

**WyoNeb (Wyoming Nebraska) Area Geocachers  
(WNAG)  
Bylaws**

**Article I – Name and Purpose**

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization is WyoNeb Area Geocachers which may be shortened to WNAG or WyoBraska Geocachers for general reference and/or on Geocaching.com and other geocaching organization literature and web sites.

Section 2: Purpose

The purposes for which this organization is formed and exists are as follows:

- WNAG shall exist as a forum for geocachers to discuss any and all aspects of geocaching through education, meetings, picnics, events, newsletters and a web site.
- WNAG shall exist to promote and educate the unique sport of geocaching and the uses of GPS technologies to the general public.
- WNAG shall exist to encourage responsible use of public lands and to raise public awareness of geocaching activities and actions as they relate to public lands. WNAG shall promote and actively sponsor cache-in, trash-out responsibilities at ALL area and member cache sites.
- WNAG shall exist as an organization to facilitate meetings and agreements with public officials and entities to allow for the safe and proper use of public lands while also offering access and openness to all geocaching activities as defined allowable on Geocaching.com
- WNAG shall exist to promote all legal and acceptable (using geocaching.com as a guide) geocaching activities for members through media relations and regular communications with members.
- WNAG shall exist as a family friendly and family oriented organization for the purposes stated above.

Section 3: Not for Profit

The organization shall not act for profit through ANY of its activities. At this time, the organization will not formally be setup as a non-profit. If the need for formal, legal non-profit status shall arise, 3/5 of the executive committee need to so authorize and 75% of current, active membership at a formal meeting of the organization. At that time the bylaws will be amended.

**Article II - Membership**

Section 1: Eligibility

Any individual or family shall be eligible for membership, provided that they:

- Have found and logged at least 2 new geocaches (not previously visited/found by that individual or group) on the geocaching.com web site in the 6 calendar months previous to any point in time.
- Agree to abide by the bylaws and rules of the organization and any events sponsored by it.
- Physically live at least 5 months a year near or within the geographic area generally defined as eastern Wyoming or the Nebraska Panhandle: see exhibit 1 for more details.

## Section 2: Membership

*Active members:* any eligible person or family may be deemed an active member by:

- Providing a member of the executive committee with a current name, address, phone number, email address and geocaching.com user name.
- Formally agreeing to abide by the organization's then current bylaws
- Providing continuing evidence that they are eligible.

Active members over the age of 18 may vote by attending either in person or electronically any sanctioned meeting of WNAG.

## Section 3: Dues

At present, the organization shall have no dues or monetary charges for membership. Dues may be charges in the future providing 3/5 of the executive committee and 3/4 of the membership present at any sanctioned meeting vote to amend this section.

# Article III – Meetings

## Section 1: Regular Meetings

At least three (3) general membership meetings shall be held each year. These meetings may be in conjunction with an event. The time and place of a meeting shall be announced by email and on the web site at least 21 days before the meeting. All meetings will also include a geocaching.com event cache. All business brought to a regular meeting must first be presented to the executive committee for review.

## Section 2: Special Meetings

Additional meetings may be held providing 3/5 of the executive committee agrees to the time and place or by petition of at least 50% of active members. The time and place of special meetings shall be announced at least 7 days before the meeting.

## Section 3: Quorum

Those active members present at a properly called general membership or special meeting shall be designated a quorum and shall be entitled to take action on behalf of the organization providing that at least 2 members of the executive committee be present and at least 3 members of the general membership be present – providing that at least 3 members exist.

#### Section 4: Voting

A simple majority vote of voting members present at any meeting shall be required for all actions to be taken by the organization except as outlined in these bylaws.

#### Section 5: Events

The organization and/or its membership may hold events at which no meeting and no voting will take place. These events may or may not be announced in advance.

### **Article IV – Officers**

#### Section 1: Positions

The officers and members of the executive committee shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, 1 - Wyoming Rep, 1 - Nebraska Rep. The term of each office is 1 year.

#### Section 2: President

The President shall act as the principal executive officer of the organization subject to the control and direction of the executive committee and general membership. The president shall preside over meetings, settle tie votes, create special committees and special committee membership. The president shall sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the organization under the rules and direction of the executive committee, membership votes, bylaws. The president may NOT act on behalf of the group unless explicitly authorized to do so and recorded in the minutes of any meeting.

#### Section 3: Vice President

The vice president shall be a member of the executive committee and assume the role of president if the president is unable to attend meetings or fulfill the role of president for any reason.

