

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.

General Meeting

Grand Lake RV & Golf Resort, Citra, Florida.

October 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Miller, at 10:00am. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Christine Ross.

Jerry welcomed all in attendance and introduced the officers. Ted & Janis Fumia 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Christine & Bob Ross, Secretary, Walter & Belinda Feldgoise, Treasurer and Nancy Miller, Director. Cliff & Ree Spiller were not in attendance but Jerry made a phone call to Cliff & Ree and we all said hi. Jerry also reminded us that there were get well cards for Cliff and to please sign them after the meeting.

Jerry welcomed new members Charles & Kathy Anderson along with Ford & Pat Dinkins. We also had some first timers in attendance Charles & Kathy Anderson, Ray & Jean Fox, John Emery, Jan Reed (from Pennsylvania) Jack & Sandy Bleakley, Helen Jette, Ford & Pat Dinkins, James Richardson, Joyce Barwick, Ann Stanton and Mel Wroten brought his parents.

**Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made by Larry Bergsman and seconded by Mike Sofarelli that the reading of the May 14, 2011 minutes be waived.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Walter Feldgoise read the Treasurer's report which covered a period from May 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. Walter reported that our clubs finances are in a good position. We started the period with \$22,676.89 and ended the period with \$17,101.84. The total income for this period was \$6,914.00 and the total expenses were \$12,489.06. Expenses covering this period included the May outing at Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, Fl. and the Grand National Rally in Iowa, along with some administrative expenses, charity donations and the pig roast. As always the treasurer's report is filed for audit.

**Presidents Report:**

Jerry thanked Bob Christian and Charlie Zucker for their help in parking this weekend. Jerry also thanked David Nobert for the new Florida State Winnie Gators sign displaying all the Chapters and Joan Krajack for the large tent she donated to the club for GNR.

Jerry updated us on the purchase of Suncoast RV by Camping World. Currently the changeover is still in progress. Jack Caffrey has been in contact with several Camping World stores and is keeping us up to date with the transition.

Jerry reminded us about the new changes in the sign up of Medicare. It is now December 7<sup>th</sup> instead of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jerry told us about the Winnebago Industries Stock conference call. If you want to be included in this call let them know and they will send you an email as to when they will have the next conference call and what time it will occur.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

Jerry reminded everyone that Christine Ross (our Secretary) will be accepting payment for the 2012 Florida State Winnie Gator dues.

**Old Business:**

GNR Review: We had 99 coaches in attendance. Glenda Christian made the club a blue ribbon for the most miles driven. These 99 coaches drove a total of 283,140 miles to GNR. WOW!!!!

We received a thank you note from the Youth Program for our donation. We also received letters from some of the children that won prizes at the youth camp.

*Hello, Thanks for the ladder ball*

*It's my 2<sup>nd</sup> one and I love it!!!!!!*

*It comes in handy during BBQ thanks for everything*

*I really like the youth program a lot. I always have fun well thanks*

*a lot Sincerely Malia Huffman*

*Dear Friend, Thanks you for the double person slip & Slide.*

*It is perfect. Me and my brother.*

*We will have a fun time. Thank you again.*

*In his servese, Haylee Keller.*

*Dear Winnie Gators'*

*Thank you so much for the darts, my family and I have really enjoyed  
using them outside our Winnebago R.V.!!!*

*God Bless, Maria and Douglas Karson*

These are typed just as the children had written them. I hope you enjoyed reading them.

Jerry also read a special letter he had written to the Winnie Gators for all their hard work and dedication to the club.

Phil Halstead was recognized for the Winnie Gators Web page. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the country for his hard work and dedication. Jerry presented him with several awards and prizes. Jerry then read a list of all the Winnie Gators that won prizes for crafts, cooking, and other special events.

**Cookbook Review:** WE NEED MORE RECIPES!!!! Keep sending them via email or snail mail. We would like to get more recipes for cookies, cakes and pies.

**March Rally Review:** The theme is "Realm of Winnebago" Suncoast has the decorations underway. Our entertainment will be Comedian Rik Roberts on Friday night. On Saturday we will have the Marlins.

All chapter presidents (Guys) are being asked to wear a black t-shirt and black shorts. We will have the rest of your custom ready when you arrive. Girls we have your costumes so you don't need to purchase anything.

We are working on getting the stage lighting better. A suggestion was made to use floodlights we will see how this works at our January outing at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando.

The DuBol Winnies are out soliciting items to go in the goody bags. Can't wait to see what they come up with. Should be GREAT!!

All the chapter presidents have received the rally duties for the 2012 March rally. If the president was not in attendance someone for your club received the information.

Sign up for rally duties for 2013 and 2014 were posted. Hope everyone signed up for something.

We had three people present their rally pin design. Gayle Putman's design won with the most votes.

Attached is a copy.

**New Business:** Nancy Miller presented the slate of officers for next year.

Jerry Miller, President

Ted and Janis Fumia 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Cliff & Ree Spiller 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Christine and Bob Ross Secretary

Walter & Belinda Feldgoise, Treasurer

The theme for next year's 2012 GNR is "Treasure Island". The dates are July 15-20, 2012. Remember you can come in for pre-week. And you can also **volunteer** for a June 29th arrival. Signup sheets were available. You can sign up in January if you could not attend this outing.

Butch & Becky Moore the Eastern Area Reps are looking for volunteers for parking and sign crews. There are perks associated with the duties.

**Announcements and for the "Good of the Club"**

Prizes were given to Mid Florida for having 33% of their club in attendance, Buccaneer Winnies for 33% of their club in attendance and the Caloosa Winnies for 30% of their club in attendance.

The Florida State Winnie Gators has been awarded Club of Excellence for 2011.

We received a note from our charity (Steppin' Stone Farm) for selecting them as our charity for the next two years.

Charlie Zucker mentioned a great place to get work done in Tucson, AZ. It the new Lazy Days!! They have just opened and Charlie and Ellen were very pleased with how they were treated and the quality of the work performed.

Charlie also mentioned that Camping World in Ft. Myers will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual camping rally on December 5 and 6, 2001. Free camping, free food, and free entertainment. What else could you ask for!!!! Contact Charlie or Ellen Zucker at: ellenandcharlie@yahoo.com

**Future Meetings:**

January 20-22, 2012 at Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL

March 15-18, 2012 Florida State Rally, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida

May 11-13, 2012 Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, Florida

October 19-21, 2012 Torrey Oaks RV Resort, Bowling Green, Florida

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mike Sofarelli and seconded by Ellen Zucker. Motion carried with overwhelming approval!!

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Ross

Secretary