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The Tennessee State Club of Winnebago International Travelers

VOL State Winnies News

It's that time of year—Snowbirds returning—spring around the corner—and summer activities are being planned.

Much of TN VOL State Winnies (VSW) activities were somewhat detailed in the February 2018 VSW Newsletter that was e-mailed to all on February 15th, thus will not print all again at this time. If you cannot find a copy and need a replacement send an e-mail to rvwiggers59@gmail.com or call and we can get one to you.

Highlights for this spring and summer include:

April 19-22 VOL State Winnies campout cohosted by MCW at Nashville I-24 Campground, Smyrna, TN, 1130 Rocky Fork Rd., telephone 615-459-5818. Results to date look like we will have a good representation with some interesting and educational activities planned. March 1 was the cutoff for group reserved sites, but a couple of members recently signed up—sites may not be next to the group, and any open sites may be gone if one waits too long. There will be some discussion on GNR, theme for 2019 VSW State Rally and an opportunity to join one of the chapters, if you haven't done so yet.

July 12-15 Iowa State Rally at Amana, IA. We have some members planning to attend this rally on the way to GNR. If you are interested please let Ralph Wiggers know at rvwiggers59@gmail.com or 931-787-4157.

July 17, 2018—Parking begins noon-5 pm on GNR grounds.

July 19-22, 2018 - Pucker Brush Days in Forest City and pre-rally get togethers

July 21, 2018— Pucker Brush Parade in Forest City

July 23-28, 2018— Winnebago Grand National Rally (GNR) at the Winnebago Rally Grounds in Forest City, IA. Registration rates go up \$25 if post marked after March 31st or \$50 if post marked after June 30th. You can sign up for the TN State Row if your unit is 40' or less. Tent will be available on the TN Row for our activities and enjoyment. Remember you can invite any Winnebago, Sunny Brook or Country Coach owner, even though not a WIT member to this year's GNR. State Row parties will be on July 26th.



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Activities Continued:

August 17-19, 2018—VSW and chapters are joining Music City Winnies (MCW) in celebrating their 44th Anniversary at Salt Lick Creek Campground at Cordell Hull Lake near Carthage, TN. Reservations are encouraged early since sites fill up fast. Since some activities are planned near the shelter, we suggest you try to obtain a site as close as possible.

October 25-28, 2018— VSW will be at the Ward Ag Center in Lebanon, TN. Keep those dates open and advance reservations are not necessary. More information on this outing will be forthcoming. West TN Travelers will co-host this outing.



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Proposed VOL State Winnies' By-Laws Changes

As stated in the VSW December 2017 Newsletter, the majority of members present at the October Rally in Lebanon requested a change in the VSW By-Laws to have the term of officers changed from 2 years to 1 year.

The issue is that there has been a problem of obtaining members to step up and serve as President and/or Vice President of the club. One of the major concerns seems to be a fear that being an officer requires too much time and effort plus the optimal situation is for the VSW Vice President serve the 2-year term, gain experience and knowledge and then move up for the 2-year term as President—4 years is a long commitment. During the past six years, both Presidents and Vice Presidents have served one or two years as an officer and new ones were elected for the next term.

In the recent past, the President has been elected for a 2 year period, had the first year to adjust to the duties of the President and start preparations for the biannual State Rally to take place in the second year of the term. Other states have various ways of administering their State Rally. In the case of Iowa, the Vice President in 1 year term, selects location and volunteers to be President for the next year and coordinates the annual State Rally. Some with bi-annual State Rallies, Vice President one term, then becomes President for next term and coordinates State Rally. Some will have a non-officer volunteer to coordinate the State Rally. What may be best for VSW? Does not have to be the same all the time?

Due to members request, the following VSW By-Laws amendments will be voted on at the April 2018 outing at Nashville I-24 RV Park in Smyrna, TN.

Bold is added and underlined is deleted.

