

# Texas Conference of Clubs, Inc.

## Minutes of Spring Meeting

April 17, 1999

Cameron, Texas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Malone at 1:05 p.m., at the Buzzards' Peak Community Landsite, Cameron, Texas. 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, Colt 45's - John Dye, Cowtown Leathermen - John Gipe, Dallas MC - Lincoln Jones, Firedancers Texas - Robert Ross, Houston Area Bears - George Tresch, Warrior Wolves - Mark Nash, TCC Independents (A) - Hal Pryor, TCC Independents (B) - Greg Leuschke. The Leather Knights were represented by proxy. The Corpus Christi MC, Lancers MC, and Texas MC were absent. With 9 member clubs present a quorum was declared and the meeting continued.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Canyon Lake, Texas, on Saturday January 23, 1999, which were accepted with the following corrections. Page 2, paragraph 11, line 2, following the word "person", insert the words "though land use fees are to remain at the rate of \$5.00 per head for all leases signed prior to this date." Page 2, insert the following new paragraph immediately following the present paragraph 1. "Greg Leuschke made a motion that we present the Lone Star Living Trust with receipts for the matching funds raised to date, and, should the Lone Star Living Trust not match these funds, then the Conference shall reject the Lone Star Living Trust's offer." (This motion did not receive a second and was subsequently withdrawn.)

Applications for Independent Membership were submitted and considered as follows:

Willard "Buck" Reed of Aransas Pass, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Richard A. Blackard of San Antonio, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. James C. Williams of Tyler, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Jerry D. O'Dell of Tyler, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Larry D. Duncan of Tyler, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Mark Nash of Tyler, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Troy D. Dennison of Dallas, Texas, sponsored by George Tresch and Greg Leuschke. Anthony J. Roybal of Dallas, Texas, sponsored by Greg Leuschke and David Young.

Motion by Hal Pryor and seconded by George Tresch, that all of the foregoing applications for Independent Membership be accepted by acclamation. Motion carried.

Treasurer George Tresch presented the Financial Report for the First Quarter of 1999, which was accepted as presented.

Chairman Malone spoke regarding our property taxes. He explained that as a result of a visit by the Milam County Tax Assessor to the property, we may expect a reduction in our future taxes.

The Land Management Committee Report was presented by Roger Weaverling. He advised that land is currently being cleared to accommodate the parking of RV's. Other current projects include painting the inside of the new restrooms and electrical work by Tom Simmons in the new sound booth. The Land Management Committee is recommending that the Warrior Wolves receive their land lease deposit back, and is requesting that \$1,800.00 be allocated for replacing the roof on the showers building, which is in very bad shape. Work is also being performed on the road around the perimeter, and it is hoped that we may be able to gravel it in the near future. Finally, an inventory is being compiled of all tools and equipment at the landsite.

Motion by George Tresch that there be no "glory holes" drilled in the new "tea rooms". Seconded by Greg Leuschke. Motion carried.

It was announced that the Warrior Wolves, having had a total of eighteen (18) registered

participants at their "Howlin' '99" run, would pay the Conference the \$90.00 due for that event and make a \$10.00 donation for a total of \$100.00.

Ratsenol -1 Coordinator Lincoln Jones advised that each club would be responsible for the preparation and serving of at least one meal. Volunteers are also needed for a variety of other tasks, such as clean-up, beverages, events, etc. A qualified nurse will be available for the weekend. There will be a parking committee mainly for Friday, and Bill Castagno will be responsible for on-site registration and scoring club participation. It was suggested that we clean out our closet and utilize old caps, pins, posters, etc., for "give-aways". There is a requirement for individuals in the various cities to sell ads for the run program.

Motion by George Tresch that participants at Ratsenol -1 be instructed in writing that the use of whips is to be confined to designated areas only. Seconded by John Dye. Motion carried.

Motion by George Tresch that consideration of the proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement be deferred until the next meeting. Seconded by Jim Singleton. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Hal Pryor that the changes to the Articles of Agreement as proposed by the Secretary be accepted in their entirety. Seconded by George Tresch. Motion carried.

The Chairman called a short recess at 2:10 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The Chairman commented on his continuing nightmare over the situation with the Lone Star Living Trust. He stated that he felt that he was being given different answers at various times for the same questions posed. He mentioned that he and Jack Jensen had offered an unsecured loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 towards qualifying for matching funds, but that Junior Hart had said that this was not acceptable. George Tresch read a letter dated March 2, 1999 from Junior Hart concerning matching funds. This letter was accompanied by a check from the Lone Star Living Trust in the amount of \$6,006.45, as the first installment of matching funds against Conference monies raised through December 31, 1998.

Motion by George Tresch that the Conference place those funds received to date from the Lone Star Living Trust in a special interest bearing account, and that these funds not be utilized until such time as we may be assured that aforesaid funds are free and clear of any legal entanglements with the Internal Revenue Service. Seconded by John Gipe. Motion carried.

Following further discussion of the matter, there was a motion by George Tresch that the Secretary be directed to send a letter to the Lone Star Living Trust stating that we wished to return those funds received to date until such time as all legal matters may be resolved and the Trust funds are free and clear of any legal entanglements. It was further stated that the TCC would still continue with the terms of the Trust, but would request no further funding until such time as the Trust fund monies were totally free and clear of any legal entanglements. Seconded by Ron Malone. Following a somewhat contentious discussion of whether to end discussion of the motion on the floor, there was a call to vote on the motion, and the motion carried.

Motion by George Tresch that the Conference not purchase any commemorative items to place in the run packets at Ratsenol -1. Seconded by Robert Ross. Motion carried.

At the request of Roger Weaverling, there was a motion by Lincoln Jones that the Conference approve a minimum of \$1,000.00 for replacing the roof on the Showers Building, installing needed lighting, etc. At the request of Ron Malone, Mr. Jones amended his motion to read that the Conference approve these funds as they become available, with the understanding that this will not reduce our bank balance beyond the sum of \$2000.00, and that this project not be undertaken until after Ratsenol -1 is concluded. Seconded by Jim Singleton. Motion carried.

Bill Castagno returned the colors presented by the Dallas Motorcycle Club to the San Antonio Rough Riders a number of years ago to Lincoln Jones of the Dallas Motorcycle Club.

Future Activity Weekends for the year include: May 15-16, June 19-20, July 24-25, August 21-22, September 18-19, October 9-10, November 13-14. The Summer Meeting will be held at Buzzards' Peak on July 24 at 1:00 p.m., and the Fall Meeting will be held at Buzzards' Peak on

October 9, 1999.

Greg Leuschke presented the Conference with a banner which he had designed and fabricated. Motion to accept this banner by Ray Busbee. Seconded by George Tresch. Motion carried.

Greg Leuschke announced that he and David Young were donating curtains and rods for the new sound/dressing room in the name of Dee Wells who passed away recently in Dallas.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by George Tresch and seconded by Lincoln Jones.

Chairman Ron Malone adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Castagno", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

J. W. "Bill" Castagno  
Secretary

