries RVs are automatically members of WIT as Associate Members of WASH-I-BAGOS. Dealer membership may be used by any authorized employees of the dealer. The authorized employee may attend camp outs, meetings and rallies of the WASH-I-BAGOS as a dealer member even though they may not personally own a Winnebago Industries RV. When attending WASH-I-BAGOS functions, dealer member representative must be in a Winnebago Industries RV and be prepared to show their WIT dealer membership card. Dealer members are fully responsible for the conduct of their employees.
- Section 3. Membership in the WASH-I-BAGOS shall not be denied because of sex, race, religion, martial status, color or nationality.
- Section 4. Any member of the WASH-I-BAGOS who has resigned or whose membership has lapsed shall be eligible for

reinstatement provided they own a Winnebago Industries coach and upon payment of the entire annual dues fee.

Section 5. Any member who becomes ineligible through the sale of their Winnebago Industries RV immediately forfeits membership in WASH-I-BAGOS. In the event a member has ordered another Winnebago Industries RV, membership may be retained during that period the member is without a coach, for a period not to exceed 90 days. Honorary members excepted.

Section 6. Any member canceling their membership during the year will not receive any type of partial refund for that year. In the even they have renewed for multiple years, a prorated refund may be granted upon request.

ARTICLE VI - Officers:

Section 1. The officers for the WASH-I-BAGOS shall consist of the following:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Each of the herein officers shall be nominated, elected and approved by popular vote by the membership at the WASH-I-BAGOS annual meeting at the September State Rally, but do not take office until January 1. Each term of office shall be one year. The president and vice presidents shall not hold office more than two consecutive one-year-terms, nor more than two one-year-terms in any consecutive five-year period in each office. A partial term shall not count as a term served.

Section 2. If a vacancy occurs during a term in one or more of the offices as provided for in these By-Laws, the general membership may elect a successor(s) who shall hold office until the original term expires.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers LISTED IN Section 1 and the immediate Past President.

- Section 4. The Board of Directors will consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President and the local Chapter Presidents.
- Section 5. Members of the Executive Board and Board of Directors shall only be granted one vote on any and all issues.
- Section 6. No two members of the same immediate family shall hold office in the Club during the same year.
- Section 7. The Executive Board will have the responsibility to review any and all Club grievances. In the event an Executive Board member is being charged with a grievance he/she may not preside in the initial findings of grievance proceeding. In the event the grievance is in the nature of a requested expulsion, refer to ARTICLE XII.

ARTICLE VII - Committees:

- Section 1. The President may form and designate committees, as required, at his/her discretion. Committees shall be dismissed upon the completion of the term of the President.
- Section 2. A By-Law Committee shall be designated by the President to review and update the By-Laws as required.
- Section 3. A Nominating Committee, consisting of three past WASH-I-BAGOS officers including one, or preferably more, past WASH-I-BAGOS Presidents shall be appointed by the President prior to the election of officers in order to solicit new candidates. They will present their list of candidates to the President for his/her review no later than one day prior to the election of officers. This committee will conduct and chair the elections of the new officers and shall be dismissed upon completion of the election results.
- Section 4. Prior to the election of new officers, the existing President shall appoint an Audit Committee of no more than three members to audit the finances of the previous year. The Audit Committee shall complete the

audit and submit to the President their findings for his/her announcement to the general membership prior to any new officers taking office. All and any discrepancies shall be resolved to the general membership's satisfaction before any new officers take office.

- Section 5. A Program Committee of not less than three members shall be appointed by the President and shall be responsible for all rally programs and entertainment.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings:

- Section 1. There shall be a minimum of two WASH-I-BAGOS meetings each year, the date and location as agreed upon by the current Executive Board and duly notified to the general membership.
- Section 2. A quorum for the purpose of voting at general membership meetings shall consist of a simple majority of the attending membership, with no less than 20 members voting. The definition of member voting shall be a maximum of two votes per member coach (i.e., one vote for each spouse, co-owner or companion).
- Section 3. No persons shall be allowed to cast any votes that are not bon-i-fied and current members of good standing of the WASH-I-BAGOS and WIT. All those voting shall be validated by an appointed chairperson to insure their membership is current.
- Section 4. The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of two times per year. Additional meetings may be requested and scheduled at their discretion, and agreeable to the majority of Board members. A minimum of three Executive Board Members shall be present at each meeting.
- Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet anytime there is a proposed expenditure as described in ARTICLE IX, Section 3. Additional meetings may be called by the President, Executive Board, or upon the request of three or more Chapter Presidents. Three Executive Board members and a minimum of 50% of Chapter

Presidents shall be present, or represented, at each meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Finances:

Section 1. The Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Budget no later than March 1 for the Calendar Year which details major sources of income (dues, dealer donations, rally & parking fees, raffle and misc) and expenses (newsletter, president's row at GNR, rally fairground, caterer, entertainment, program, prizes, decorations, breakfasts, misc.).