#### Section 4: Secretary

The role of secretary shall be to record meeting minutes of any executive committee meeting, general membership meeting or event. Written records and pictures of occurrences at meetings should be kept by the secretary. These records shall be made available to the general membership within 7 days of any meeting/event. The secretary may have additional duties as assigned by the president. The Secretary is also a voting member of the executive committee. The secretary must carefully record the results of all motions and votes. The secretary will maintain a current contact list for all active members.

#### Section 5: Rep Positions

The Reps from each state shall be voting members of the executive committee and shall aid to advance the goals/concerns/needs of membership in their respective state.

## **Article V – Executive Committee**

### **Section 1: Eligibility**

To be eligible for election to the executive committee, a person must:

- Be an active member as described above
- Have planted and maintained regularly and remain currently active at least 2 geocaches approved by geocaching.com within the organizations geographic boundaries – see exhibit 1.
- Have been nominated by at least 3 active members and/or recommendation of the previous executive committee.
- Be willing to attend additional meetings with proper notice
- Accept nomination at a meeting with a quorum (either in person or electronically)
- Have located and logged on geocaching.com at least 20 finds total including at least 1 multicache and 1 micro cache.
- Have “handled” at least 1 Travel Bug (not belonging to you) in the past 6 months
- Have released at least 1 Travel Bug of your own via geocaching.com

### **Section 2: General Powers**

The affairs, activities, operation and organization of events shall be managed by the executive committee. The committee shall transact necessary business during and between meetings and carry out directives of the membership and president as outlined in the bylaws. It must arrange meetings and reports with outside entities including the media. In general, it is the committee’s job to carry out the desires of the membership to the best of their abilities.

### **Section 3: Quorum**

At least 3 members of the committee are needed to declare a quorum for the transaction of business

### **Section 4: Voting**

Except as outlined in the bylaws simple majority of the members of the quorum present shall be required for all action taken by the committee.

### **Section 5: Meetings and Events**

The Executive committee shall meet at least 3 times per year. Usually in conjunction with or prior to general membership meetings. The president shall have the power to call a executive meeting at any time with a 7 day notice to executive committee members. In addition the executive committee must meet within 1 month of any elections of officers. All business brought before the general membership of WNAG must be discussed and approved by the executive committee before the general meeting except for general petitions by a majority of active members.

## **Article VI – Elections**

### **Section 1: Procedure**

The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the organization and within 1 calendar year thereafter. All voting members of the organization may participate. After the first election, the executive committee shall recommend officers at least 21 days before the next election for the following 1 year term. Active members may also nominate members. Any member receiving at least 2 nominations or recommendation of the executive committee shall be placed on a ballot for election to a particular office. Members may not nominate themselves unless they are members of the executive committee. Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than 10 days before an election. All candidates placed on the ballot must have been members of WNAG for at least 4 months.

The election must be held at an authorized meeting of the membership by voice vote. If the voice vote is contested then written ballots must be issued and counted by the secretary. There shall be no absentee or proxy voting. Members may vote electronically at the time of election if such means exist at the meeting location. A simple majority of cast votes is required for a person to be elected to office. If the vote is tied a runoff election will be held immediately following an opportunity for the top 2 candidates to speak. Only the top 2 candidates will be voted upon in a runoff election. If the runoff results in a tie then the president shall determine the winner by flip of a coin.

### **Section 2: Term of Office**

The term of all offices is 1 calendar year from the date of expiration of the previous officers.

### **Section 3: Vacancies**

Any and all vacancies for any reason will be filled by the remaining executive committee members as soon as is practical. In the case of a vacancy for president, the vice president shall assume the duties of president and the vice president office will be declared vacant. The original remaining term of office shall remain for any individual assuming the office of a vacancy.

## **Article VII – Finances**

The organization does not intend to handle funds of any kind at this time. The cost of meetings and events shall be borne by volunteer members and is not to be construed as debt or obligation of the organization as a whole. Members that do volunteer funds for events and meetings do so of their own accord and NEVER at the direction of this organization.

### **Article VIII – Logo**

As soon as is practical the executive committee will develop and present for approval a logo to identify the organization and the logo may not be altered or used in any manner except as approved by the executive committee.

### **Article IX – Non-Discrimination**

The Organization shall not discriminate against people on the basis of any legally defined and protected status.

### **Article X – Dissolution**

Dissolution of the organization may occur at any time by a 2/3 majority vote of active members. Any assets of the organization at the time of dissolution will be passed onto geocaching.com or another geocaching organization approved by the executive committee.

### **NOTES:**

A temporary executive committee shall exist until these bylaws and a first election can be held and membership determined.

*Temporary Executive Committee is:*

**President:** Troy Bryan, aka StarBrand – Bridgeport, Nebraska.

**Vice-President:** George ??, aka Archuka, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Exhibit 1: Geographical Boundaries – Approximate

