

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS, INC.
General Business Meeting
Alligator Park, Punta Gorda, FL
May 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Ted Fumia. Ted asked that all cell phones be silenced.

All Stood for the invocation given by Jerry Miller and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ted welcomed all in attendance and introduced his officers: Ted & Janis Fumia, President, Bob Ross 1st VP, Christine Ross, Secretary, Walter Feldgoise, Treasurer and Jerry Miller, Director. Absent from the meeting were Cliff & Ree Spiller, 2nd VP, and Belinda Feldgoise. Ted thanked his staff and welcomed all members and First Timers, Edward & Shirley Parks, James & Rita Stracka and Maxine Styers and Sharlene.

Ted gave an update on Cliff & Ree Spiller. They are now in Jacksonville staying with Cliff's daughter. Ree continues to improve daily. She now has some upper body strength and is beginning to get tingling in her feet.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Shirley Halstead and seconded by Lois Hogan to wave the reading of the March minutes. Christine then read a note from our charity "Caring Voice Coalition". They thanked us for our donation of \$1,514. There was also a short note from Frank & Donna Randolph advising the club that they are no longer able to RV due to health issues. They also gave us their new mailing address which is available upon request from the Secretary.

As always, the minutes are posted on the website www.winniegators.org or you may request a copy from the secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Walter Feldgoise gave the Treasurer's report that ran from March 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. Walter was happy to report that the club's financial position is in good order.

We began the period with \$56,492.38 which included advance reservations and vender income from the March Rally. We ended the period with \$25,439.47, which includes \$3,515 in advance registrations for this May state campout. The financial results from this May meeting will be reported at the State Meeting in October.

We had one completed event during this period which was the March Rally held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. There were 222 rigs in attendance and 11 cancellations. Due to the conflicting FMCA Rally in Perry Georgia, we were concerned that we would not be able to break even and planned accordingly. With lower attendance, lower dealer income and fewer vendors, we managed to complete the event without a loss and ended with a surplus of \$3,229.99.

Walter gave an explanation regarding the difference between the completed event exhibit and the cash flow exhibit. He also explained the surplus and deficits for the state meetings beginning in 2011 as well as the general fund balances back to 2008.

As always, the Treasurer's Report is subject to audit and copies are available upon request.

President's Report:

Ted gave a quick review of the March Rally. There were 222 coaches in attendance, 10 Florida Chapters present and 24 states represented. Neil Zirconia, our Saturday night entertainer was a big hit. There were many compliments received by attendees who stated that they had a great time and planned to return next year. The 2015 March Rally plans are already in motion. The theme will be " Leprechaun Holiday".

The number of coaches attending this May meeting is 33, with 7 chapters represented.

Old Business:

Chapter of excellence forms for 2014 are due now. Ted commented that he had forms from 9 chapters and the State Club. Missing are Florida Sunshine Winnies and Seaside Winnies.

New Business:

Ted asked our Director, Jerry Miller, to head up the 2015 nominating committee. Ted has designated Bill Schilp as head of row for GNR, since he and Janis are unable to attend this year. A motion was made by Nancy Miller and seconded by Dan Tuzzolo to give Bill the customary fuel allowance of \$1,500. The motion was passed. Bill will also receive a budget to fund the GNR functions that take place in the Florida row. Phil Halstead made a motion to donate \$300 to the GNR youth program. It was seconded by Dan Tuzzolo and was also passed.

Announcements:

Future Campout Dates

October 17 -19, 2014	Tropical Palms, Kissimmee, FL
January 15-18, 2015	Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL
March 19-22, 2015	Florida State Rally, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL

For the good of the club:

Jeff Roudebush brought several brochures from Camping World in Ocala that were free for the taking.

Ted Fumia spoke about Southern Insurance Group, Inc. and how they saved him money on his home and vehicle coverages.

Nancy Miller talked about friends that were in a motorhome accident and what to do if the driver is unable to control the vehicle. Tom Pilgrim of Winnebago Industries suggests that turning off the key will stop the forward motion of the motorhome.

Linda Tuzzolo addressed the Board of Directors and presented some issues that she believed were not in compliance with the by-laws of our State Club.

1. The club has made a profit of over \$2,000.00 at regular state campouts. October was over \$2,200.00 and January was over \$2,500.00 according to the minutes for those meetings. Each meeting needs to be a break-even event. There was a formula that was used to help calculate the cost of the campout. If you are having 50 coaches attend, then according to your treasurer's report each coach is paying \$50.00 more per campout. If extra money is raised at the campout it is either raised to offset the expenses or to designate for another event or function, such as GNR, general fund, etc. This is done through money raffles, prize raffles, etc. It cannot be assessed as an extra fee towards the campout. What is being done with the profits from our state campouts? Need approval to roll over additional fees to general fund. **The officers explained that the additional monies raised at the regular meetings was due to the officers and volunteers doing much of the work and preparing meals vs hiring a caterer to bring food in. Additionally, Ted pointed out that with the declined economy, increased cost of the Fairgrounds and Dealer consolidation, there are less dollars to work with and budgeting is extremely difficult at best. We hope to break even, but have to have enough money in the general fund to cover any unforeseen shortfall.**

2. The club cannot roll over money from the 3 state meeting to our State Rally. The state rally needs to be an event that breaks even with fees collected from registration, vendors and dealers. The cost for attendees needs to be adjusted accordingly and looked at every year. **The events are not planned to be profitable, but the officers manage the cash flow closely to be sure that there is not a shortfall when it comes time to pay for all of the Rally expenses. Rally expenses have increased and dealer contributions have decreased. All left over funds are placed in the general fund and accounted for in our financials and anyone who would like a full copy of the financials may obtain them from our Treasurer, Walter Feldgoise. At Linda's request, we voted to keep these additional funds in the general account and the vote was passed.**

3. As far as the slate of new officers, the way that it was handled was not according to our bylaws. The slate was voted in by the membership. That can't be changed unless you have another election. The president can appoint someone to fill in a vacancy in one of the officer positions until the next elections. Just noted for future reference to be done correctly. **The president appointed Walter to continue as Treasurer when Bill decided to step aside. It was done the day that the officers were sworn in and it was made known to our Eastern Area Rep who decided to swear all of us in at the same time.**

It was determined after much discussion that the executive committee had in fact acted in the best interest of the State Club and there was no wrong doing.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Tuzzolo and seconded by Lois Hogan. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Ted Fumia, President
Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.