

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Central Florida (Orlando) Fairgrounds
Sunday, March 22, 2015
9:00am

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Caffrey at 9:00am. Jack Caffrey delivered the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the group.

Shirley Halstead made a motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be waived. The motion was seconded by Bill Schilp and passed.

The Treasurer's report running from January 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015 was read by Walter Feldgoise who stated that the club's finances remain in a good position. We started the period with \$30,132.35, and ended with \$72,552.28, for an increase of \$42,419.93. This includes \$37,363.00 in advance registrations for this March Rally. A motion to accept the report was made by Jim Stracka and seconded by Pete Putman. Motion passed.

President's Report:

Jack introduced the new club officers:

President, Jack and Gloria Caffrey

First Vice President, Mike and Barbara Sofarelli

Second Vice President, Rich and Dorinda Gest

Secretary, Judy and Cal Sweep

Treasurer, Susan and Frank Kiefer

Outgoing President and new Directors, Ted and Janis Fumia. Name tags were distributed to each officer.

Jack expressed thanks to the outgoing state officers for their hard work and dedication over the years and they were then honored by a standing ovation.

Agendas for future Board of Directors and General Membership meetings will be sent out prior to the meetings to all club officers and chapter Presidents for their review, input and sharing with their chapter membership. If this change is successful, the need for a separate Board of Directors meeting the same day as the General Membership will no longer be needed. All Officers will remain available to chapter Presidents via email and phone to receive and provide feedback and answer questions. Minutes will be posted on the club website.

All future club meetings will be held during campouts/rallies. Board of Director and General Membership meetings at the March rally will be scheduled during the rally.

Committee Reports:

Ongoing committees will be established by seeking input from officers, chapter presidents, past office holders and the general membership. Everyone's involvement is critical.

Old Business:

All meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order: state motion, second, discussion, restate motion, vote.

Future Campout for 2015:

May 15-17--- Wild Frontier RV Campground in Ocala

October 16-18--- Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner, Florida

January 2016 may be at Blueberry Hill, Bushnell, Florida, but our site total has been cut to 50 to accommodate more snowbirds. Southern Palms in Eustus, Florida can accommodate us with private use of clubhouse and full kitchen. A change in location for January may be made after a site visit at the conclusion of this rally.

New Business:

The Orlando Fairgrounds management informed us that the original dates for the March 2016 Rally had to be bumped ahead due to the fair schedule. This date is Easter Holy Week which is unacceptable. The new date will be February 15-21. WIT will be notified of this necessary change and approval obtained. It was noted that the Sarasota Fairground was not available this year for our rally.

Shirley Halstead made a motion to purchase FSWG name tags for the new officers which was second by Bill Schilp. The motion carried.

The FSWG supply trailer condition has deteriorated. The officers will be reviewing its cost, condition and options for alternate use in managing the storage and transportation of club supplies. Chapter Presidents are asked to offer suggestions to the club's First Vice-President, Mike and Barb Sofarelli.

Chapter Presidents were asked to survey their members to see if adding the state club's \$15.00 dues to their chapter dues is an acceptable plan. The local chapter treasurers would send the state's portion to the state treasurer. This practice ensures consistent membership at the local and state level and can allow for a registration discount to be granted to state members attending the March Rally. It was suggested that local chapters consult their by-laws to determine if officers of local chapters are required to join the state club.

The Orlando location for the March State Rally is becoming more expensive each year with reduced services at higher costs. There will be discussions with the management of this location concerning increased security for next year's rally. There is a need for a more secure facility in the future. A list of specific requirements for a new location will be developed and shared with the membership. All members were asked to start scouting alternate locations.

Local chapters will begin hosting the state campouts, excluding the Annual Rally. The hosting chapter will set the schedule and theme, identify tours and seminars they would like to offer, show off their talents and introduce us all to the local restaurants. The schedule needs to be established one year in advance to allow publication of the events. The need to develop a budget for these state campouts was discussed. Members were asked to talk to their chapters and provide feedback to the club. FSWG is proud to be known as the best club in the nation and we want to maintain that reputation.

The Du-Bol Winnies will be co-hosting the May campout with the theme of "Come As You Are".

S.I.Q./Prayer List:

Bud Geng

Any Additional Comments/Questions/Discussion:

The chapter in charge of decorations needed clarification on what day to arrive at the rally. Groups are required to arrive at the rally on the date needed to complete their specific tasks effectively.

Mike and Barbara Sofarelli will act as head of the Florida row at the 2015 GNR. The Florida theme will be "Down Under USA-Florida". The decision was made to rent a tent and mimosas will be served during the Row Party. Members were encouraged to provide additional input to the Sofarelli's.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Schilp and seconded by Rick Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sweep
Secretary