

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc. – General Membership Meeting
Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida
March 14, 2010

Nancy Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Shirley Halstead had the invocation.

Nancy introduced the officers:

Joe and Ann Loudenslager, 1st Vice-presidents
Ted and Janis Fumia, 2nd Vice-presidents
Kathryn Griffin, Secretary
Jerry Miller, Treasurer
Linda and Dan Tuzzolo, Directors

Nancy asked that all chapter presidents stand; they were acknowledged by applause. She introduced Doug and Pat Formanek (President of WIT) and Dick and Mikki Dodge (Eastern Area Reps) and then commented on the fact that Bob and Cathy Olson (CEO of Winnebago Industries) had attended the rally (first in the history of WIT)

It was moved by Dan Tuzzolo and seconded by Joe Sholtes that the minutes of the January 2010 meeting be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously. Kathryn reminded attendees that the minutes were posted to our website, www.winniegators.org.

Jerry gave the highlights of the Treasurer's Report for Year-to-Date 2010; the club is in good financial condition with a cash balance of \$76,790.25 as of 2/28/2010. Jerry announced that the audit had been performed and all is well; the audit was done by Walt Feldgoise and Ted Fumia and the report was read by Jerry. Nancy indicated that the Treasurer's Report would be filed for audit. A copy of the Treasurer's Report and the Audit Report are attached to these minutes

In her President's Report, Nancy:

- Congratulated and thanked all chapters and individuals for jobs well done at the rally:
 - Buccaneer Winnies – bingo and friendship walk
 - Caloosa Winnies – registration/goody bags
 - Du-Bol Winnies –stage and table decorations
 - Florida Sunshine Winnies -- arts and crafts
 - Funtime Travelers -- wine and cheese social
 - Mid-Florida Winnies – food and coffee service
 - Miracle Strip Winnies – book fair
 - Seaside Winnies – greeters
 - South Florida Winnies “The Rowdy Bunch” – games
 - Spacecoast Winnies – ice cream social
 - Suncoast Winnies – parkers
 - Bud Geng – dealer parking
 - Joe Sala – handicapped parking
 - Betty and Larry Ireland and Lois and Gene Hogan – door prizes
 - Corinne Wightman – vendors
 - Ree Spiller – goody bags
 - Cathy and Al Goebel – registration
 - Ellen and Charlie Zucker – pet parade
 - Linda and Dan Tuzzolo – tiki bar

- Rally attendees totaled 307 coaches, four dealers and 50+/- vendors. We had 20 cancellations which is higher than in previous years; most were for medical reasons.
- Membership Directories were given to all members who wanted one.
- Had 110 pre-orders for rally t-shirts; we have a few left and will have for sale at May campout. Will offer again next year.
- Mystery couple was Joe and Marlene Sholtes; will do again next year.
- Craft projects by chapters for goody bags . . . wonderful response this year; will do again next year.
- We had one coach from Canada but they did not arrive in time for opening; indicated they would probably have twenty coming next year as they were there to “check us out”.
- Several chapters signed up new members; info from rally records will be shared for recruiting possibilities.
- Anyone with suggestions on how to improve rally, please put comments in writing and send to Nancy by email (nmiller1213@yahoo.com) or via snail mail.
- Final accounting figures will be presented at May campout.

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- The goal is to have 125 coaches from Florida
- July 18-23 . . . “Hollywood Legends” . . decorations needed
- Row competition . . . decorate coaches
- Tent at head of row with coffee and juice
- Final plans will be made at May meeting
- Come early, beginning July 10th, for pre-week activities
- Need volunteers for design, building and riding on float in Puckerbrush Parade; Nancy wants at least one representative from each chapter riding and in costume for the float.
- Party and dinner at Dick’s Restaurant on Saturday, July 17th, at 5:30pm
- Dinner at Branding Iron on Monday, July 12th, at 5:30pm, prime rib special
- Joe Sholtes has volunteered to head up the cook-off team.
- Tom Zopff has volunteered to head up the bean bag baseball team.
- Nancy encouraged everyone to consider doing the fun extra things planned – kayaking, biking and cycling, etc.

New business:

- New items to be purchased for the club:
 - Sound system – Nancy will look at options and then purchase
 - Walkie-talkies – Nancy will look at options and then purchase
 - Laptop (current one is four years old); after new one up and running, the old one may be offered for sale.
 - Suggestion was made to consider flood lights for the rally next year.
- Nancy announced that we would have a yard sale of unused items in the trailer and old equipment that is not longer used.
- 2011 Rally
 - Dates – March 10-13
 - Theme – “Hillbilly Jamboree”
 - Looking for a country music band for Saturday night. If anyone has a suggestion, give to Nancy.
 - Winnie Gators will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary
 - More plans will be announced at the May campout, including job assignments.

Announcements:

- Future camp out dates:
 - 5/14-16, 2010 – Southern Palms Resort, Eustis FL; will feature a plane flying contest and horse race.
 - 7/11-17, 2010 – Pre-week at GNR, Forest City IA
 - 7/18-23, 2010 – GNR, Forest City IA

- 10/15-17, 2010 – Torrey Oaks RV Park, Bowling Green FL; will be Senior Olympics theme.
- 1/14-16, 2011 – Wekiva Falls RV Park, Sanford FL
- Doug Formanek congratulated the Winnie Gators, indicating that we had best state rally and it gets better every year. He is concerned about getting new members; the WIT staff will be researching records for the past five years and will be sending names of non-renewed members in hopes of contacting and getting some to re-join.
- Dick Dodge congratulated the Winnie Gators on a successful rally. It was a bit of a farewell as he and Mikki will be retiring in November.

Jack Caffrey moved that the meeting be adjourned and Shirley Halstead seconded. It carried unanimously. Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Griffin
Secretary