

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS
General Meeting Minutes
Lazydays RV Resort, Seffner, FL
January 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Caffrey at 10:01 am. President Caffrey delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Judy Sweep read the minutes from the October meeting, and Shirley Parks made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Carole Gies and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report running from October 2016 through November 2016 was read by Treasurer Susan Kiefer. The entire report is attached to this document. A motion to accept the report was made by Donna Weitzel and seconded by Terry Hoover. The motioned carried. On January 5, 2017, at the annual audit the checkbooks and bank statements for the FSWG Suntrust Bank account were examined by Jeff Roudebush and Chuck Smalley for the eleven months ending 11/30/2016. The records were found to be kept in a neat and orderly manner.

President's Report:

President Caffrey stated that the Winnebago "Sneak Peek" rally held at Lazydays December 8-10, 2016 was a very worthwhile event.

Committee Reports:

Pete Putman, Vendor Coordinator, has contacted all previous vendors by email and nine vendors have signed up to date to attend the rally. More vendors are anticipated to commit in January. Pete and Gayle are going to the Tampa RV Show in order to connect with potential vendors for our February rally.

Old Business:

The 2017 slate of officers to date was presented as listed below:

Second Vice President: Rich and Dorinda Gest

Treasurer: Chuck and Becky Smalley

Secretary: Shirley and Ed Parks

There were no volunteers for the offices of President or First Vice President. A lengthy discussion followed which included the following ideas and comments.

- FSWG has had excellent support at hosting campouts by local chapters. Secretaries Judy and Cal Sweep have streamlined the FSWG data collection

computer system. Treasurers Susan and Frank Kiefer have streamlined their reporting system to make the job much easier. The rally has been moved to Sarasota with a yearly contract. Under Mike and Barbara Sofarelli's direction the trailer needs to be transported only one time a year with no storage fee at Mike Jr.'s business. All of these efforts have hopefully made the officer positions more appealing.

- A new idea would be to table all rallies until the new officers can take control of the rally comfortably and have campouts in May, October and January.
- Members were reminded that positions need to be filled to allow shadowing of replacement officers. Current officers are very willing to assist the new slate of officers.
- Each rally/campout is designed to be self-supporting and according to our by-laws all are designed to "break even". The January auction assists the cost of the rally.
- Article VI. C. in the current by-laws states that officers "shall hold office until the end of the next year's State Rally, or until their successors have been duly elected and installed." However, when the general membership is unwilling to serve, the current officers are unwilling to continue to serve indefinitely.
- Members who have served as President or Vice-President were recognized.

Don Levine volunteered for the office of First Vice-President. There were no volunteers for the office of President. There will be a final request for this position at the end of this meeting.

Winnebago Rep, Stu Smith, has advised President Caffrey that in order to close the club an email vote by all the members of the club must be taken to confirm closure. Once that vote is taken, the club charter must be returned to WIT and all assets of the club must be liquidated. Once that is completed, the financial total will be divided among the state club members listed in the 2016 membership directory.

The vote to update the FSWG By-Laws will be tabled until our officer selection has been determined.

The Sarasota Fairgrounds declined our offer to allow them the use/storage of the large speakers with stands but thanked us for the offer. We now have three options:

- If the club closes, sell the speakers or offer them to one of the state

chapters for appropriate compensation.

- If the club continues, keep the speakers and pass to new officers.
- Sell the speakers with stands (initial cost: \$1,917.36).

Pete Putman made a motion to sell the speakers and the motion was seconded by Pete Ward. The motion carried.

The only chapter duty changes for the 2017 /2018 rallies are as follows: Funtimers will do Stage and Table Decorating and Suncoast Winnies will conduct Games. At the 2017 rally each chapter will need to assign one of their members to observe how duties are performed for their new assignment area. With lower membership, we may need to eliminate an event such as Games as it requires many chapter members' involvement. Some chapters enjoy doing additional small events in addition to their larger event. One task, such as table and chair setup, can be absorbed by a single assigned member from several chapters. The fairground staff does the setup in the arena so that area only needs to be straightened after each event. In the Clark and 4H buildings, the chapter that uses the area will place the chairs back in position. Big chapters do big jobs and little chapters do little jobs with jobs rotating every two years unless otherwise agreed by the chapters. The tougher jobs such as Parkers, Greeters and Registration/Goody Bags are rotated for fairness. Chapter members will be assisting with meal serving and Glo Caffrey will be sending out a volunteer list.

New Business

Ryan Rosk from Winnebago Industries will be part of a group attending this year's rally. This group will be conducting a workshop to receive customer feedback concerning both gas and diesel coaches. An email will be sent to chapter Presidents requesting a list of volunteers willing to take these group members to their individual coaches to point out both positive and negative areas on their coaches. This email will contain the necessary information which needs to be supplied by the individual coach owners.

Recognition was given to Terry Hoover, President of the Buccaneer Winnies, who has been "the glue" that holds that chapter together.

Dave Rosenblatt volunteered to develop a playlist for the music at this year's rally.

Discussion continued concerning the lack of a candidate for President.

- Perhaps an email could be sent to all chapter members one more time.

- Office positions could be rotated on an annual basis by chapter.
- Many members are already involved in other volunteer areas in their lives.
- Lack of volunteerism is a common problem everywhere.
- Perhaps closure of the club will motivate Winnebago to have a District Rally.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Cal Sweep to close the Florida State Winnie Gator Club at the conclusion of the 2017 FSWG State Rally. The motion was seconded by Pete Ward. There being a total of 171 coaches in the FSWG membership, 34 coaches constitutes the requirement for a quorum. There were 43 member coaches in attendance therefore the quorum requirement was met. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assets of the club need to be dissolved. A motion was made by Pete Ward and seconded by Shirley Parks stating the present officers dissolve the assets to the good of the club. The motion carried.

It was voted that Shirley and Phil Halstead will be given honorary WIT membership.

Shirley Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Rosenblatt. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sweep
Secretary