

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc. - General Membership Meeting
January 17, 2009
Fort Myers, Florida

Linda Tuzzolo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, Jerry Miller gave the Invocation.

Linda welcomed new state members and let them know that hats, patches, stickers and membership directories are available to new members.

Joe Sholtes, Charles Travers made a motion to not read the minutes from the last

Jerry Miller gave the treasurers report.

Linda Tuzzolo read the audit report completed by Walter Feldgoise and Ed Gies. A copy of the audit statement will be filed.

Rally Update:

Linda provided an update on the preparations for the 2009 Rally. We have 2 dealers confirmed for the Rally, Harberson and Suncoast. The Winnebago technicians will not be at the rally this year.

We have a great opening ceremonies planned. The theme is Salute to the Military and we will have color guard and drill team perform at the opening ceremonies. Lunch will be served following the opening ceremonies.

Door prizes: This year we will not have the door prize table, instead, door prizes will be from a drawing on Friday and Saturday night. Asked chapters to contribute to the door prizes by making gift baskets based on a theme. We hope to have 10 gift baskets and will give away at evening meals. There will still be some nice prizes, plus goody bag items.

On Thursday we will host a Row Party – Come and Meet the Chapters! Everyone Welcome.
4:00 to 5:30

Each chapter should bring appetizers “finger-food” to share. The State Club will provide small plates, and napkins. The idea is for chapters to mingle with each other as well as making guests welcome to the rally. We will serve beer and soft drinks.

Bingo has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. There will not be any door prizes on Thursday.

Friday of the Rally wear something red, to support our troops.

Golf carts will be available for rental. The cost is \$150 for the week, must be preordered and paid directly to Phil the Golf Cart Guy. The carts will be available on Monday.

Rally information will be posted at the website.

Linda introduced Dick and Mikki Dodge. Dick congratulated all of the officers on a super rally/campout all year. Dick talked about WIT tours. Dick also indicated that the Winnebago Technicians will not be at the rally this year due to cutbacks at Winnebago and it is just not in the Winnebago budget this year. Hopefully as the economy recovers, the techs will be back in future years. Winnebago Industries is in good shape, stock is coming up. There are approximately 13 RV manufactures that have gone out of business. GNR this year will be celebrating the 40th anniversary for WIT. Entertainment has been contracted, space is still available in Section D and Section E. Have registration information available this weekend. Encourage participation.

There will be a February and March WIT magazine. The March magazine will include all information regarding GNR.

Dick also reported on new Winnebago products that will be available for 2010 models also looking at some front-end diesels.

Service director from Winnebago has worked with Suncoast RV and there will be slots available for anyone who may have a need for service during the Rally.

Other Business:

Linda reported that there are a lot of fun events scheduled at GNR hope everyone will be able to attend.

Phil Halstead is our webmaster and puts information on the Website. Send your chapter information on campouts and officers to Phil to include on the website.

Posted on our website are the guidelines for posting information to go to the WITClub.com website. WIT membership directory is on a CD this year and not a hard copy.

The Ocala Sunbirds have dissolved, so we now have only 14 chapters in the state.

Bud Geng presented the 2009 slate of officers to the membership for vote.

Nancy Miller, President
Jerry Miller, Treasurer
Joe Loudenslager, 1st Vice President
Cliff & Ree Spiller, Second Vice President
Kathryn Griffen, Secretary

Are there any nominations from the floor.

Joe Sholtes made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mike Sofarelli.

The majority membership voted to accept the above slate of officers for 2009. The Nominating Committee has been released of their duties.

Future campouts

March 5 to 8	Florida State Rally, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida
May 15 to 17	Rally Park/Lazy Days, Seffner, Florida
July 19 to 24	Grand National Rally, Forest City, Iowa
October 16 to 18	Sun N Fun RV Resort, Sarasota, Florida
March 11 to 14	Florida State Rally, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida

As usual, Linda Tuzzolo closed the meeting with a tax tip and thanked everyone for all their hard work during the last year. Everyone has done a great job.

Mike Sofarelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Copenhaver. Motion Carried.