

Texas Conference of Clubs, Inc.

Minutes of Summer Meeting

July 24, 1999

Cameron, Texas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Malone at 1:04 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 - Dan Lindquist, Cowtown Leathermen - Ray Busbee, Dallas MC - Dan Russell, Houston Area Bears - George Tresch, Leather Knights - Greg Leuschke, TCC Independents (A) - Hal Pryor, TCC Independents (B) - Jim Pascoe. The Lancers MC and Texas MC were represented by proxy. The Corpus Christi MC and Firedancers Texas: Dallas were absent. With 8 member clubs present a quorum was declared and the meeting continued.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Spring Meeting held at Buzzards' Peak, on Saturday, April 17, 1999, which were accepted with the following corrections.

- (1) Page 3, Paragraph 1: Substitute the word "flag" for "banner" in both instances.
- (2) Page 3, Paragraph 2: Substitute "San Antonio" for "Dallas".

The Secretary read an e-mail received from the Warrior Wolves, in which they announced their resignation from the Conference. The Secretary will send them a letter of regret thanking them for their participation in the Conference for the past year, and for their offer of the continued use of their website, but advising them that the Conference has decided to establish it's own website.

Applications for Independent membership were submitted and considered as follows:

Gonzalo Gonzalez of Galveston, Texas, sponsored by Bill Castagno and Hal Pryor. Jack Hanson of Comanche, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Bill Lumsden of Fort Worth, Texas, sponsored by Troy Denison and Tony Roybal. Dianne Morris of League City, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Stan Morris of League City, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Paul O'Connor of Houston, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Boyd Pease of Bedford, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. James Peck of Jacksonville, Florida, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Eric Ragsdale of Bedford, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Larry Solomon of Jacksonville, Florida, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe. Josh Stark of Dallas, Texas, sponsored by Greg Leuschke and David Young. Philip Whiteaker of Dallas, Texas, sponsored by Hal Pryor and Jim Pascoe.

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

Treasurer George Tresch presented the Financial Report for the Second Quarter of 1999, in which he recognized a number of substantial donations received towards the LSLT matching funds, after which his report was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer requested authorization to transfer \$5,000 from the Operating Account into a Contingency Fund. He suggested a 14 month Certificate of Deposit currently drawing 5.20% interest. Motion by Greg Leuschke, and seconded by Hal Pryor, that the Conference authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from the Operating Account into a Certificate of Deposit. Motion carried.

There was motion by Hal Pryor, and seconded by Jim Singleton, that those funds derived from new membership applications covering the period October 1, 1998 through October 1, 1999, be applied to the LSLT matching funds. Motion accepted.

Land Management Committee Chairman, Jim Singleton, reported that much has been done to make the landsite more comfortable. Among other things, he mentioned that a new peaked roof has been installed on the Showers Building, with an air vent which will help keep it cooler, and that more showerheads have been installed in the showers. The dishwashing area has been relocated from behind the showers to the kitchen area, and a new roof is soon to be installed over the kitchen area. A new RV parking and camping area is under construction. A new larger culvert has been installed in the ditch leading from the clearing to the compound area, and the ditches have been cleaned out. A new air compressor has been obtained for use in future building projects. A clothes washer and dryer and dishwasher either has been or will be installed shortly. A new water line has been installed to make watering easier, and a new pressure tank has been installed in the Mechanical Room of the Showers Building. Proposed future projects include improving the property line trail, completing construction of the RV parking area, completing the new roof over the kitchen area, placing skirting around the bottom of the indoor restrooms, erecting a small well house to shelter the exposed pump and piping, and cutting firewood to be used when the weather turns cooler.

Tom Simmons spoke regarding progress made in the electrical work around the landsite. He mentioned the need to restrict the use of certain electrical appliances so as to not overload the power supply. He also announced that they will shortly begin rewiring the trail up to Buzzards' Peak, and installing new trail lighting, with a portion of the line to be buried underground.

