

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS
General Meeting Minutes
Travelers Rest RV, Dade City, Florida
October 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Caffrey at 10:03 am. Chaplain Shirley Halstead delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Caffrey.

Current officers were introduced to the membership.

President: Jack and Gloria Caffrey

1st Vice President: Mike and Barbara Sofarelli

2nd Vice President: Richard and Dorinda Gest

Treasurer: Susan and Frank Kiefer

Secretary: Judy and Cal Sweep

Directors: Ted and Janis Fumia

Shirley Parks made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived. The motion was seconded by Bruce Cinader. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's report running from April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 was read by Treasurer Susan Kiefer. The entire report is attached to this document. Susan explained that GNR is not self-funded. An amount of \$1500 for travel expenses to GNR is allocated in the budget; however, \$500 was returned this year by President Caffrey.

President's Report:

The following guests and first-timers were introduced: Carolyn Ledford, Bruce and Louise Smith and Area Representatives Stewart and Tammy Smith.

One thousand total coaches attended GNR this summer with Florida topping the list at 99 registered coaches plus one coach that was counted as another state. Close behind was Minnesota with 99 and Iowa with 84 rigs. Despite the extremely hot weather and some rain activity, all attendees could be seen having a terrific time enjoying the numerous activities, entertainment and vendor displays.

New Winnebago CEO, Mike Happe, addressed the President's Dinner and was very present on the grounds during the week. A huge "thank you" was expressed by attendees to Jack and Glo for their efforts at GNR.

President Caffrey extended a special thank you and a gift card to the Suncoast Winnies for co-hosting this campout/meeting.

Three logo designs for the February rally entitled "Pajama Party" were passed around the room and will be voted on at the end of meeting. Shirley and Phil Halstead placed rally and WIT items on the back table for members to take. Attendees were reminded to stop by the display table and enter a guess as to the number of candy corn in the container.

Committee Reports:

Pete and Gayle Putman have graciously agreed to co-ordinate the vendors for our 2017 rally with the Trents assisting where needed. Janice Fumia collected squares for the Quilt Challenge and will take them to Carolyn Thomas who is heading up the assembly of the quilt which will be ready for our rally in February.

Old Business:

The CPR/defibrillator class will be held at 1:00 pm today and attendees were reminded to wear comfortable, non-binding clothing.

A first draft revised document of the FSWG By-laws was sent to all chapter presidents in late August for review. Yesterday the FSWG Executive Committee reviewed the By-laws and incorporated any necessary changes issued by WIT. Secretary Judy Sweep will send the final draft of this document to all members for review and these revised By-laws will be voted on at the January meeting.

New Business:

Cal Sweep distributed Chapter of Excellence Certificates to those chapters who were not in attendance at GNR. A total of 100% of the FSWG chapters were awarded the Chapter of Excellence award. WIT is currently revising their criteria for this award. When this is released the document will be sent to all chapters.

Director Ted Fumia announced the following 2017 Slate of Officers: Chuck and Becky Smalley for Treasurer and Richard and Dorinda Gest for 2nd Vice President. There are no candidates for the offices of President, 1st Vice President or Secretary. Everyone expressed a desire to have this club continue but there were no volunteers from the floor for the three vacant positions. Each current officer described the specific responsibilities for their office. An email will be sent to all members containing the specifics for each position and the need to have a slate of officers for the January meeting as stated in the By-laws. If these positions are not filled by the January meeting then our only choice is to vote to close the club.

Thank you cards were received from GNR Youth Program attendees.

The updated FSWG Cancellation Policy for the annual rally was reviewed at the Executive Committee Meeting yesterday and this document will be posted on our website.

The fact that the club needs better storage of the FSWG large audio speakers and stands was discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting. The speakers have been unused since 2015 and stored in the Caffrey's home. The electronic technology is now outdated and speakers deteriorate with non-use. Bob Christian made a motion to move the speakers to the Sarasota Fairgrounds for air-conditioned storage where they will be used by the fairground and our club. Shirley Parks seconded the motion and the motion carried. The property will be labeled as belonging to FSWG.

The contract for the 2017 Rally with Sarasota Fairgrounds has been signed and the deposit has been sent. We added the use of the 4H Building in addition to the Potter Building, Clark Building and arena. The price has remained unchanged from last year. The entertainment for the rally has also been contracted.

The only chapter duty changes for the 2017 rally are as follows: Funtimers will do Stage and Table Decoration and the Suncoast Winnies will be in charge of Games. At the January meeting, we will discuss new chapter duties for the 2018 rally. At the 2017 rally each chapter will need to assign one of their members to observe how duties are performed for their new assignment area. Chapters are reminded to prepare baskets for the Friendship Walk (\$5-\$10) and for Door Prizes (\$10-\$50).

Members must make their reservations for the January campout/meeting at Lazydays by December 6 because our reserved block of sites will be released to the public as of that date.

Logo design #1, designed by Gayle Putman, was chosen as our pin, t-shirt, program and directory design for our 2017 rally.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Schlip and seconded by Fred Schlitt.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sweep
Secretary