

FLORIDA STATE WINNIE GATORS, INC.
General Meeting
Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, Florida
Saturday, May 12, 2012

Jerry called the meeting to order 10:00am. Shirley Halstead gave the invocation, after which all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.



Jerry welcomed all in attendance and introduced his team of officers. Ted & Janis Fumia, 1st VP, Cliff & Ree Spiller, 2VP, Christine & Bob Ross, Secretary. Walter & Belinda Feldgoise, Treasurer (absent from this meeting) and Nancy Miller, Director.

Jerry announced 9 chapters were represented, 27 coaches came in early. We had a grand total of 41 coaches present on Friday. This was a meeting for the history books as there were NO cancellations!! Jerry welcomed first time visitors Jennie Garrick, Mid-Florida Winnies, Peter Yonchik, Richard & Barbara Ercolani, Paul & Julia Drappo, Doug & LuAnne Taylor and Marvin & Susie King.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Nancy Miller seconded Dan Tuzzolo to waive the reading of the March minutes. Copies of the minutes are available if requested.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Walter Feldgoise our President Jerry Miller read the treasurer's report. This period runs from March 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012. We started the period with \$66,306.14 which included registrations, dealer and vendor income from the March Rally. We ended the period with \$15,248.51, which includes \$3,735.00 in advance registrations for the May State Meeting in Bushnell, Fl.

We had one completed event during this period which was the March Rally held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. There were 287 rigs in attendance. Although we try to set our pricing as close as we can to break even, this rally resulted in a loss of \$1,694.46. The loss is primarily attributed to the increase of food and catering expense and higher than anticipated cancellations.

Presidents Report: Jerry thanked Cliff & Ree Spiller, Bob & Christine Ross, and Ted & Janis Fumia for parking all the attendees. As coaches arrived they were inspected for any empty spots that were not covered in LOVE BUGS.

Jerry welcomed some new FSWG members Paul & Linda Drappo, Jennie Garrick and joining during happy hour were Richard & Barbara Ercolani.

Officer and Committee Reports: Corinne Wightman gave a report on our Vendors. There were 55 vendors in attendance.

Christine read thank you note from our charity Steppin' Stone Farm, Inc. The card reads... *Thank you for donating \$2,630.00 for this ministry. What a blessing! Since we receive no state or federal funding your gift goes a long way. One of our girls wrote to us recently and said that the farm saved her life and the without it she would not have an education. Thank you for helping give her and many other girls a real chance to change. In Him, Cindy Churchill.*

John & Mary Lanham delivered this check to Steppin' Stone Farm. There is a picture on our web site www.winniegators.org.

We also received a note from Butch and Becky Moore (WIT Eastern Area Reps). The card reads... *Please share with your club and chapter members our thanks and congratulations for a successful State Rally. Your rally is always a great kickoff to our year on the road. It's so good to see it all come together but more importantly to see everyone working together. You handled this year's "special challenges well"! And thanks to the royal seamstresses who made our costumes!! See you at GNR Butch and Becky.*

Old Business:

Despite the loss the March Rally for 2012 it was a HUGE success. Dealers sold several coaches, vendors had good sales, entertainment was GREAT, and food was good and served FAST!

Thanks to all the Chapters for their help. Everyone did a GREAT JOB!!



GNR-July 15-20, 2012. This year's theme is Treasure Island. Plans are underway and events have been scheduled. Early arrivals can participate at the Branding Iron on Monday July 9th. Our famous HOG Roast is July 11th with tickets costing \$20.00 per coach for Florida State Winnie Gator Members Only. Kids free!! Non FSWG members are \$12.50 per person. Happy Hour every day, First Timers Party July 16th, Row Party July 17th. MONEY RAFFLES and PRIZES!!

Nancy showed off the pirate hat she made!! You can find the directions on U-Tube. Just type in pirate hats and watch the video.

Early Volunteers are needed and can arrive on the GNR grounds on or about June 29th. Let Nancy Miller know. Be prepared to work a couple of hours each day.

New Business:

2013 Florida State Rally will be held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds March 21-24. The theme will be "Kartoon Karavan" as suggested by the South Florida Winnie-Gators.

Rally pin designs will be voted on at the October State Meeting. The criteria for the pin design are located on our web site at www.winniegators.org.

Rally duties will change for 2013. Your new duties are:

- Buccaneer Winnies – Wine and Cheese Party
- Caloosa Winnies – Parking
- Du-Bol Winnies - Games
- Florida Sunshine Winnies – Arts and Crafts Show
- Funtime Travelers - Greeters
- Mid-Florida Winnies – Registration and Goody Bags
- Miracle Strip Winnies – Table and Chair Setup/Book Fair
- Panhandle Winnies – Table and Chair Setup/Book Fair
- Seaside Winnies- Friendship Walk/Bingo
- South Florida Winnie Gators – Stage & Table Decorations
- Spacecoast Winnies – Ice Cream Social
- Suncoast Winnies – Food & Coffee for all meals
- Treasure Coast Winnies – As Needed

Updated job duty descriptions will be handed out at the October meeting.

Nominations for FSWG club officers will be on the agenda at the October meeting.

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 that we continue to donate this amount by Stuart Pierce and seconded by Dan Tuzzolo. Motion carried

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

Jerry reminded all of us that we lost money at this year's State Rally and stated that a price increase from \$160.00 to \$175.00 is a must. The price hasn't gone up the past 4 to 5 years.

Also mentioned was the cost of the State Meetings. (\$125.00). We would like to change the format of the meals. A suggestion was made that the club provide the main part of the meal and the rest of us bring a dish to pass. By doing this we might be able to prevent raising the cost of our outings.

Announcements:

Chapters will prizes for the highest percentage of members attending were

1st place Mid-Florida Winnies

2nd place Sunshine Winnies

3rd place Suncoast Winnies

Way to go Chapters!!



There were many Birthdays and Anniversaries this weekend.

We have many members that are unable to travel anymore and many that are sick. Larry Ireland is battling cancer. Frank Cipolla has suffered a stroke. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Cards were passed and signed by all in attendance and will be mailed to these club members.

Future Meetings:

October 19-21, 2012 Alligator Park, Punta Gorda, Florida (NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE)

January 18-20, 2013 Central Florida Fairground, Orlando, Florida

March 21-24, 2013 Florida State Rally Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando Florida

May 10-12, 2013 Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, Florida

For the Good of the Club

As always we do things for the good of the club and not just for ourselves. Please keep this in mind when you see changes being made.

Jerry mentioned that sometimes you have trouble disconnecting the car from the tow bar. Put the car in park, turn it on, and spin the steering wheel this takes pressure off the tow bar and you don't have to use the hammer method.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ted Fumia seconded by Fred Schlitt. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Ross
Secretary
FSWG

