

WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES INC

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) June 21, 2011

Winnebago Industries, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-06403

(Commission File Number)

42-0802678

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 152, Forest City, Iowa

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

50436

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 641-585-3535

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) and (c) On June 21, 2011, the Board of Directors of Winnebago Industries, Inc. (the “Company”) announced the election of Randy J. Potts to the position of Chief Executive Officer, in addition to his current position of President, effective immediately. Robert J. Olson will remain an officer and continue serving as Chairman of the Board. Information regarding Mr. Potts's tenure with the Company and his business experience can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 26, 2010, the descriptions of which are incorporated herein by reference. On June 22, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Potts to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held June 21, 2011, John V. Hanson, 69, and Gerald C. Kitch, 73, each notified the Company of his respective decision not to stand for re-election and retire from the Board of Directors, effective as of the date of the Company's Annual Meeting following its 2011 fiscal year, scheduled for December 13, 2011. Neither Mr. Hanson or Mr. Kitch are retiring as a result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

(e) On June 21, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company, upon the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee (the “Committee”), approved effective August 28, 2011, the beginning of the Company's 2012 fiscal year, (i) the Officers Incentive Compensation Plan-Fiscal Period 2012 (the “2012 Incentive Compensation Plan”) and (ii) the Officers Long Term Incentive Plan-Fiscal Three Year Period 2012, 2013 and 2014 (the “LTIP 2012 2014”). Robert J. Olson (Chairman of the Board), Randy J. Potts (Chief Executive Officer and President), Raymond M. Beebe (Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary), Sarah N. Nielsen (Vice President, Chief Financial Officer), William J. O'Leary (Vice President, Product Development) and Roger W. Martin (Vice President, Sales and Marketing) (collectively, the “Named Executive Officers”) will participate in both the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan and the LTIP 2012 2014.

The 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan provides for an annual incentive award based upon financial performance of the Company. The purpose of the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan is to promote the growth and profitability of the Company by providing its officers with an incentive to achieve corporate profit objectives and to attract and retain officers who will contribute to the achievement of growth and profitability of the Company. The 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan is an annual program that provides for annual measurements of financial performance and an opportunity for an annual incentive payment based on financial results measured against predetermined financial performance targets established by the Board of Directors (such as earnings, return on equity, return on invested capital or other applicable measures). Under the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan, the amount of the Named Executive Officers' incentive compensation for the fiscal year shall be in direct proportion to the Company's financial performance expressed as a percentage (Financial Factor) against the base salary bonus (Target) for each participant. The Named Executive Officers must be employed by the Company at the end of the fiscal year to be eligible for any incentive payment, except for pro-rated payments made at the discretion of the Committee in the event of retirement, disability or death or upon a Change in Control as described below.

The 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan provides for a bonus (Target) of 90% (for the Chairman of the Board) 75% (for the Chief Executive Officer and President) and 60% (in the case of the other Named Executive Officers) of base salary, respectively, comprised of 2/3 cash and 1/3 restricted stock, at 100% achievement of the financial objectives. The price of the restricted stock will be the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date the grant is approved by the Committee in October following fiscal year end. The stock award restriction will be removed one year after the grant date.

Pursuant to the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan, the Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the Financial Factor used in determining the incentive compensation by plus or minus 20% based upon strategic organizational goals and priorities established by the Board of Directors. Strategic performance is evaluated annually by the Committee and submitted for approval by the Board of Directors. On June 21, 2011, the Board of Directors approved the following strategic factors for the 2012 Incentive Plan: industry performance; market share; product quality;

business diversity initiatives; planning and succession planning.

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levels for which bonuses will be paid pursuant to the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan have not yet been established by the Committee or the Board.

In the event of a "Change in Control" (as defined in the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan) participants are entitled to receive full annual awards within 15 days of the effective date of the Change of Control based on the Committee's estimate of the Company's financial performance through the end of the year in which such Change in Control occurs. The Named Executive Officers are also eligible for incentive awards under the LTIP 2012-2014. The purpose of the LTIP 2012-2014 is to promote the long-term growth and profitability of the Company by providing the officers of the Company with an incentive to achieve long-term corporate profit objectives and to attract and retain officers who will contribute to the achievement of growth and profitability of the Company. The LTIP 2012-2014 provides for incentive awards consisting of performance stock grants made in restricted shares of the Company's Common Stock. The awards under the LTIP 2012-2014 are based upon the Company's financial performance as measured against the Company's financial results at the end of the three year fiscal period. The Named Executive Officers must be employed by the Company at the end of fiscal 2014 to be eligible for an incentive award under the LTIP 2012-2014, except upon a Change in Control as described below.

Under the LTIP 2012-2014, the amount of the participants' long term incentive award for the three year fiscal period is in direct proportion to the Company's financial performance expressed as a percentage (Financial Factor) against award targets for each participant predetermined by the Board of Directors (such as earnings, return on equity, return on invested capital or other applicable measures). The Company's financial results for the three year fiscal period are used in determining the Financial Factor to be used for that plan period when calculating the participants' long term incentive awards. Restricted stock earned under the LTIP 2012-2014 and approved by the Committee will be awarded as soon as practical after the Company's year-end accounting following the 2014 fiscal year end. The price of any restricted stock award will be the closing market price of the Company's Common Stock on the date in which the grant is approved by the Committee. The stock award restriction will be removed one year after the grant date. The long term incentive for the Named Executive Officers provides for an opportunity of 25% of the annualized base salary (Target) to be awarded in restricted stock at 100% achievement of the financial long-term objectives. The annualized base salary figure used is the salary in place for each participant as of September 2011. The resultant incentive award (at 100% of the three year fiscal management plan) will be adjusted up or down as determined by actual financial performance expressed as a percentage (Financial Factor) at the end of the three year fiscal period. The financial performance measurement or measurements and the threshold, target and maximum performance levels for which incentive awards will be paid pursuant to the LTIP 2012-2014 have not yet been established by the Committee or the Board.

In the event of a "Change in Control" (as defined in the LTIP 2012-2014) participants are entitled to receive a full three year plan award within 15 days of the effective date based on the Committee's estimate of the Company's financial performance through the end of the LTIP 2012-2014 three year fiscal period.

In the event the Committee reasonably determines that the performance certified by the Committee, and any payment made to a participant with respect to the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan or the LTIP 2012-2014 was based on the achievement of financial results that are subsequently the subject of a restatement due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under either generally accepted accounting principles or federal securities laws, other than as a result of changes to accounting rules and regulations, the participant will be obligated to repay to the Company such amounts required under any rules or regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 10D(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, any rules or standards adopted by a national securities exchange on which the Company's equity securities are listed, any related guidance from a governmental agency which has jurisdiction over the administration of such provision, any judicial interpretation of such provision and as otherwise may be required under applicable law or Company policy, in each case as determined by the Committee.

Reference is made to each of the 2012 Incentive Compensation Plan and the LTIP 2012-2014 filed as Exhibits 99.2 and 99.3, respectively, to this Report and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c)Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 27, 2011

WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ Randy J. Potts

Name: Randy J. Potts

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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