

**FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
TROPICAL PALMS RV RESORT, KISSIMMEE FLORIDA  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2014 10:30am**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ted Fumia at 10:30am. Ted asked all members to put cell phones on silent.

Ted asked Jerry Miller to give the Invocation and everyone remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The introduction of all officers was next on the agenda: Present were Ted & Janis Fumia, Presidents; Doug & LuAnne Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents; Cliff & Ree Spiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents; Walter & Belinda Feldgoise, Treasurers; Nancy Miller, Secretary; Jerry Miller, Director. Ted gave a special welcome to Cliff & Ree who have been absent due to illness but were able to join us at this meeting.

Many thanks were given to the officers for preparing for this meeting. New members Lew Fish & Fay Hubbard were introduced, as were several first timers: Jim & Suzanne Monegan, John & Linda Castner, Bart & Judith Neuman, Kitty VanHorn & Ed Gonzalez, Phil & Teddi Youtz, Julius & Silvia Sais.

At this meeting there were 62 coaches in attendance representing 8 chapters, and 51 coaches arrived early to begin the weekend!

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Corinne Wightman and seconded by a multitude of members to wave the reading of the May, 2014 minutes. Nancy Miller read a thank you note from Cindy Hoffren regarding the donation the club made on behalf of her husband, Jim. We were happy to have Cindy attending this meeting.

As always, the minutes are posted on the website – [www.winniegators.org](http://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 May 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014. Walter was happy to report the financial position of the club is in good order.

We started the period with \$25,439.47. We ended the period with \$25,511.90 which included advance registrations for this October meeting. The financial results from this October meeting will be reported at the State Meeting in January.

We had 2 completed events during this period which were the May State Meeting held at Alligator Park in Punta Gorda, Florida with 33 rigs in attendance, resulting in a loss of \$268, and GNR with 72 rigs in attendance resulting in a loss of \$969.91.

Walter gave an explanation regarding the difference between the completed events exhibit and the cash flow exhibit.

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

## **President's Report**

GNR overview – Ted thanked Bill & Elaine Schilp for heading the Florida Row and organizing the activities with the help of many Florida members. Lichtsinn Motors hosted a Wine & Cheese Party for the Florida row during the event and Ted mentioned he wrote a letter to Ron Lichtsinn thanking him for the hospitality. The GNR awards were noted, DuBol Winnies and Funtime Travelers both won for newsletter design.

Ted announced that our Winnie Gators Website won first place in the GNR competition! Ted presented a certificate and check to Phil Halstead for his great job keeping the website updated and efficient.

Ted reminded the chapters to send their newsletters, schedules, etc. to Phil Halstead to post on the website. Also the same information should be sent to WIT Club. Chapter presidents were also reminded to forward the Winnie Gate state newsletter to members who are not state members. He also asked chapters for information about presidents that will be changing for 2015.

## **Officer and Committee Reports**

Director Jerry Miller presented the slate of candidates for the 2015 – 2016 term as follows:

Jack & Gloria Caffrey, President

Mike & Barbara Sofarelli, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Rich & Dorinda Gest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Judy & Cal Sweep, Secretary

Susan & Frank Kiefer, Treasurer

The slate will be presented again at the January meeting at which time we will ask for nominations from the floor before the votes are cast.

Jerry Miller made presentations to the past presidents of this club for their years of service. License plates with their names, and years they served were presented with much gratitude from the present officers for their help and guidance over the years. Each past president will be able to display their plates on their coach at meetings to get the recognition they deserve!

Corinne Wightman spoke about the Vendor/Seminar Coordinator position that is an important part of the March Rally. Corinne has been in this position for 6 years and is retiring after the rally in 2015. She will train a new person at this March rally which is the best opportunity to learn the position. She asked anyone interested in learning more about the position to contact one of the officers. We are also looking for new vendors if anyone has any suggestions.

Goody bags for the March rally – Jeff Roudebush spoke about items we would like in the bags, if anyone can help solicit businesses. We have plenty of goody bags to put items into left from previous years.

## **Old Business**

Butch Moore, Winnebago Eastern Area Rep, presented the Chapter of Excellence awards to the chapters that had not received their packages.

## **New Business**

The following details were discussed about the March 2015 Rally:

- Lee MacDonald presented her design for the rally pins, t-shirts, directory and various programs that are prepared. Since her entry was the only one presented this year – it was a natural winner! As soon as possible the design will be posted on the website.
- Details are complete concerning the venue, dealers, entertainment, catering and other food, all ahead of schedule.
- Chapter job duty write-ups are available and were given to the presidents or representatives.
- Chapters will be asked to help with food meal serving again this year. The schedule was handed out to the chapters.
- We need some volunteers to help at the door prize tables – please see Nancy Miller if you are able to help!
- Chapters are asked to prepare door prize baskets or donate items for door prizes, at least 4 per chapter.
- FSWG has donated personalized packages of sticky notes to the goody bags this year.
- Rally flyers were handed out for chapters to use for bringing attention to the rally for members who may not get the information.
- Rally opening ceremonies information will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Butch & Becky Moore will hand out a trifold brochure at the Tampa RV show in January advertising for our club and chapters, and also the March rally.

### **Announcements**

Dues will be due in January – see Nancy Miller. You will have the option to pay dues with your January meeting registration.

If you have had any changes in your address, phones, email, etc. this past year PLEASE make sure you inform Nancy Miller, Secretary so the March directory will be correct.

Rally registration forms are available on the website.

- Future meetings: January 23 – 25, 2015 at Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL  
Theme will be “Beach Party”! Chapter Challenge Games, Sugarbear Band live music for listening, dancing, good food, so come early and join in the fun!
- March Rally, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando Florida, March 19 – 22, 2015 “Leprechaun Holiday”
- May, 2015 To be announced

### **For The Good Of The Club**

Ted announced a new tab is on the website to help members find services need for Winnebago RV’s. Look for the “Member Recommended Services” for information on getting specific companies that provide help. Members are invited to post their experiences concerning good vendors who provide services.

### **Adjourn**

Jerry Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ed Abel at 11:05am. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by  
Nancy Miller  
Secretary