

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS
General Meeting Minutes
Central Florida (Orlando) Fairgrounds
Sunday, March 22, 2015
10:00 am

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Caffrey at 10:00am. 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 Jerry Miller 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 Bob Milligan and seconded by Tom Zopff. 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.

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. Outgoing Secretary and Event Planner, Nancy Miller, was recognized by a standing ovation and presented a three year WIT membership certificate in appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

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 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. Local chapters were asked to provide input into ideas for the titles of these committees.

Our "Vendor Queen", Corinne Wightman, was recognized for her years of service as Vendor/Seminar Coordinator. The new Vendor/Seminar Committee will consist of a chairperson, Linda Levine, and 2 to 3 members. Those interested in serving on this committee were asked to contact Jack.

Linda Levine addressed the group emphasizing the idea that vendors and seminars help make the success of a rally. Linda will strive for more variety in the Vendor Hall area and will strive to meet the needs of the group by seeking new seminar topics.

Old Business:

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

Future Campouts 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.

Chapter Presidents were reminded to turn in Chapter of Excellence forms to Jack ASAP.

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.

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. Members of multiple chapters would join the state club only once. Out of state residents can join our state club.

The Orlando location for the March State Rally is becoming more expensive each year with reduced services at higher costs. There is a need for a more secure facility. A list of specific requirements for a new location will be developed and shared with the membership. All members are 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

The Russ Millard family

Any Additional Comments/Questions/Discussion:

There was lengthy discussion concerning the lack of security at the Orlando Fair Grounds during this camp-out. There will be increased security next year and this will be communicated to members planning on attending to help alleviate their concerns. In the future all coaches will be parked inside the gated area. The message, "Lock it if you like it." will be emphasized at future camp-outs.

The outgoing President and new Directors, Ted and Janis Fumia were recognized.

Becky Moore, our WIT Eastern Area Representative, addressed the group expressing thanks for the "Good Time" enjoyed by all at the rally. Becky shared the following:

May the luck of the Irish
Lead to happiest heights
And Colonial Drive
Be lined with green lights.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shirley Halstead and seconded by Ed Parks.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sweep
Secretary