

## **CALOOSA WINNIES of SW FLORIDA**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 8, 2018**

Oak Haven RV Park in Arcadia, FL was the setting for the December meeting for the Caloosa Winnies of Southwest Florida. President Rich Beck called the meeting to order at 10:00am. President Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Beck welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jorge Gil read the names of our 6 new members/couples present and we all welcomed them to the club. Twenty-seven coaches answered the roll call. Secretary Dave Wilkie read the names of those members who have been with us for 5, 10 and 15 years. He also presented 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Charlie Autry with a pin reading "Coffee Master" – we all thanked him for his efforts

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Nancy Miller to waive the reading of November's minutes. The motion was seconded by Diane Cipolla and approved by the membership. Members were reminded that all minutes are available to them on our web page. The log in and password was told for the benefit of new members. Jerry Miller will take pictures of the membership to be added to the private page on our web site.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Thomas went over the report. It stands subject to the annual audit in January. Director Ed Thomas mentioned that December 5<sup>th</sup> was the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this club.

Director: Ed Thomas explained the procedure followed by the Officer Nominating Committee. All current officers were asked in August if they were willing to continue. The Secretary indicated that they would be stepping down after 4 years. An email was sent asking for volunteers and Jan and Mike Dippel responded. The slate of officers was announced at the November meeting, and nominations from the floor were asked for today. Hearing none, Ellen Bewes made a motion to close the nominations, and the slate was elected by a unanimous vote. The Dippels were sworn in – all other officers had been sworn last year. A picture of the officers will be taken after the meeting. Members were reminded to support the officers efforts.

Old Business: President Beck talked about how the chapter is growing – we currently have 80 members – and that this might impact future rallies. We might have to limit the number of coaches and registration would be on a first come basis. Nancy Miller reminded us about the cancellation policy. Also, annual dues of \$25 are due by the end of January.

New Business: Nancy informed us that the shirt order is in and asked that new members see her if they want to order shirts or jackets. She also still has some caps for \$10.

Wagon Queen Corner: Nancy talked about things to do in Sarasota during our January rally, one of which is the Ringling museum. Also, she polled the members present as to whether they'd like to have one pot luck breakfast, and it was decided to do that on Wednesday. (We will not

have a kitchen facility available at the fairgrounds.) Our cruise in March 2020 on the Allure of the Seas will cost \$2100 with all ocean facing balconies. If you buy the AAA insurance and if you need to cancel, you should receive 100% of your money back - Nancy will double check that with her travel agent. Some perks we may get include: champagne, specialty dining room and on board credit of approximately \$100/cabin.

The February Rally at Lazy Days 2019 is filling up – we currently have 192 reservations. Sharon King has volunteered to teach a craft to make a Mardi Gras accessory. For those arriving on Saturday to help with decorating, there will be a buffet on Sunday night. The Dippels offered to demonstrate pickle ball – they will bring extra paddles.

Nancy needs people to tell her their plans for the April-May caravan so she can firm up plans with the various parks.

Our February 2020 Friendship Rally theme will be the Roaring 20's.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Sick Bay Report: Diane Cipolla read the list of birthdays and anniversaries and we all congratulated our December members.

For the Good of the Chapter: Jerry Miller praised Rich and Sharon Beck for quickly stepping in to take over the job of president when John Weicherding passed away and Jean resigned, saying how it speaks to the quality of our membership. Dave Riling concurred, relating how everyone helped them when they had left their wallets at home during our last caravan. Barbara Wilkie related how Jorge and Orte Gil insisted they take money when all of theirs was stolen at a State Rally a few years ago. Our members are great!

We were reminded that everyone needs to have a WIT number in order to be a member in any Winnebago chapter.

Jerry suggested a visit to the Ringling home in Barraboo WI if you are in the area.

Reminders: At 2pm we will finish our snow globe craft. Jerry will take member's pictures for the web site after the meeting. Our Christmas Charity Auction for Joshua House is at 7pm. Please make sure President Beck has an up-to-date emergency form for each coach.

Adjournment: At 11:01am, a motion to adjourn was made by Jan Dippel, seconded by Ellen Bewes.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara & David Wilkie, Secretary