



Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.
General Business Meeting
Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL
May 11, 2013



The meeting was called to order by President Ted Fumia. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Shirley Halstead

Ted welcomed all in attendance and introduced his officers Bob Ross, 1stVP, Cliff & Ree Spiller, 2ndVP, Christine Ross Secretary, Walter & Belinda Feldgoise, Treasurer and Jerry Miller, Director as well as our Event Queen Nancy Miller.

Ted was happy to announce that we had 8 chapters represented and a total of 36 coaches in attendance. We had 22 of the 36 arrive early!!!! This is great. The only problem was that it gave them an extra day to wash off the "love bugs" that arrived with each and every coach.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Jerry Miller and seconded by Mike Sofarelli to waive the reading of the March 24, 2013 minutes. Copies of the minutes are available upon request.

Christine Ross read a note from Cindy Churchill thanking us for donating \$1,575.00 to the Steppin' Stone Farm ministry.

Treasurer's Report: Walter Feldgoise gave the treasurers report and reported that the club stands in a very good position. This period runs from March 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. We started the period with \$67,371.29 and ended the period with \$23,237.67. We had one completed event during this period which was the March Rally held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. There were 244 rigs in attendance, and 15 cancellations. This year, with lower attendance, lower dealer income, and fewer vendors, we were still able to show a profit of \$4,203.79. This was mainly attributed to creatively reducing our food and catering expenses. As always the treasurer's report is subject to audit and copies are available upon request.

Jerry also added some noteworthy information concerning the March rally which pertained to the food expenses. In 2012 we spent \$26,000.00 on food from the caterer. In 2013 the proposed cost from the caterer was \$38,000.00. So some hard work by Nancy Miller and her driver Jerry Miller our food expenses this year were \$18,000.00. As you can see this was quite a savings. One other thing to remember is that we had the added expense of \$7,000.00 for the "Vendor Hall Building". As you can see in Walter's treasurer's report we still showed a profit of \$4,203.79.

So a ***BIG THANK YOU*** to Jerry and Nancy Miller and to all the Chapter's assigned to the food section and the Chapter's asked to pitch in to serve the food!!!!

Presidents Report: We have new members in attendance so please remember to make them feel welcome.

Dick & Linda Balzer, David Rosenblatt & Merrily Miller are both new Buccaneer Winnies.
Also Ronnie & Connie Heck.

Old Business: Our March 2013 rally is over and we look forward to the 2014 March Rally. We had 244 coaches, representing 20 states and 2 Canadian Provinces. There were 30 vendors and 4 dealers. We sold 100 t-shirts and look forward to selling them again next year. All Florida State Winnie Gator Members received new Membership Directories. Terry and Gina Keeper were our "Mystery Couple" this year. As always we need to say

a Special Thank You to all the Chapters that helped make this rally such a success. Without your help and cooperation none of the great things that the visitors see could be accomplished. So THANK YOU CHAPTERS!!!!

New Business: Final plans are being made for 2013 GNR including special club activities. We have 44 coaches signed up and hope to have more. Please plan to decorate your coach and come with your favorite costume. On Tuesday July 16th we will all have dinner at the Branding Iron. They have a wonderful Prime Rib Special. On Thursday July 18th will be our Hog Roast. **Free** for all Florida State Winnie Gator Members. You must have joined by May 31st, 2013. We will need someone to volunteer to coordinate our Corn Hole Toss Team. Bill Schilp would still like to make a float for the Florida State Winnie Gators. Please contact him if you can help. (billschilp@ij.net) This is a very fun activity and you get to be in the Puckerbrush Parade.

Rally dates for next year are March 20-23, 2014. Our theme will be "WILD, WILD WEST". We already have our entertainment and food booked. Please save those dates so you can make your mark on the "WILD WEST".

Just a reminder that Nominations for the FSWG club officers will be on the agenda at the October meeting. Please help by stepping up. Also Corrine Wightman is asking someone to step up to take over the Vendor Job.

A \$1,500.00 round trip travel allowance for the President to attend GNR was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to allow this expense. Motion Carried.

A motion was made concerning a donation for the Youth Program at GNR. Last year we gave a \$200.00 donation. A motion was made by Christine Ross to increase this donation to \$250.00 seconded by Nancy Miller. Another motion was made to increase this donation to \$300.00. Nancy Miller made a motion to amend her first motion seconded by Charley Weaver. The new motion on the floor for the GNR Youth Program is now \$300.00. A motion was made by Nancy Miller to accept this amount and seconded by Charley Weaver. Motion Carried.

Those of you who are crafty people we will be voting on the new Rally Pin Design at the October Meeting. The rules for the pin design are on the Winnie Gators web site. And yes you get a FREE year of Winnie Gators dues and FREE entrance to the March Rally in Orlando!!

We have a new Charity!!! "Caring Voice Coalition" This charity empowers patients who live with a life threatening chronic disease through comprehensive outreach programs and services aimed at financial, emotional and educational support. Please visit our web site at www.winniegators.org for more information about this worthwhile charity.

Additional Dates to Remember...

Pre GNR July 15 – 20, 2013 Forest City, Iowa

GNR July 21-26, 2013 "WIT WILD WEST" Forest City, Iowa

October 18-20, 2013 Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL (Halloween)

January 17-19, 2014 Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL

March 20-23, 2014 Florida State Rally, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL ("Wild, Wild West")

May 8-11, 2014 Alligator Park, Punta Gorda, FL

For the Good of the Club:

Ted will ask our web master Phil Halstead if he can make a page called "Members Marketplace" so we can post sale items and items we might be looking for.

Please save the pull tabs from your soda cans. They can be turned into Phil and Shirley Halstead.

If you know a WWII Vet please visit honorflight.org tell them about this adventure. This is the ride of a life time.

On December 14, 2013 at all National Veteran Cemeteries you can volunteer to join the Wreath Across America Team to place a wreath at each gravesite. This is a very emotional program that the Spacecoast and Buccaneer Winnies will be volunteering for in Bushnell, FL.

Top Zopff has a Wilson Booster that he recommends for upping the reception of your cell phone in areas that have poor reception.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mike Sofarelli seconded by Tom Zopff. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Ross
Secretary
FSWG