Section 2. The budget shall be reviewed by the Executive Board and then distributed to the Board of Directors for their considerations. The budget should be adopted by the Board at the Spring Meeting or earlier via e-mail, if agreeable.

Section 3. Any expenditure in excess of \$500.00 that was not included in the budget must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. All payments must be paid with an official club check. Checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or President. In a case of an emergency, two other Executive Board Members may act as signers.

Section 5. All expenses must be paid within thirty calendar days after receipt of invoice, or per terms noted on the invoice or contract.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall maintain an inventory listing of all property owned by the WASH-I-BAGOS. The listing should indicate date of purchase, where purchased, property description, original const, serial numbers (when applicable), warranty expiration dates, and where the property is currently stored.

Section 7. With unanimous approval of the Executive Board, WASH-I-BAGOS equipment may be rented only to WIT-related activities (such as NWRR or local chapter functions) for a reasonable fee. A rental agreement contract should be completed and signed by the renter.

ARTICLE X - By-Laws:

Section 1. These WASH-I-BAGOS By-Laws exist and prevail by their authority from the parent "WINNEBAGO-ITASCA-TRAVELERS' organization By-Laws. These included By-Laws may not conflict with the WIT By-Laws. In the event there are any inadvertent conflicts, the WIT By-Laws shall prevail.

Section 2. In case of any disagreement, Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide on any items not herein covered or addressed.

Section 3. The WASH-I-BAGOS By-Laws may be revised/amended by recommendations from a duly appointed By-Law Committee or the general membership's recommendation to the committee. The membership may vote to propose a revision/amendment that will be referred to the By-Law Committee. The By-Law Committee shall notify the Board of Directors at least 45 days before the general membership meeting, who will then notify their chapter membership of the revisions/amendments 30 days prior to the general membership meeting. All proposed By-Law revisions and/or amendments to the By-Laws are subject to the general membership majority approval by vote as specified in ARTICLE VIII, Section 2. No amendment may be placed in force at the meeting that the revisions/amendments were agreed upon by vote. A minimum of thirty calendar days shall pass between club approval and the final acceptance.

Section 4. Upon meeting all herein mentioned criteria, any adopted By-Law revision and/or amendments must be signed and dated by the present WASH-I-BAGOS officers and forwarded to the current WIT General Manager for his/her approval.

ARTICLE XI - Expulsion:

Section 1. A member may submit a petition for the expulsion of a member, with the written support of a minimum of twenty-five WASH-I-BAGOS members in good standing,

through the President to the Executive Board for the confirmation and/or denial of their petition. The Executive Board shall review in depth the submitted petition and agree or disagree with the petition within thirty days. The Executive Board shall then present their recommendation to the general membership through the President at the next club meeting for their vote to accept or deny their recommendation.

- Section 2. The person(s) named in the petition or request has the right to respond, within 30 days after being notified of the expulsion request, to the allegations (in writing and/or in person) before the Executive Board prior to any type of action taken.
- Section 3. The expulsion of a member will require two-thirds majority vote of the attending club membership. The Executive Board does not have the sole authority to expel members of the club.
- Section 4. The Executive Board cannot vote or make any decision contrary to the outcome of the vote of the club membership.
- Section 5. After any and due process has been completed for a club member expulsion, all records, letters and documentation shall be recorded in the club records and copies sent to the WIT General Manager upon his/her request.

ARTICLE XII - Reinstatements:

All requests for reinstatement to the club shall be submitted in writing to the President and reviewed by the Executive Board. A simple majority vote by the Executive Board for approval or denial shall govern. Any such approval shall be with the understanding that the annual dues for that year be submitted with the reimbursement request.

We, the listed current officers of the WASH-I-BAGOS Club, do certify by signature that these herein mentioned revised Washington State WASH-I-BAGOS By-Laws have been prepared by the appointed By-Laws Committee and approved by the WASH-I-BAGOS general membership. Upon final approval by signature of the General Manager of WIT and/or designated authority, these revised By-Laws will become valid as of this date and supersede any and all previous WASH-I-BAGOS By-Laws. Copies shall be made available to the entire WASH-I-BAGOS membership.

| <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SIGNATURE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|
| President | Dan Harper | _____ | |
| 1 st Vice President | Harry Marenbach | _____ | |
| 2 nd Vice President | Roger Simmons | _____ | |
| Secretary | Fran Murkowski | _____ | |
| Treasurer | Andy Karlsnes | _____ | |
| WIT Approval | | _____ | |
| | Dennis Burkholder, WIT General Manager | | |

Approved and signed by WIT 5/26/06