



FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS, INC.

WINNEBAGO-ITASCA-TRAVELERS

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General Meeting – October 18, 2008

Linda Tuzzolo called meeting to order at 10:00. Shirley Halsted led the prayer.

Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new members and guests.

Charlene Busch reported that dues for 2009 are due by January, 2009 and can be paid following the meeting.

Mike Sofarelli made a motion to forego reading of the minutes, seconded by Ruth Monzollo. Motion carried.

Treasures Report:

1. Jerry Miller provided a Financial Report we are in good shape with approximately \$8,400 in the bank as of September 30, 2008.
2. We made money at the May campout as well as GNR. Expenses for GNR were \$220 less than previous year and we acquired 12 new members for state at GNR
3. Jerry will create a write up of reasons to be a state member and will send to all chapter presidents.

General Updates:

1. Linda Tuzzolo reported on GNR. It was a huge success.
2. Florida had 115 coaches in attendance and Winnebago gave \$50 to any state that had at least 50 coaches in attendance.
3. All chapters except Big Bend and Miracle Strip (non participation in State) received Chapters of Excellence Awards.
4. We received 2nd place for our Website. A big thank you goes to Phil Halstead, Webmaster.
5. Honorable mention went to Suncoast Winnie Gators and the Ocala Sunbirds for their newsletters
6. Aerial photos were sent to Suncoast RV, Lazy Days and Harberson RV

7. Linda also advised the committee that Paul Ragona of the Spacecoast Winnies died and a memorial of \$25 was sent to the family.
8. Shirley Halsted thanked club for flowers sent to her when hospital.

Rally Updates:

1. Bruce Cheatum and Donna Wacker are working on goody bags for rally. If anyone knows company to include let them know and they will contact them. Bruce indicated that it is not hard to talk to people and get them to provide free stuff for the rally.
2. Jack Caffrey coordinated a new process for getting dealers to rally. Dealers need to have permission from Suncoast RV to participate in the Rally. This year we will have only 3 dealers at rally, Suncoast, Harberson and Lazy Days. We receive \$3,200 from each dealer.
3. We will not have a catered dinner on Thursday night. From 4:00 to 5:30 we will have a social hour. ***“Come and Meet The Chapters”***. Each chapter will need to bring some snacks and mingle with guests. Chapters members should wear their chapter shirts.
4. Bingo is being moved from Wednesday to Thursday night at 7:30. There is no entertainment planned for Thursday night. There will be entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings.
5. We are asking each chapter to donate a minimum of 40 craft items for the Goody Bags and 4-5 gift baskets with a **\$10 MAXIMUM VALUE** for the Friendship Walk.
6. Pin designs for the 2009 Rally were submitted by Jennie Pikula and Lee MacDonald. The winner gets 1 yr. Membership to WIT and State Membership as prize. Members voted on a pin design for 2009 rally. Lee McDonald’s design won by a very close margin. In addition to a pin, the design will be placed on T-Shirts as well.

Other Information:

Bud Geng representing the nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2009. We are currently in need of a candidate for 1st Vice President. The following individuals have been nominated for the following positions

President	Nancy Miller
1 st Vice President	Joe Loudenslager
2 nd Vice President	Cliff Spiller
Treasurer	Jerry Miller
Secretary	Kathryn Griffin

Slate of officers will be published on the website and newsletter at least 30 days before January campout to vote on in January.

As usual, Linda closed with tax tip.

Mike Sofarelli made a motion to adjourn second by Jack Collins. Motion carried.