

Texas Conference of Clubs, Inc.

Minutes of Summer Meeting

July 25, 1998

Buzzards' Peak Community Landsite

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Malone at 1:03 p.m., at the Buzzards' Peak Community Landsite. The Chairman asked all present to observe a moment of silence for our ill and departed brothers and sisters.

Secretary Bill Castagno called the roll. Those clubs present and their respective delegates were: Chain Of Command - Jim Singleton, Cowtown Leathermen - Ray Busbee, Dallas MC - Lincoln Jones, Leather Knights - Paul Tozier, TCC Independents (A) - Hal Pryor, TCC Independents (B) - Roger Weaverling. The Lancers M.C. was represented by proxy (Bill Castagno). The Corpus Christi MC, Firedancers Texas: Dallas, and Texas M.C. were absent. With 7 member clubs present a quorum was declared and the meeting continued.

Following the introduction of guests, Chairman Malone thanked Larry Allison for his many contributions to the Conference over the years, and presented him with a plaque attesting to his Honorary Membership in the Conference.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Spring Meeting held at Buzzards' Peak on Saturday, April 18, 1998, which were accepted as read.

The Secretary mentioned that applications for Independent membership had been received from Steven D. Chaisson and Michael J. White of Nashville, Tennessee, but that, inasmuch as they lived beyond the geographical boundaries presently imposed by the by-laws, these applications could not be accepted at this time. It was suggested that the by-laws be amended to remove the present geographical boundaries for Independent members. The Secretary will draft and submit such an amendment in accordance with Article XII, Section 2, of the by-laws, and said amendment may then be voted upon at the next regular meeting of the Conference in October.

It was announced that The Bay Area Levi & Leather Society have reactivated their membership in the Conference effective as of this meeting.

An application for Commercial membership, submitted by Leather Forever of Houston, Texas, was considered and approved by the Conference.

An application for Club membership, submitted by the Warrior Wolves of Austin, Texas, and sponsored by George Tresch and Roger Weaverling, was considered and approved.

An application for Club membership, submitted by the Colt 45's of Houston, Texas, and sponsored by George Tresch and Bill Castagno, was considered and approved.

An application for Club membership, submitted by the Houston Area Bears of Houston, Texas, and sponsored by George Tresch and John Gipe, was considered and approved.

An application for Commercial membership, submitted by the Brazos River Bottom of Houston, Texas, was considered and approved.

An application for Commercial membership, submitted by Mary's Lounge of Houston, Texas, was considered and approved.

An application for Commercial membership, submitted by the Ripcord of Houston, Texas, was considered and approved.

Treasurer George Tresch gave the Second Quarters Financial Report for 1998, which was accepted as presented.

At the request of the Treasurer, there was a motion by Hal Pryor, and seconded by Ray Busbee, that any excess funds from the Buy-A-Board fundraiser be utilized for the Flush Project. Motion carried.

The Treasurer announced that the Activity Weekend Rebate Program wound up costing the Conference \$1400.00 but, that of that sum, \$730.00 was returned to the Conference as dues payments or as donations towards various projects.

The Treasurer stated that we were experiencing a problem with excessive, and possibly unauthorized, calls made from the Conference phone. After some discussion, there was a motion by Lincoln Jones, and seconded by Ray Busbee, that the Conference Chairman handle this problem in such manner as he thought appropriate. Motion carried.

Treasurer Tresch read a proposed procedure for governing a Contingency Fund. Following discussion, there was a motion by Paul Tozier, and seconded by Jim Singleton, to accept this procedure as presented. Motion carried.

Next, the Treasurer read a proposed procedure for governing an Endowment Fund. Following discussion, there was a motion by Hal Pryor, and seconded by Jim Singleton, to accept this procedure as presented. Motion carried.

Land Management Committee Chairman, Roger Weaverling, advised that at a meeting of that committee held just prior to the general meeting, it was decided to defer any action on what to do about the Argus until such time as Mark Johnson could be present. He also commented that e-mail addresses could be obtained through the TCC's web page.

In the absence of the LoneStar 12 Coordinator, Bill Castagno read a brief report faxed to him by Mark Johnson the previous evening. Mr. Johnson advised that he would definitely present his final report on LoneStar 12 at the October meeting. Mr. Johnson further stated that he would be reporting a profit for LoneStar 12 of between four and five thousand dollars, and that this money would be turned over to the Conference in advance of the October meeting.