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

Ratsenol -1 Coordinator Lincoln Jones gave a short report on that event. Essentially, he stated that due to the lack of support of the full Conference in putting on this run, it was necessary to restructure the event as originally conceived. However, by adopting a more casual laid-back approach, the weekend turned out to be a good one, and everyone appeared to have had an enjoyable time. The event did raise a considerable amount of monies towards the LSLT matching funds project. Those present gave Mr. Jones a round of applause for his efforts.

Chairman Malone appointed Greg Leuschke to be in charge of the new Conference website. There was a motion by Hal Pryor, and seconded by Greg Leuschke, that a new TCC website be established under the direction of Greg Leuschke and Josh Stark, and that this website should be owned and controlled by the TCC. Motion accepted.

Hal Pryor announced that internet access and fax service is now available at the landsite. Jim Singleton asked that the Conference consider paying part of the expense of maintaining these services, since they do benefit the Conference. He commented that he didn't think it fair for Mr. Pryor to have to pay the total cost of maintaining this service. Motion by Greg Leuschke, and seconded by Jim Pascoe, that the Conference pay the cost of this service. Motion accepted.

Greg Leuschke made a motion, seconded by George Tresch, that the Conference approve spending \$492.06 for erecting five flag poles at the landsite. The center pole (U.S. flag), is to be 25' in height, and the other four (Texas, TCC, Gay Pride, and Leather Pride), are to be 15' in height. Motion carried.

Following a proposal by Greg Leuschke, Hal Pryor made a motion, seconded by Lincoln Jones, that the Conference approve the sum of \$795.00 to construct a 10' x 14' metal storage shed, complete with floor and shelving, behind the Showers Building. Motion accepted.

Chairman Malone appointed Troy Denison to serve as LoneStar 13 Coordinator. Mr. Denison stated that he was looking forward to this assignment and expects to have a preliminary report ready to present to the Conference at the next meeting.

Remaining Activity Weekends for the year include: August 21-22, September 18-19, October 9-10, and November 6-7 (changed from November 13-14, to avoid a conflict with the Firedancers run scheduled for that weekend.) The Fall Meeting will be held at Buzzards' Peak on October 9, 1999, and the Annual Meeting was rescheduled from January 29, 2000, to January 22, 2000, still in Houston.

Hal Pryor made a motion, seconded by John Gipe, that Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph b, of the Articles of Agreement be changed to give the Independents one delegate per every ten members, instead of the current one delegate every 20 members. After discussion, Mr. Pryor amended his motion to read that the Independents shall have one delegate per less than every 20 members, with the exact number to be determined at the next meeting of the Conference. Motion carried.

Bill Castagno requested that the Conference consider purchasing some new tee-shirts to be some color other than white. George Tresch made a motion, seconded by Hal Pryor, that the Conference approve spending up to \$500.00 for purchasing black pocket tee-shirts, with the TCC logo and name on the front and logo on the back to be in red. Motion carried.

George Tresch advised that the Colt 45's were proposing to present the Conference with a check for \$2,000, to be used towards building a new permanent concrete stage where the old wooden stage used to be, and that they were requesting that the Conference match this sum with an additional \$2000 from the LSLT matching funds.

Following considerable discussion, there was a motion by Dan Lindquist, and seconded by Dan Russell, that the Conference accept the \$2000 donation from the Colt 45's, to be utilized in constructing a permanent outdoor concrete stage, to be matched by a like amount in LSLT matching funds provided same are available. Following further discussion, Mr. Lindquist amended his motion to the effect that in the event said matching and/or additional funds are not received within two years from the date of this meeting, this \$2000 donation be returned to the Colt 45's. Motion accepted.

Motion by Jim Singleton, and seconded by Hal Pryor, that in recognition of their years of dedicated efforts on behalf of the Conference, Tom Simmons and Mark Skruhak be awarded Honorary memberships in the Conference. Motion accepted.

Dan Lindquist made a motion, seconded by Jim Pascoe, that the Colt 45's be allowed to place a memorial plaque in memory of their former member Norman Seguin at Buzzards' Peak. Motion accepted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Singleton and seconded by Hal Pryor.

Chairman Ron Malone adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by,



J. W. "Bill" Castagno
Secretary