VOL STATE WINNIES BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VI—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

B. The officers shall be installed at the Annual meeting and shall hold the office for two years **one year**.

ARTICLE VII—OFFICERS

C. Secretary

2) Following the election of new officers, or annually on non-election years submits a complete roster and listing of new officers to the WIT office **and the Area Rep**. A roster is required annually.

ARTICLE VIII—COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES

A. Committee Formation

4) Shortly after the first anniversary of the installation of officers, the Board shall propose a slate of candidates for each elective office. The committee shall present their slate to the membership so that it may appear in a newsletter to the membership at least 30 days prior to the next October/November meeting and be voted upon at that meeting. This committee will elect its own Chairman. This committee shall propose a Slate of Club members who are willing to assume the duties of the elective offices for the next two years **year**. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the elections.

SUNSHINE

REPORT

Glad to see Ed Potts back home in Crossville. He is signed up for the April Outing.

Keith Mobley reports that Jan is doing well in her recovery in Arizona and will be heading back home in mid-April.

Our condolences to Bonnie and Tom Borla in the death of their daughter, Deanna Case. She had a 5 year battle with cancer.

MINUTES OF VOL STATE WINNIES BUSINESS MEETING

LEBANON, TN—OCTOBER 29, 2017

Officers Present were: Ralph Wiggers-President, Glenn Craig—Vice President, Virginia Wiggers—Secretary and Joe Moore—Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by President Ralph Wiggers.

Ralph led the Pledge of Allegiance. An attendance sheet was passed around and it listed 38 members present for the Fall Meeting of the Vol State Winnies.

Ralph thanked Jan & Keith Mobley for all their efforts this last 2 years and Aggie King for her extra work in several areas during the rally. He thanked all who volunteered to assist during the rally. We want to include the thanks also to those who traveled from other States to come to our rally. They help to make it a success. Our Reps from Winnebago were also very helpful and a big part of the good time we all had. Thanks to Butch & Val Peters and Patrick & Janet Wright! Mike Logan asked to thank Glenn Craig for the use of his sound system and to thank Dan King, who was a big help in many things behind the scenes.

Yvonne Potts will continue to be the Sunshine Person and you can text her at 617-794-5580 with information on any who need cards. She needs your help to be sure we send cards to all who need them. Yvonne reported that she sent out 3 cards to members and Jan sent out a couple more. She read a thank you card from Ted and Bernie Steele.

Ralph introduced our new members: Theresa and John Neff from Chattanooga. They jumped right in and got involved in helping wherever needed.

Virginia read the minutes of the April Business meeting. Mike Logan recommended approval and Ed Potts seconded. They were approved as read.

Joe Moore gave the Treasurer's report. The balance as of Sep 30 was \$11,272.58. He stated that after rally expenses he expects the balance to be in the \$6,000.00 range. He will send a report after all expenses are paid. He reported that he has filed the appropriate IRS form. Silent Auction proceeds at the rally were \$612 and the Sock Pass brought in \$84. Dues are now due for 2018 and were accepted at the rally, but any not there should send dues to Joe soon. Aggie King has agreed to audit the Treasurer's books for 2017. Judy Doyle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded by Dave Franke and the motion passed.

Mike Logan recommended we get a report of the Audit by e-mail and can then be approved at the April meeting.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Larry Bolding, mentioned that all are welcome to join the WTT at a campout in Branson in May.

Mike Logan reported on Camping World in both Nashville and Memphis. He also mentioned a new Winnebago dealer—Dunlap RV in Lebanon.

Music City has their campout schedule for 2018 and Brent says all are welcome to join with them. Richard Gray is the new President of Music City Winnies.

Ed Potts reported that Rocky Top Travelers are going to Huntsville, AL in May or June and invited all to join them.

