

CALOOSA WINNIES of SW FLORIDA

Meeting Minutes

MAY 6, 2018

Alligator Park in Punta Gorda, FL was the setting for the May meeting for the Caloosa Winnies of Southwest Florida. President Richard Beck called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Chaplain Barbara Kanoza led the group with the Invocation, and President Richard Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome: Our President welcomed everyone to the last meeting of this season and wished everyone safe travels over the summer. He also said they hope to see members on the road or at the November rally in the Keys. He also thanked Nancy and Jerry Miller for all the work they have done with rallies and with documenting recent By-Law and Constitution changes.

Welcome to New Members: President Sharon Beck welcomed new members Loren and Lorraine Hofer. They live in Sun City Center.

Chapter Roll Call: Nineteen Caloosa coaches answered the roll call, constituting a quorum.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Diane Cipolla to approve the meeting minutes from February, March and April. The motion was seconded by Lew Fish and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Thomas presented the treasurer's report, which stands subject to the annual audit. Also, Carolyn talked about our expenditures vs. our income. It was suggested that our \$10 per coach per year dues be raised to cover expenses which have risen over the years. (See below.)

Old Business:

Revised Constitution and By-Laws: Pres. Beck noted that all members had been sent the revised documents with a request for comments. He advised the members present that there had been one more change in the By-Laws with the deletion of 2 sentences dealing with the appointment of officers, which were redundant and therefore unnecessary. A motion was made by Fay Hubbard for Jerry to send the revised documents to WIT for signature approval. The motion was seconded by John Zink. The motion was approved by the members present.

Caloosa Chapter Emergency Medical Forms: President Sharon Beck asked that everyone make sure that your form is up to date.

Other: No other old business was discussed.

New Business:

New Dues Amount Discussion: Jerry mentioned that since there is no longer a state chapter to which we paid \$15/year, raising the dues to \$25/year should not be a

hardship. Carlyon indicated that an increase dues to \$20.00 per coach would only result in a “break even” condition. There was little further discussion. Jerry made a motion to raise the dues to \$25/year beginning in 2019, pending approval of the By-Laws by WIT. The motion was seconded by Ellen Bewes, and approved by the members present.

Wagon Queen Free Camping: President Beck noted that our Wagon Queen always comes to our rallies a day early to set up for the rally. Some campgrounds offer her a free night, and others do not. He asked for a motion that, if the campground offers a free night, the Wagon Queen will use it; if the campground does not offer the free night, the Club will pay for it. The motion was made by Diane Cipolla and seconded by Jan Dippel. The motion was approved by the members present.

October Rally: This will be a non-sanctioned rally at Gulf Waters from October 18-20. It will be open to anyone and will be a pirate theme.

Nomination Committee: President Sharon Beck asked for a third member to be on the committee with Past-President Ed Thomas and Nancy Miller. Jan Dippel volunteered to be on the committee. They will be contacting present officers over the summer to determine their willingness to continue to serve.

Wagon Queen Corner: Nancy will email everyone asking for their preferences on the cruises she researched for 2020. Also, Oak Haven has a new manager and the daily rate for our December rally will be \$25/night. Nancy has already booked a canal cruise to see the homeowners’ Christmas lights, as well as dinner reservations at the Village Fish Market. Secondly, Nancy suggested a policy for cancellation of rally reservations. If the campground agrees not to charge the group for cancelling, their camping fees will be refunded. If the campground charges for cancellations, you will not get a refund. If a member has to cancel within 7 days of the campout and food has been purchased, you will not get refunds on food purchases. Members agreed with the policy, and a motion to adopt it was made by Diane Cipolla and seconded by Ellen Bewes. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Sick Bay Report: First Vice President Karen Autry read the list of birthdays and anniversaries and we all congratulated our May members

For the Good of the Chapter: Jerry Miller and Dennis Heitman recommend Horner’s for repairs, and Karen Autry recommended RV Mobile Medic. Members were encouraged to email Mike Dippel their recommendations and he will put them on our web site under a “We Recommend” heading.

Reminders, Misc. Comments: Carolyn told us that the craft for November will be tie dye t-shirts. Bring your own pre-washed t-shirt and she will get the other supplies – she’ll let us know the cost later. Linda Byerly thanked Nancy and our travel agent JoEllen for their help when her father passed away just before the cruise date. Nancy said there are currently 8 coaches staying

for both weeks in the Keys. The Secretary said that that the membership list will be sent out to all members later this month, and also to Mike Dippel to post on the website. Carolyn reminded us to come create our no-bake horse cookies at 1pm – they will be our dessert at supper tonight after the Kentucky Derby.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 11:25 am by Barbara Kanoza, seconded by Sue Swift.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara & Dave Wilkie, Secretary