

## **Minutes of Vol State Winnies Business Meeting**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Spring Lake RV Park, Crossville, TN**

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by President Steve Rogers.

Members present were: Steve & Linda Rogers, Dave & Lynda McKitrick, Joe & Cathy Moore, Dwight & Pam Clayton, Tate & Gail Tate and Gary & Karen Swaim.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Rogers.

President Rogers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Gail Tate made the motion and Tate seconded. The motion passed.

Joe Moore passed out the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$4734.40. He stated that he had filed an IRS form for the club to remain tax exempt, club checks can now be signed by himself or President Rogers, we currently have 29 paid member families, and that historically State Rally profits have covered the costs of two Grand National Rallies. He noted that the Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon TN is our choice for rallies at least once a year because of our long-standing relationship and their fair pricing. President Rogers requested a motion to accept the financial report. Dwight Clayton made a motion to accept the report and Gary Swaim seconded. The motion passed.

There was no old business to discuss.

President Rogers explained that Winnebago International Travelers (WIT) is planning to eliminate By-Laws for clubs in an attempt to reduce the formality, (per WIT "simplify the structure") and make it easier to find officers. We would keep the current officers until we vote at the October campout which begins October 27. WIT requires a "point of contact" and if the club has a treasury, they must have a Treasurer (as per email from WIT on 9/22/21). It was announced by Secretary Linda Rogers that our WIT contact Kathryn Padgett is no longer employed at WIT and her duties have been moved to Denise Hagan until further notice.

Gail Tate noted that becoming a social club and not following WIT By-laws would make it much easier for officers to lead a club. She suggested that the club have a Rally Master or Wagon Master to select locations and plan activities and that it is better if two people work together for this planning. She also suggested in order to implement the reduced formality we define leadership roles, titles and

responsibilities of officers. Members noted that we need a Public Relations position to distribute information by Facebook and e-mail. Dwight Clayton volunteered to set up a committee to work on the roles, titles and responsibilities. Gail Tate, Cathy Moore and Linda Rogers volunteered to be on the committee. Dwight offered to ask Brent Nickles, Cliff Klein and Mike Logan if they would like to be on the committee. The committee discussions will be held by Zoom, emailed to all members by June 30 and then discussed at the Grand National Rally (GNR). Voting will take place at the October campout in Lebanon. Gary Swaim made a motion to accept the proposal and Gail Tate seconded. The motion passed.

Collection of club dues was discussed. Treasurer Moore stated that he collects dues each year in October and every two years he must pay a fee for the website which is helpful for State rally registrations. The website is also a link on the WIT Community website so that WIT club members can find our Tennessee state group and local chapters. It was noted that Treasurer Moore updates the Vol State Winnies website that is particularly helpful for rally communications. Club dues are necessary in order for Treasurer Moore to generate a list of active members and to send a memorial donation when a club member passes away. A reasonable treasury balance is also needed to pay upfront fees for club representation at GNR and for state rallies.

The Winnebago GNR was discussed. President Rogers stated that he will attend. Gary Swaim said he will attend and park in the Winnie B section. Cathy Moore said they were unsure if they will attend. President Rogers said that we need to ask all members if they plan to attend and that we need five or more RVs in order to have a State of Tennessee row. If we have enough members plan to attend GNR he will ask WIT how to reserve a Tennessee row.

Future events were announced by President Rogers:

Iowa State Rally – July 8-10, 2022

Louisiana State Rally – October 20-23, 2022

Vol State Winnies Campout – October 27-30, 2022 Ward Agricultural Center,  
Lebanon TN

Tennessee State Rally – 9/28 – 10/1/2023, Ward Agricultural Center,  
Lebanon TN

Gail Tate noted that we need to ask members for a volunteer to be Wagon Master to plan events for the Winnies Fall Campout. It was noted by Secretary Linda Rogers that we do not have enough volunteers at this point in time to plan or work a State Rally in the fall of next year.

Dave McKitrick noted that he has four large coffee makers for the club and would like to donate them to charity. Members discussed that they are probably no longer necessary due to low attendance at campouts, members who bring their own coffee and the caterers can provide coffee. President Rogers stated that we should hold off on the decision until we resolve the By-laws.

It was noted that all Winnebago owners may attend our club events including owners of Grand Design, Newmar, Country Coach, Sunnybrook and Winnebago trailers. This will broaden our pool of potential attendees and we should reach out to these people.

President Rogers asked if there was any other business to discuss. Since there was none, Dave McKitrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda Rogers seconded.

Submitted by Linda Rogers

#### Note:

Members attending the campout were later asked if they would like to reserve the Spring Lake RV Park for the spring 2023 campout. Members commented that they liked the park, campsites, clubhouse and locations. All members agreed that we should reserve April 27 – 30, 2023 for the Vol State Winnies Spring Campout. Secretary Linda Rogers agreed to make the reservation. It was noted that per Cliff Klein a campground offering similar amenities with an enclosed clubhouse has not been found in Western Tennessee.