

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Fl.

January 15, 2011

Nancy Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Shirley Halstead gave the invocation.

Nancy introduced the officers:

Dan Tuzzolo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Ted and Janis Fumia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents

Christine Ross (Secretary Temp.)

Jerry Miller, Treasurer

Linda Tuzzolo, Director

Nancy introduced Chapter Presidents and congratulated new officers. There were 56 coaches in attendance and 10 chapters represented.

It was moved by Carol Gies and seconded by Shirley Halstead that the reading of the minutes of the October meeting be waived; the motion passed unanimously. Nancy reminded everyone that the minutes were posted on our web site.

Christine Ross read a thank you note from the Shaughnessy family thanking us for our donation in memory of Marge to the Harry Anna Trust.

Jerry gave the Treasurer's Report. The ending balance is \$27,596. Jerry reported some expenses for repairs to the chuck wagon, the purchase of new walkie talkies, and a bench in the name of our State Club for GNR, a much needed sound system and a donation in memory of Marge Shaughnessy. Nancy indicated that the Treasurer's Report would be filed for audit. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes. The books will be audited by two kind volunteers Bill Schilp and Walter Feldgoise.

**Old Business:**

1. Linda Tuzzolo presented the slate of officers for 2011-2012.

President – Jerry Miller

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents- Cliff and Ree Spiller

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents – Ted and Janis Fumia

Secretary – Christine and Bob Ross

Treasurer – Walter and Belinda Feldgoise

Nancy asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none and the nominations were closed by Jim Rayburn. All officers were approved by a show of hands.

2. March Rally Information was given out.

- a. Corinne Wightman gave a vendors report. There is a conflict with some of the vendors that usually come to our rally as there are two larger rallies in Perry, Ga. this year. If you know of anyone that would like to be a vendor please refer them to our website. All the vendor information is located there.
- b. Our door prize committee consists of Gene and Lois Hogan, Betty and Larry Ireland, and Jim and Jane O'Neill.
- c. Goody bag donations need to be in the hands of the Du-Bol Winnies no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday.
- d. Our Charity table will be set up for the Sheriffs Youth Ranch.
- e. We will have a table for garage sales items.
- f. We will print up small schedules for you to carry. This will have seminar times and other information.
- g. We will also have a water filter for the water used to make coffee. This should make the coffee taste much better.
- h.

**New Business:**

1. Chapter of Excellence Forms will be distributed in February. Please complete the forms and attach a current roster and send to Nancy by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Please make sure you have sent in your list of new officers to Phil Halstead and Ruth Harms at the WIT office. Phil will post these on the web site. Also please send him a group picture of the officers.
3. Nancy welcomed new presidents and returning presidents for each chapter. She thanked them for stepping forward in support of their club.
4. GNR: Plans are underway for another great time. July 9<sup>th</sup> begins pre rally week. There is a lot to do during pre-week. Nancy also stated that if you would like to volunteer earlier than preweek to contact her. There are several things that need to be done before the participants arrive. The theme for GNR is "Hillbilly Jamboree." There is a pig roast planned, row parties, a first timers party, a special dinner out at the Branding Iron and The Pucker brush Parade. Our float will be entered again. So plan to come early and join the work, the fun and the experience of GNR.
5. Just a reminder that dues are due. There are several members who have not paid for 2011. Please remind your members.

**Future campout dates:**

- a. March rally- March 10-13, 2011 Central Florida Fairgrounds - State Rally
- b. May State Meeting – May 13-15, 2011 - Blueberry Hill, Bushnell, Fl.
- c. July Pre Rally Week GNR– July 9-16, 2011 Rally Grounds, Forest City, Iowa
- d. July Rally Week GNR – July 17-22, 2011 Rally Grounds, Forest City, Iowa
- e. October State Meeting – October 21-23, 2011 Grand Lake RV Resort, Orange Lake, Fl.

We had several birthdays and one Anniversary. We also need to keep in our prayers several members with illnesses and the loss of a loved one.

**For the good of the Club:**

Jerry asked the club to think about using an emergency form for all members. This will be kept with the president in their coach.

Charlie announced dates for the Camping World campout. It is scheduled for Dec 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Keep this on your calendars. Registration will be in November.

Linda Tuzzolo gave a tax tip. Don't be in a hurry to file. Plan to file somewhere around the middle of February. And the file date has been extended to April 18<sup>th</sup>.

It was also mentioned that you should bring your grandchildren to GNR. They will have a blast.

A new charity to think about. It's called Kids Place. This helps children who are removed from abusive homes. It gives them a more appealing environment to go to after being removed from their home.

Dick Dodge reported that Sunny Brook is separate from Winnebago at this time. But hopes in the future they will become WIT members as this would bring in young couples to the chapters. However, as of right now they have their own club.

Nancy added an uplifting thought saying, "Life may not be the party we hoped for but while we are here we might as well dance." Words to live by.

Being no further business, Dan Tuzzolo moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ed Tyndall. Motion passed unanimously. Nancy adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ross Secretary (Temp)