Bob Entner reported about a June campout in Sevierville.. He sent around a sheet for people to list their preferences of shows or attractions. This campout is also open to all chapters.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn gave a report on GNR. There were 4 coaches in the TN Row and a total of 6 coaches at GNR. They won the decorations for the 1-14 group even though the pictures blew away in the storm. The pictures were returned by kind folks. They served Lynchburg Lemonade as in past years. There were 3 new members signed up at GNR.

Joe said he would take over the web site from Keith. It is tnvolstatewinnies.org

Keith said there were 3000 hits since June on the web site so it is getting interest.

We also need to thank Bob Ralston for his picture taking during this rally.

NEW BUSINESS

We need a Newsletter Editor. The newsletter can be any format and only needs to go out after each campout or rally.

We have a new contract with the Fairgrounds in Lebanon for October 25-28, 2018 in Room C; April 25-28, 2019 in Room C; and October 17-20, 2019 in Rooms B,C,D and E.

Because the Fairgrounds only had the first weekend in April for 2018 it was suggested that we look for another venue in mid-state for a later April date. Ralph stated that he would like to see each chapter host the campouts. Mike Logan suggested Camping World in Chattanooga, but they do not have a good room and sites are not the best. Brant suggested Point Mallard. Rocky Top plans to have a campout there in May. Aggie will research some areas. Dave Franke mentioned a new campground in Pikeville. All will be informed of the April 2018 campout by e-mail.

GNR for 2018 is July 23-28. Puckerbrush Days are the week before with the parade on Saturday. Gates open for parking on the 17th. It was suggested that there are no planned pre-GNR activities. Aggie made a motion to rent a tent again and the Board can determine the size. Ed Potts seconded and the motion passed. Ed Potts made a motion to have Lynchburg Lemonade again. Joe Moore seconded and the motion passed. Dave Franke volunteered to chair the display and will need all to help. The theme is Red, White and W. He has some ideas for a design that is evolving.

Keith Mobley said that the storm at GNR damaged the banner beyond repair. It needs to be replaced. It is a 4' by 5' banner. Aggie made a motion to replace and let the Board decide where to purchase it. Dave Franke seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Wiggers, Secretary



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MEETING, CAMPOUT & RALLY SCHEDULES

	2018	
Jan. 20	Corner Pub - Mt. Juliet, TN 11 am	MCW
Feb. 17	Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant 12894 Lebanon Rd. Mt. Juliet, TN 11 am	MCW
Mar 17	Cheddars—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
Apr 15-18	Lock A, COE CG, Part of Cheatham Lock & Dam, Ashland City, TN	WTT
Apr 19-22	Nashville I-24 Campground, Smyrna, TN	VSW
May 15-18	Monte Sano State Park, Huntsville, AL	RTT
May 18-20	Lock A Campground, Ashland City, TN	MCW
May 20-25	America's Best Campground, Branson, MO, Long Campout	WTT
Jun 7-10	Sevierville, TN Two Rivers Landing Campground	RTT
Jun 15-17	Lillydale Campground Allons, TN Dale Hollow Lake	MCW
Jun 17-20	Natchez Trace SP—Pin Oak Loop, Clarksburg, TN	WTT
Jul. 13-15	Cedar Creek Campground— Mt. Juliet, TN	MCW
Jul. 23-28	GNR, Forest City, IA	VSW
Aug 17-19	Salt Lick Creek, Carthage, TN - Combined campout	VSW
Sep 16-19	North Abutment COE CG, Granada Lake, MS	WTT
Sep 21-23	Salt Lick Creek CG, Gainesboro, TN	MCW
Oct 21-24	Long Branch COE, Long Branch, TN	WTT
Oct 25-28	VSW—Ward AG Center, Lebanon, TN	VSW
Nov. 11-14	Columbus/Belmont SP—Columbus, KY (sites 23-28 full hookups)	WTT
Nov 17	Cheddars—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
Dec. 15	Chili's—Hendersonville, TN 11 am	MCW
Dec.	TBD—Dinner meal & meeting	WTT
Dec.	Member Appreciation Luncheon—TBD	RTT

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