

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.

General Meeting

Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL

May 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Miller, at 10:00am. The invocation was given by Shirley Halstead followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jerry welcomed all in attendance and introduced the Officers. Cliff & Ree Spiller, 1st VP, Ted & Janis Fumia, 2nd VP, Christine & Bob Ross, Secretary, Walter & Belinda Feldgoise, Treasurer and Nancy Miller, Director. There were 9 Chapters represented for our Chapter Challenge Weekend for a total of 40 beautifully decorated in the LOVE-BUG theme as each one of them arrived. I bet you can guess what everyone did first. Getting them off was a big challenge.

Secretaries Report:

A motion was made by Nancy Miller and seconded by Dan Tuzzolo that the reading of the March 13, 2011 minutes be waived.

Treasurer's Report:

Walter Feldgoise read the Treasurer's report which covered a period from March 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011. Walter reported that our club's finances are in a good position. We started the period with \$69,956.72 which included \$40,325.00 in registrations for the March State Rally. We ended with \$22,676.89 which included \$3,050.00 in advance registrations income and \$650.00 in expenses for the May State Meeting in Bushnell. We cleared \$230.27 on the March, 2011 rally. The final income and expense totals from this May campout will be reported at the October State campout. As always the treasurer's report is filed for audit.

Presidents Report:

Jerry welcomed new members Gib & Terri Woodward, Bill and Jeanette Riley and Sam & Marilyn Qualls.

Jerry mentioned our new sound system that was recently purchased. It will be used for the Friendship walk and also for seminars. Jerry said a big thank you to all the chapters for their help in making our rally such a success.

Christine read a thank you letter from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. They gave us an update on some of the children who would be graduating this year. They also said thank you for our generosity which helped provide a safe place for the children.

Christine also read a thank you note from a couple who attended our rally in March. Phil and Regina Rinaldi had never attended a rally with so many people and they didn't know anyone there. They stated we had a great staff and enjoyed every minute of the rally.

Old Business:

An overall summary of the March rally was given. Dealers sold at least 16 coaches, vendors had good sales, entertainment was great, and food was good. Overall it was a HUGE SUCCESS! Jerry also mentioned there were some new vendors added to the March Rally this year. We are hoping that some if not all the vendors that attended the FMCA rally in Perry, Ga. will return to our state rally next year because the FMCA rally will not be held in Georgia this coming year.

GNR plans are underway. Events have been scheduled. The float is underway with great ideas and will need volunteers to help decorate. There will be money raffles, prizes, a pig roast, row parties, 1st timer's party and happy hour every day. So if you're still thinking about coming just forget about the price of fuel and head that way for a "Florida Road House Blast"! Remember to bring decorations for your coach as there will be judges looking for the best decorated row.

Chapter of Excellence forms have all been turned in. Thank you to the chapters who participated.

New Business:

The 2012 rally will be held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds March 15-18, 2012. Our theme is "Realm of Winnebago". Plans are already underway. We have had several suggestions on how to improve the rally and all are being looked at. The Marlins from Indiana will entertain us on Saturday night. We have great possibilities for a comedian for Friday night.

This is a state wide project for our March State Rally goody bags. All club and chapter members are invited to participate and have their favorite creations published. We are calling it the Florida State Winnie Gator Cookbook Project. We would like all recipes sent to Nancy Miller via email or snail mail no later than the first of December 2011. This is a team effort and what a great keepsake for the rally participants. Attached to these minutes are the directions for the cookbook project.

Our October meeting will be very busy. We will be taking nominations for club officers, voting on our Rally Pins (so get them drawn up and be ready to present) , signing up for new job duties for our upcoming 2013 Florida State Rally.

A motion to make Kathryn Griffin an Honorary Member of the Florida State Winnie Gators was made by Shirley Halstead and seconded by Dan Tuzzolo and ALL were in favor. Doug Formanek has already made her an Honorary Member of WIT.

A motion was also made to increase our donation to the Youth Program at GNR from \$200.00 to \$250.00. This motion was made by Phil Halstead and seconded by Dan Tuzzolo and Nancy Miller.

Dan Tuzzolo made a motion and Diane Cipolla seconded it to present a check to our Florida State Winnie Gators President for travel allowance to GNR, in the amount of \$1,500.00. All state presidents are required to attend GNR. So this is a nice gesture on our part to help them with expenses.

Bill Schilp volunteered to be our bean bag baseball captain. Thank you Bill!

Our new charity was voted on. We had presentations from Steppin' Stone Farm, Inc., Kids Place and the Joshua House. All of these charities were worthy of our support.

Steppin' Stone Farm, Inc. drew the most votes. This program helps at-risk teenage girls. It was the dream of the late Mrs. Anna Lois Keiser. She wanted a home for girls that would help them grow spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally. In 1973, the dream materialized into Steppin' Stone Farm, a non-profit home located on 85 acres of land along the Alafia River 30 miles southeast of Tampa, FL. There are many services provided for the girls and many, many activities. A full brochure is on the Winnie Gators Web page.

Announcements:

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.

Future Meetings:

October 21-23 Grand Lake RV Resort, Citra FL

January 20-22, 2012 Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL

March 15-18, 2012 Florida State Rally, Central Florida Fairground, Orlando, FL

May 11-13, 2012 Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL

A motion was made by Bill Schilp and seconded by Shirley Halstead to adjourn the meeting at 10:52am.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob and Christine Ross

Secretaries

**FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS
COOKBOOK PROJECT
MARCH RALLY 2012 – FOR GOODY BAGS**

This project will be a state wide effort to produce a cookbook to be put in each goody bag for the March Rally 2012. All club and chapter members are invited to participate and have their favorite creations published.

We prefer all recipes to be typed if possible, using the font “Calibri 12”, (this paper is typed in that font) and submitted via email to: nmiller1213@yahoo.com. If typing and emailing is not an option, recipes can be copied and mailed to Jerry Miller, 2134 Everest Pkwy., Cape Coral, FL 33904. The deadline for all recipes to be submitted will be December 1, 2011.

Each person submitting their recipes will be credited with their name and chapter affiliation, if applicable. Feel free to submit as many recipes as you would like to do in any of the categories. Keep in mind many RV's have a convection microwave oven and if you have perfected any recipe that works well in these ovens, we will publish them. For convection microwave recipes make sure you include all the directions for cooking. Large group recipes will also be a category in the book. “Cooking for 2” will also be a category, keeping in mind our RV population.

The only way this will be a success is if everyone participates! WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS! Below are the categories we will have in the book. Some may be combined depending on the number of recipes submitted.

Appetizers Poultry
Breads Main Dish
Cake/Frostings Pies
Cookies Preserves/Relishes/Sauces
Candy Salads
Desserts Soups
Eggs/Cheese Vegetables
Pasta/Rice Large Group Recipes
Meat Cooking for 2
Fish Punch/Beverages

If you have any questions email or call us and we'll be happy to help.
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THIS IS A FLORIDA TEAM EFFORT AND WHAT A GREAT KEEPSAKE FOR OUR RALLY PARTICIPANTS!