

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS
General Membership Meeting
January 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Miller at 11:00am. Christine Ross gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

President Jerry Miller introduced his officers Ted & Janice Fumia 1st VP, Cliff & Ree Spiller 2nd VP, Christine & Bob Ross Secretary, Walter & Belinda Feldgoise Treasurer, Nancy Miller Director.

Jerry Congratulated new Presidents Jim Stracka Du-Bol Winnies, Stuart Pierce Florida Sunshine Winnies and Bob Senus Seaside Winnies. He also welcomed returning presidents Judy Weaver Buccaneer Winnies, Pete & Corinne Wightman Caloosa Winnies, Ed & Carol Gies Funtime Travelers, Tom & Sharon Zopff Mid Florida Winnies, Curt Newton Miracle Strip Winnies, Bob Meader Panhandle Winnies, Rick Bunn South Florida Winnie Gators, Jim Rae Space Coast Winnies and Larry Bergsman Suncoast Winnies.

Attending the State Meeting at Blueberry Hill campground in Bushnell were 62 coaches and 9 chapters represented.

First timers attending the meeting were.. Joel & Brenda Oleksa Mid-Florida Winnies, Normand & Paulette Belleville Mid-Florida Winnies, Don & Barbara Kammeraad Caloosa Winnies, and Gene & Joyce Ackerman.

Secretary's Report: The readings of the October meeting were waived by Nancy Miller and 2nd by Shirley Halstead. As always the minutes are available to read if requested and posted on our web site www.winniegators.org.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Walter Fieldgoise and is as follows... This period runs from October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Our club's finances remain in a good position.

We started the period with \$8,911.36 and ended with \$16,689.29 for an increase of \$7,777.93. This increase is due largely to registrations for the January Campout and advance registrations for the March State Rally, and our decision to move from catered to potluck dinners at the state meetings.

We had one completed event during this period which was the October campout at Alligator Park with 42 coaches in attendance. This campout resulted in a profit of \$1,587.28.

Some noteworthy expenses incurred during this period were Camping Fees \$2,580.00, food & supplies \$1,231.23 and refund expenses of \$275.00

For the year, our income was \$96,631.04 and our expenses were \$102,616.96.

As always the treasurer's report is filed for audit.

President's Report:

Jerry announced a new club within the FSWG club called the Zipper Club. If you have had heart surgery you can come and get a zipper pin. However, the club is not looking for new members!!!

Just a reminder that each chapter should send Phil Halstead the new officers elected for 2013 and a photo if possible. New officer lists should also be sent to Ruth Harms at the WIT office ASAP.

Jerry gave a report of upgrades on equipment and how money was spent while he was in office. This list is available for anyone wishing to check over the purchases.

Officers and Committee Reports: Reports were given by Corinne Wightman on the vendors and seminars scheduled to attend the March State Rally. We have 17 vendors registered and hoping there are more registration forms in the mailbox when she gets home. If you know of any vendors that might like to attend the Rally please refer them to our web site www.winniegators.org or to Corinne

Door prizes are needed and we are looking for help manning the tables.

Goody Bags are in the works with Tom Zopff soliciting businesses for anything they are willing to donate.

Old Business: Our Director Nancy Miller presented the slate of officers for the 2013-2014 seasons. Nancy asked if there were any nominations from the floor??? Nominations were closed. Jim Rayburn made a motion to accept the slate of officers presented and it was 2nd by Shirley Halstead. Motion carried all in favor none opposed. These officers are duly elected and will be installed at the March State Rally.

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Secretary	Christine Ross
Treasurer	Walter & Belinda Feldgoise

Our Florida State Rally plans are well on the way. The theme “Kartoon Karavan” should be fun. We are asking all Officers, Chapter Presidents, and Chapter Members to please tell everyone about the rally. We are behind last year with registrations. Please step up and help!!!

We will have a garage sale table at the March Rally so bring your items to sell.

Each chapter is being asked to donate some baskets for door prizes. Some chapters have collected money and had volunteers to make all the baskets. Christine Ross has done this with the Caloosa Winnies and makes baskets that run about \$15.00 to \$20.00 per basket. By doing this the Caloosas can donate about 10 to 12 baskets. People don't really care how big the basket is they just like to WIN!!! We also need (4) smaller baskets for the Friendship walk from each chapter. These baskets should not be over \$10.00.

We will be having Dealer Day on Wednesday. The dealers will have some promotions so everyone is encouraged to arrive on TUESDAY yes that's TUESDAY so you can enjoy looking at the new motorhomes and just getting to know our dealers. We have 3 committed and looking for the 4th!!

Thank you to the Du-Bol Winnies for a very nice, clean and working coffee pot!!!

New Business: Chapter of excellence forms for 2013 are available. You can also find these forms on the Winnebago Industries Web site.

As you know the cost of FOOD is going up. Nancy Miller is working on trying to cut down the cost of food for the March rally. For lunch on Thursday the proposed menu is Sub sandwiches with chips and a cookie saving up about \$4000.00. For breakfast Friday and Saturday morning we propose having fruit cups and a minidanish and orange juice saving us well over \$2800.00. Sunday morning breakfast will be Dunkin Donuts. We should break even on this cost.

GNR is July 21-26, 2013. The theme is "Wild West" so plan to join us in Forest City, Iowa this July!!! As usual Florida plans to have a great time with happy hour every day. Pre week starts July 14th and we have several special events planned for the Winnie Gators. On the 15th we will all go to the Branding Iron for Prime Rib. We will pre cell the tickets this year. We will also have our Hog Roast on Wednesday the 17th details forthcoming. Our First timer's party will be Monday the 22nd at 3:00pm and the "BIG" Row Party on Tuesday July 23rd. We have the BIGGEST and the BEST!!!

As you know many of our officers have served for many years. In October we will be nominating a slate of officers for the 2014. This is YOUR club and everyone needs to be involved and take a turn. Please speak to any of the current officers and we will be happy to give you information on what our job entails and if we plan to vacate that position. One thing you can count on is if you ever need help with anything while you are serving all of us will be there to help.

Announcements: Your 2013 FSWG dues are due.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated. It was announced that Larry Bergsman has been in the hospital with heart issues and is doing well.

Future Campout Dates:

March 21-24, 2013	Florida State Rally	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL
May 10-12, 2013	Paradise Oaks	Bushnell, Florida
October 18-20, 2013	Blueberry Hill RV Resort	Bushnell, Florida
January 17-19, 2014	Blueberry Hill RV Resort	Bushnell, Florida

Be sure to check your Winnie Gators website often! Chapters are encouraged to send Phil Halstead a list of camp out schedules, articles, pictures, etc. to share.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill Schilp 2nd by Shirley Halstead. All were in favor!!

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Ross
Secretary
FSWG