

Vol State Winnies Business Meeting 4/29/23 Crossville, TN

Group Leader, Steve Rogers, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. In attendance were John and Jody Barr, Allen & Rene Becker, Stuart & Lynn Blue, Cliff and Kay Klein, Dave & Lynda McKitrick, Joe & Cathy Moore, Brent & Francine Nickles, Steve & Linda Rogers, Tate & Gail Tate, and John & Anne Wharton.

Steve led the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe Moore, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$4843.80 at the bank. He also asked members to take home leftover food from the two breakfasts. Joe stated that campouts are designed to break even so we had collected \$10 per person to pay for groceries for the breakfasts on Friday and Saturday. He has filed IRS forms for the club to retain the tax-exempt status. Linda Rogers stated that member dues are \$10 per family per year. Joe stated that dues paid in October or November are to cover membership for the following year.

Brent made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 10/29/252 and Gail seconded.

Steve introduced new members Allen and Rene Becker. Cliff Klein announced that Mike and Diana Logan are selling their RV and will drop out of our club. They had been members of the West Tennessee Travelers.

Steve asked which members plan to attend the Winnebago Grand National Rally (GNR). Joe & Cathy Moore, Allen & Renee Becker and Cliff & Kay Klein said they plan to attend. We discussed that the club will not rent a tent or provide food and drinks for a row party at GNR due to the small number of members attending. Cliff Klein noted that the theme for GNR is a celebration of Winnebago's 65th anniversary.

Cathy provided an update about Winnebago Industries. Some of the new trends are electric vehicles, dedicated office space, expanding entertainment spaces, customized floor plans with modular furnishings and more features that are residential and finishes to feel like home. A working prototype of Winnebago's new fully electric, zero-emission van, the eRV2, was displayed at the 2023 Tampa RV Super Show. It is based on the Ford Transit with a 108-mile range. Several eRV2 coaches are on the road undergoing months of real-world testing. The new Roam class B can have a Braun mobility lift and a pop top as options. Winnebago announced an

agreement to acquire the Lithionics battery company with the sale anticipated to be completed in third quarter 2023. Winnebago RV sales revenues are down from last year. Winnebago has partnered with Portland-based Adventure Wagon on a limited-edition class B adventure van on a Sprinter 170 chassis. Winnebago's new facility in Twin cities MN, the Advanced Technology Innovation Center, will focus on incubating and prototyping new technology applications, including alternative energy management and autonomy for the RV and marine industries.

Steve asked for reports about the status of the Music City Winnies (MCW) and West Tennessee Travelers (WTT) regional clubs. Cliff Klein reported that WTT has 3 active members and had voted to be a social club. Brent Nickles reported MCW has 4 active members that will remain with the traditional officer structure.

Steve asked members about meeting formality with a formal meeting using Roberts Rules of Order and an informal/casual meeting not using Roberts Rules of Order. Eight members voted to keep formal meetings and 10 members voted for informal meetings. Steve stated that as per the vote, future meetings will be informal. He also noted that Winnebago now has no official By-Laws and as a result, the Vol State Winnies have no By-Laws to follow. Steve stated that the club's three officers have agreed to keep their duties until one of them wants to leave their office. Officers are Steve Rogers, group leader; Linda Rogers, Secretary; and Joe Moore, Treasurer. After this announcement, there was applause by all members.

Steve announced that the Winnies Fall Campout will be September 28 – October 1 at the Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon TN. Joe stated that Steve needs to send an e-mail to Donna Bane at the Ag Center to request the building C/education room for our meetings. Since we do not plan to have a rally with many attendees, we only need one room. Linda Rogers announced that the National Indoor RV Center in Lebanon TN has offered to do a group tour and RV maintenance seminar during the fall campout. Dave requested that we check into taking a tour of the Nissan factory in LaVergne during the fall campout and Steve agreed to contact them. Members also suggested the Hillbilly Bus Tour of Nashville or the Cracker Barrel Décor Warehouse tour for fall campout activities.

Steve asked members if they would like to return to the Spring Lake RV Resort in the spring of 2024. Members agreed that they like the campground, facilities and location. Cathy Moore made a motion to return

to Spring Lake next spring and Cliff Klein seconded the motion. Cliff said that he and Kay did not mind the drive to Crossville. Gail Tate suggested the end of April timeframe. Linda Rogers agreed to book the campout with Spring Lake.

Treasurer Moore discussed costs incurred by the Winnies treasury including the cost for the website, the cost of food for breakfasts and the rental of the meeting room at the Ward Agricultural Center. He announced that if members would like a Vol State Winnies name badge, they can contact him so he can order it from Barbara Trent at Best Badges and that the Winnies club will pay for the cost of the badges. This company has the template of our Vol State Winnies logo. Badges are available in magnet style or pin style.

Being no further business from officers or members, the meeting was adjourned.