Roger Weaverling continued his report by saying that the road leading onto the property is to be renamed Walter F. Bennett Drive. A Memorial Service will be held for Walt Bennett this fall, at which time a memorial plaque will be installed next to the one for David Evans. Chairman Malone spoke of Mr. Bennett's numerous contributions to the Conference over many years, including his having put up a large portion of the funds to enable us to purchase the property. The Chairman concluded his remarks by commenting that Walt Bennett's loss will be deeply felt by the Conference, and especially by those who had known him closely over the years.

Motion by Roger Weaverling that the Conference approve the expenditure of \$245.00 to have a memorial plaque placed at Buzzards' Peak in honor of Walt Bennett, that the Conference approve designating the roadway into the property as Walter F. Bennett Drive, and that a street sign bearing his name be placed at the entrance to the property. Seconded by George Tresch. Motion carried.

Motion by George Tresch that we allow the Houston clubs to place a memorial plaque for John Mata in the memorial area at Buzzards' Peak. Seconded by Jim Singleton. Motion carried.

Roger Weaverling mentioned that Diahna and Stan had donated three fans to the Conference, which will be placed as needed. At Mr. Weaverling's request, Lincoln Jones made a motion, seconded by Hal Pryor, that the Conference approve spending up to \$100.00 to install four louvers in the pavilion to help improve the ventilation there. Motion carried.

George Tresch mentioned that the Houston clubs were seeking Conference approval to erect a permanent concrete stage where the old wooden stage was formerly located. This would be at no cost to the Conference, and construction would not begin until such time as the plans had been submitted to, and approved by, the Conference. Their only request would be that a plaque be installed on this facility designating it as the Lady Victoria Lust Memorial Stage.

Chairman Ron Malone read a letter received from the Lone Star Living Trust regarding a bequest to the Conference. Following this, Bill Castagno gave a brief explanation as to what this bequest entailed. There followed a lengthy and detailed discussion as to how the Conference might benefit from this bequest.

The Chairman called a recess at 2:37 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Chairman Malone discussed the letter from the Lone Star Living Trust in some detail, and gave his thoughts as to how we might proceed in this matter. George Tresch suggested that Special Meetings be called in August and September for the specific purpose of discussing this bequest. Bill Castagno stated that he would contact the other trustees to learn their thoughts in the matter, and then get back to the Conference as to how they might proceed. Chairman Malone requested that Bill Castagno contact the other trustees to learn what projects they might consider approving, and whether or not they might approve more than one project.

Motion by Lincoln Jones that Bill Castagno go to the other trustees and find out if there are any other stipulations or information that the Conference needs to be made aware of, in order to make an educated decision as to what to do with the trust funds once the Conference has raised it's portion of the money. That the delegates go back to their clubs and inform them as to what has happened in expectation of the letter that Bill Castagno will be sending out. This in order that they may start making a wish list, plan how to go about raising monies towards these matching funds, and determine if any clubs wish to pledge any funds of an encompassing nature to go towards these matching funds. And finally, that we schedule not less than one additional meeting between today's meeting and the next regularly scheduled meeting, so that we might discuss what has been learned.

George Tresch offered the following amendment to the fore-stated motion. That the Conference call a Special meeting in accordance with the by-laws to discuss the subject of the offer made by the Lone Star Living Trust, and that this meeting be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 22, 1998. This amendment, on being accepted by Lincoln Jones (who made the original motion), was then seconded by Hal Pryor. Motion carried.

Activity weekend and meeting dates for the remainder of the coming year were confirmed as follows: August 21-23, September 18-20, October 16-18 (Fall Meeting, 1 p.m., October 17), November 20-22 (Winter Hibernation).

The Chairman suggested that everyone re-read the Articles of Agreement. Mr. Malone stated that, in his opinion, they probably needed to be revised.

George Tresch announced that due to the amount of bills having been recently received, the Conference had only sufficient funds to cover it's normal operating costs until such time as the Treasury may be replenished. He went on to urge everyone to obtain approval prior to making any expenditures, and cautioned that failure to do so could conceivably result in being unable to obtain reimbursement for a period of time.

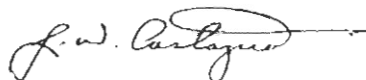
Motion by Roger Weaverling, and seconded by Lincoln Jones, that the Conference be authorized to spend up to, but not more than, the sum of \$500.00 to begin the Flush Project. Motion carried. Following this motion, a number of individuals contributed pledges totaling approximately \$1,000 towards funding the Flush Project.

After Bill Castagno explained why this was being done, Chairman Malone handed out boxed sets of Land Fund pins, which the Secretary had put together, to those clubs and individuals having made the requisite donations to the Conference.

Following announcements of forthcoming events by club representatives, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by George Tresch, and seconded by Roger Weaverling.

Chairman Ron Malone adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by,



J. W. "Bill" Castagno
Secretary

