

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc. – General Membership Meeting
Torrey Oaks RV Park, Bowling Green FL
October 16, 2009

Nancy Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Shirley Halstead had the invocation.

Nancy welcomed all members, chapter presidents, officers and guests. Guests were Jan Molinell and Lou Swenson and Joy and Rick Crandall

Nancy announced that attendance at the state meeting is 59 coaches, representing 7 chapters.

Nancy introduced the officers:

Joe and Ann Loudenslager, 1st Vice Presidents
Cliff and Ree Spiller, 2nd Vice Presidents
Kathryn Griffin, Secretary
Jerry Miller, Treasurer
Linda and Dan Tuzzolo (in absentia), Directors

It was moved by Mike Sofarelli and seconded by Joe Sholtes that the minutes of the May 2009 meeting be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously. Kathryn reminded attendees that the minutes were published on our website and hard copy available for inspection if desired.

Jerry gave the highlights of the Treasurer's Report for the period May-September; copies were available for inspection if any one wanted to review it. Nancy indicated that the report would be filed for audit; the audit will be done at the January meeting. A copy of the report will be attached to these minutes.

Old business:

- Chapter of Excellence . . . congratulations to nine chapters (Buccaneer Winnies, Caloosa Winnies, Dubol Winnies, Florida Sunshine Winnies, Funtime Travelers, Mid-Florida Winnies, Panhandle Winnies, Seaside Winnies, South Florida Winnie-Gators, Spacecoast Winnies and Suncoast Winnies) and the Winnie Gators for receiving the award.
- Review of GNR
 - Winners of awards in Arts and Crafts Competition were Sharon Zopff (Best of Show), David Nobert (2nd place in woodwork), Shirley O'Connell (1st) and Carolyn Jouret (3rd in Jewelry).
 - Winners in Blue Ox Challenge were Joan Krajack and her son, Jury.
 - Winners of our Row Party Raffle were Don Block and Ken Timmins (certificates for free March Rally registration); Pete Wightman won the drawing for the digital camera.
 - The Winnie Gators Beanbag Baseball team won in round one but lost to Iowa in the second round; thanks to Tom Zopff for being our team captain.

- We did not win the Burger Cook-off but had lots of fun; thanks to Ellen Zucker and Joe Sholtes for all their help. The Winnie Gators will be back in competition next year.
 - We served in excess of 300 at the Row Party; thanks to Joe Sholtes, Dave Nobert and Dan Tuzzolo for bar tending and to Damaris Travers and Linda Tuzzolo for entertaining everyone. The traveling bands spent lots of time at our party and one of the People Mover drivers managed to do a gator chop every time he went by.
 - Florida had 122 coaches this year; the goal for 2010 is 125! We had 81 go to the Branding Iron for dinner on Monday of pre-week and more than 100 eating sloppy joe's and pot luck goodies at Dick's Restaurant on Saturday of that week.
 - Special thanks were given to Charlie and Ellen Zucker for attention to the Florida Row.
 - Lee MacDonald had very positive remarks about the float
 - Nancy thanked Bud Geng for towing the float with his SUV.
 - Carolyn Jouret thanked Nancy for all her efforts and loud applause followed.
- GNR Theme for 2010 is "Hollywood Legends, Dead or Alive" . . . dates July 18-23 with pre-week events beginning July 11. Nancy encouraged everyone to be watching for costumes, etc. after Halloween is over this year.

New business:

- March Rally – March 11-14, Central Florida Fairgrounds
- Discussion with Fairgrounds Officials; will be a tighter schedule for set-up. Earliest time for Parkers (Suncoast), Decoration (DuBol) and Registration (Caloosa) to start work is Monday at noon. There will be no animals at the fair this year.
 - Goody Bag Donation Chair – Ree Spiller. All chapter donations must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9
 - Door Prize Chair – Gene and Lois Hogan
 - Entertainment is set – Girls Review for Saturday with a program in line with theme and Ruby and Tom Cats on Friday.
 - Row Party will be Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm with changes in food location
 - Only one Rally Pin and T-shirt Design was entered in the contest; Lee MacDonald is the artist and her design was unanimously accepted for the 2010 State Rally; her prize was membership dues for 2010 and registration for 2010 State Rally
 - Dealers – Jack Caffrey will work with dealers
 - Vendors – Corrine Wightman will work with vendors
 - The Winnebago Industries Maintenance Team is in the budget to come to our rally
- January 2010 Meeting – January 15-17, Lee Civic Center; Entertainment will be Dick and Diane, singers doing dance music
- Slate of Officers for 2010 was presented by Bud Geng (in Linda's absence) and the Nominating Committee offers the following slate:
- Nancy Miller, President
 - Joe and Ann Loudenslager, First Vice Presidents
 - Ted and Janis Fumia, Second Vice Presidents
 - Kathryn Griffin, Secretary
 - Jerry Miller, Treasurer



- Election will be held at the January meeting.
- Rally Duties for 2011-2012 – need five large chapters to sign up for five large jobs! If no volunteers, Nancy will assign tasks

Announcements:

- Kathryn advised of progress in getting up to date email addresses. She reminded everyone that dues for next year are payable by January 1 and that she had forms if anyone wanted to pay during the weekend
- Thanks to Dave Nobert for arranging the golf tournament
- The sign-up sheet for shuffleboard was passed around
- North Trail RV was announced as a new Itasca dealer
- Sympathy was extended to Judy Jackson (Mid-Florida Winnies) on the death of her husband, Bill. Also advised of Gail Wood's illness
- Several birthday and anniversaries were acknowledged and celebrants congratulated.
- Nancy encouraged everyone to check out the display table and look over the various bits of information that were located there.
- A caravan to the Georgia State Rally (April 22-25, 2010) is in the discussion stage. The theme of Georgia's rally is "The Pirates Go to Mardi Gras". It should be a fun weekend. Be thinking about making the trip up to Perry.
- Funtime Travelers are celebrating their 15th Anniversary and the Mid-Florida Winnies, their 35th. Congratulations to each of those chapters.
- Joe Sholtes put in a plug for the Love Bugs; this is a chapter in FMCA which is open to Winnebago coaches. He announced that they meet on Thursday night and Friday morning of the weekend of Winnie Gators meetings and all are welcomed to join in with them.

After thanks to everyone for attending, special thanks for all who helped and a round of applause for Rainbow Caterers, Mike Sofarelli moved that the meeting be adjourned; Dorinda Gest seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Griffin
Secretary