

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Southern Palms RV Resort, Eustis FL
May 15, 2010

Nancy Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jerry Miller had the invocation.

Nancy introduced the officers:

Joe and Ann Loudenslager, 1st Vice-presidents
Ted and Janis Fumia, 2nd Vice-presidents, with special thanks for great job of handling parking
Kathryn Griffin, Secretary
Jerry Miller, Treasurer
Linda and Dan Tuzzolo, Directors

Nancy asked that all chapter presidents stand; they were acknowledged by applause. There were two couples who were first time attendees and they were acknowledged by applause. Nancy welcomed all attendees and announced that 51 coaches were at the meeting and nine chapters represented.

It was moved by Jack Caffrey and seconded by Joe Loudenslager that the minutes of the March 2010 meeting be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously. Kathryn reminded attendees that the minutes are posted to our website (www.winniegators.org).

Jerry gave the highlights of the Treasurer's Report for Year-to-Date 2010; the club is in good financial condition with a cash balance of \$26,087 as of 4/30/2010. The 2010 rally resulted in a profit of \$3,707. Nancy indicated that the Treasurer's Report would be filed for audit. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes

In her President's Report, Nancy:

- Explained WIT's push for new members; listing of all FL owners who are not members of WIT has been sent to Nancy. These lists are available for chapters to use in recruiting new members; Nancy will use the list to recruit for the Winnie Gators, as well.
- Thanked Phil Halstead for setting up websites for the IALCP and IAWSP; everyone, especially chapter presidents, are encouraged to sign into each of the websites and register. Links for the web sites are found on the Winnie Gator web site (www.winniegators.org)
- Shared information about the Winnie Gator Caribbean Cruise in 2011 and had flyers and application forms available; the cruise will be aboard the new RCCL ship, Oasis of the Seas, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale on April 9, 2010.
- Announced that the Winnie Gator supply trailer has been inventoried and unused items removed; they are being offered free of charge to the membership this weekend.
- Invited any who could come to GNR early to volunteer to help with operation of the People Movers; WIT will allow parking as early as 7/5 for those volunteers.
- Asked for a show of hands of all attendees who have new coaches as of 1/1/2010; many hands were raised. FL is certainly doing its share to keep Winnebago "in business".

Old Business:

- March Rally was a huge success; dealers sold at least eight coaches; vendors very pleased; Bob Olson thrilled; all in spite of the two days of rain; entertainment was good; food was great; thanks to everyone for a great job done; special thanks to Jack and Gloria Caffrey for Opening Ceremony.
- Kathryn read thank you letters from Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches for our donation of \$2,117.71.
- Final plans for GNR were outlined:
 - Tent with sign-up sheets, white board and schedule of events will be at head of row
 - Everyone reminded to bring extra length of hose, decorations for coach, costumes, etc.

- Pre-GNR activities include dinner at Branding Iron on Monday, Florida Fling at Dick's Restaurant on Saturday, juice and coffee in the tent every morning and happy hour each afternoon
- Winnie Gators will again have a float in the Puckerbrush Parade; plans are progressing nicely; each chapter is asked to have one representative on the float in costume; others may walk and throw candy, etc. (thanks to Charlie Zucker for addition of seat down middle of float)
- Row will be neatly decorated with Hollywood on the roof of the tent (many thanks to Tom Zopff), our own red carpet (thanks to Pat Crosby) with walkway of stars
- Tom Zopff is captain of the bean bag baseball team; Joe Sholtes, Chief Chef for Sunshine Surf and Tropical Turf grilling competition; and Charlie Zucker, the ladder golf competition.
- Happy Hour each day at the tent with money and prize raffles.
- First Timers Happy Hour Monday, 7/19, 3 pm at the tent
- Row party Tuesday, 7/20, with sloppy joes, baked beans, coleslaw, wine and beer.
- Nancy noted that all chapters in attendance have submitted their Chapter of Excellence forms; she has learned that pins will no longer be given out by WIT, only certificates. Perhaps our club can do something for the chapters in FL who qualify.
- Nancy advised that purchase of new sound system and walkie talkies is still in the discovery stage; hopefully decisions will be made by January meeting. Two suggestions for the sound system have been received from Bill Keser, Caloosa Winnies, who is very knowledgeable in sound systems.
- Jim Hoffren again asked that consideration be given to purchase of spot light for the rally; the suggestion is being taken under advisement.

New Business:

- 2011 Rally
 - Dates – March 10-13, 2010 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds
 - Theme – “Hillbilly Jamboree” (aka Appalachian America), thanks to Suncoast Winnies
 - Homer Noodelman is entertainment on Friday and Dixie Highway Band on Saturday
 - Winnie Gators will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary
 - Rally pin and t-shirt design will be voted on at October meeting; everyone should submit entries
 - Job duties will change for 2011;
 - ✓ Big Bend – assist as needed
 - ✓ Buccaneer – Arts and Crafts/empty trash
 - ✓ Caloosa – parking
 - ✓ Du-Bol – registration and goody bags
 - ✓ FL Sunshine – Wine and Cheese Party
 - ✓ Mid-Florida – food and coffee service
 - ✓ Miracle Strip and Panhandle – Book Fair
 - ✓ Seaside – greeters
 - ✓ South Florida – Games
 - ✓ Space Coast – Friendship Walk and Bingo
 - ✓ Suncoast – stage and table decorations
 - ✓ Treasure Coast – table and chair set-up
 - Job duty descriptions will be handed out at October meeting.
- Nancy asked for discussion on travel allowance for Club President to GNR; Linda Tuzzolo stated that IRS allows \$.50/mile for travel allowance; Lois Hogan moved that the club give Nancy \$1,500 for travel expenses; Charlie Travers seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
- Nancy asked for discussion on donation to youth program at GNR; Joe Sholtes moved that we give \$200; Dan Tuzzolo objected and asked that the motion be amended to indicate a donation of \$250; Joe amended his motion; Butch Crosby seconded the amended motion; carried unanimously.
- Nancy gave a report on Ed Gies' injuries at the meeting (he fell from a ladder and broke two bones in one leg); everyone was asked to keep him and Carole in their thoughts.

Announcements:

- Future camp out dates:
 - 7/11-17, 2010 – Pre-week at GNR, Forest City IA
 - 7/18-23, 2010 – GNR, Forest City IA
 - 10/15-17, 2010 – Torrey Oaks RV Park, Bowling Green FL; will be Senior Olympics theme.
 - 1/14-16, 2011 – Wekiva Falls RV Park, Sanford FL
 - 3/10-13, 2011 – Rally at Central Florida Fairgrounds
 - 5/13-15, 2011 – Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell FL
- Everyone was reminded of the horse races after dinner this evening
- Jerry Miller had brochures and many good comments about Suncoast Designers, Inc. for repairing coach windows.
- Joe Sholtes brought to our attention a new product by Bayer Aspirin . . . Bayer Crystals . . . a new great antidote when someone may be having a heart attack.

Being no further business, Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Griffin
Secretary