

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc
General Meeting
Rally Park/Lazy Days, Seffner May 17, 2008

President Linda Tuzzolo called the General Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2008. Bruce Cheatum gave the invocation following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda acknowledged new guests at the meeting. We have several new WIT members. After this meeting come up and get a Winnie Gators hat, logo patch and directory. We had a membership gain of 40 for 2007-2008.

Joe Sholtes made the motion to forego the reading of the minutes of March 2008 meeting, seconded by Bob Schoening. Motion carried, the minutes will be filed. Char Busch, Secretary, not present. Minutes being taken by Ree Spiller.

Jerry Miller gave the Treasurer's report of March 1 - April 30, 2008. We had a balance at the beginning of March of \$63,487.81 and at the end of April the balance is \$8,921.06. The March rally income/expense netted a profit of \$512.24. Normally we try to clear approximately \$2,000. There was a total of 310 coaches. The misunderstanding of not having Al's Motorhomes as a dealer at the rally caused a loss, but we did OK.

The charity funds collected totaled was \$1433.00. Butch and Pat Crosby of South Florida Winnies matched that contribution for \$1500. to make a total of \$2933. to Prader Willie Syndrome.

Our club gave a \$50. gift certificate to Eddie Jones of DuBol Winnies, who was our door prize coordinator, for 17 years of assistance. Need new door prize coordinator to replace him and coordinate with Nancy Miller ,who is the Vendor coordinator. Looking for replacement now. See Linda for guidelines of position.

Linda noted that Jerry Miller completed the entire 9 pages of the 990 form for IRS, required due to our gross income. He did this for our club, which saved us hundreds of dollars.

The surveys from March rally were compiled and the net results were as expected. Consequently, no more surveys - it is very costly.

Shirley Halstead had hip replacement surgery and has had several complications. The club sent her flowers. Members can get update at www.carepage.com. You register with "shirleyhalstead" (all small letters and no space between) to leave her messages of encouragement and well wishes. You can also call her cell phone 941-812-0216.

'Salute to the Military' is the theme for next March rally. Need the chapters to do the Goody Bag craft items again, 40-50 minimum per chapter. The charity for 2009 will be the Prader Willie Syndrome.

Need new pin design for March rally. Bring your 'design' offering to the October meeting for acceptance. We will give the winning pin design a year membership to National WIT and State WIT, a total value of \$45.

Jack Caffrey has researched necessary process for obtaining dealers for our March rally. He will oversee the procedure to assure our vendors attendance.

Need a nominating committee for new slate of officers. Cliff & Ree Spiller have agreed to run again for 2nd Vice President. We will need nominees for president, 1st vice president and

secretary. Bud Geng is the chairperson. He will need two committee members to assist him. Joe Sholtes volunteered to assist him. Nominees must be submitted in October, voted on in January and installed in office in March.

Today at Happy Hour there will be a raffle of several prizes, valued from \$5. to \$40. (averaging \$20.). Monies to be put in the general fund for operating \$\$.
Camping World coming today, also, and bringing all attendees a goody bag. Also giving our club 4- \$25. gift certificates for our raffle.

We will vote on new By-Laws today. They have been posted on the website since March and were distributed at the March rally.

Jack Caffrey explained the process for the updating of our By Laws. Motion was made by Bud Geng and seconded by Ella Thurston to accept the By Laws as they now are. Motion carried.

GNR theme is Rock n Reunion (50s theme). We need to come up with ideas for our Row decorations. We will give away two rally certificates again this year. Those that won them last year did attend our March rally.

Need person to coordinate beanbag baseball. See Linda after the meeting. If no volunteer, Florida will not participate in this event at GNR.

We would like to increase the donation to the GNR Youth program from \$100. to \$200. this year. Joe Sholtes made a motion to increase our donation to \$200. for the GNR Youth program and that was seconded by Bud Geng. Motion carried.

Need to vote on funds for President to go to GNR. Discussion of funds needed. Mike Sofarelli made a motion to increase the funds to our President for attending GNR to \$1300, seconded by Bud Geng. Motion carried.

Future campouts will be posted at the website. The up-to-date list is below:

Oct. 17-19, 2008	Sun N Fun in Sarasota
Jan. 16-18, 2009	Lee County Civic Center, Ft. Myers
Mar. 5-8, 2009	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando
May 15-17, 2009	RallyPark/ Lazy Days, Seffner

Linda closed the meeting with a tax tip.

Bud Geng made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donna Wacker. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ree Spiller
(substituting for Char Busch, Secretary)