



Texas Conference of Clubs
Winter Meeting
January 18, 2014 — 1:00 PM

Chairman Ron Denning called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM at Buzzards' Peak land site. The Chairman asked all present to observe a moment of silence to remember our ill and departed friends and loved ones.

Secretary Bob Whittaker asked the Treasurer if all clubs were eligible to vote at the meeting. The Treasurer responded that all clubs were eligible. The secretary then called the roll:

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| Austin Gay Nudists | Earl Barr |
| Bound by Desire | Absent |
| Chain of Command | Elmer King [proxy] |
| Cowtown Leathermen | Ron Denning |
| Dallas MC | Elmer King [proxy] |
| Discipline Corps | Leo Gilbert |
| Firedancers Houston | Steve Kerbow |
| Heart of Texas Bears | Tom Barrett |
| Houston Bears | Steve Kerbow |
| Lone Star Leathermen | Jim Newsome |
| National Leather Association – Houston | Absent |
| TCC Independents (A) | Dale Arndt |
| TCC Independents (B) | Dale Arndt |
| Touch of Leather | Stan Morris |
| Trinity River Bears | David Barnhardt |

Recognition of Visitors

Scot More from Houston, Tassa and Eric from Touch of Leather.

Chairman's Report

Ron wished everyone a happy New Year. Ron said that last year was a good year and looked forward to another good year in 2014.

Secretary's Report

Stan Morris made a motion, seconded by Leo Gilbert, to dispense with the reading of the minutes the regular October 19, 2013 meeting, and accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

A written copy of the [Treasurer's Report](#) is available on the web.

Lee reminded people about making sure to leave their casual camper fees in the kiosk near the entrance to the campground. Lee also mentioned a revised End of Run financial form is available on the web site; this includes a place to list any Wi-Fi fees collected.

Lee also mentioned that because some people are not paying their “pledges” toward a specific project on a timely basis that he can no longer advance the money from the treasury. Money promised it pledges will be applied to project after it is received from now on.

Lee stated that Wi-Fi cost last year was \$1,068 and that income was \$575. Wi-Fi is intended to be a standalone project financed through donations. We need to get some more donations toward the Wi-Fi.

Committee—Coordinator Reports

Land Management

Elmer King mentioned we need to acquire a plaque for Ron Malone, a longtime chairman of TCC, who recently passed away. Jim Newsome made a motion, duly seconded, that TCC acquire a plaque for Ron Malone to be placed on Buzzards’ Peak. The motion was approved.

Secretary’s Note: after the meeting, Armando donated \$50 toward the purchase of the plaque for Ron Malone.

Elmer King mentioned we also need to acquire a plaque for Jim Williams, a former Treasurer of TCC, who recently passed away. Jim Newsome made a motion that a plaque be acquired through donations and placed on the memorial deck. Steve Kerbow seconded the motion. Stan Morris suggested a friendly amendment to the motion that states that TCC will acquire the plaque. Dale Arndt pointed out the parliamentary issues with the friendly amendment. Jim Newsome withdrew his motion. Stan Morris made a motion that TCC acquire a plaque for Jim Williams to be placed on the Memorial Deck. The Motion was seconded by Earl Barr. The motion was approved.

Elmer King mentioned someone had recently donation a quantity of composite decking, and that it will be used to build a platform around part of the pool. The deck will wrap around the one side of the pool [facing the pole barn] and extend out about 20 feet. The deck will be about 8 inches off the ground, and will have a couple of steps near the ladder to facilitate getting into and out of the pool.

Elmer King mentioned there another plaque for the memorial deck will be ordered for Randy Pierce, a longtime member of Discipline Corp, and also a team member with Sebastian and Elmer in their fireworks shows.

Leo Gilbert brought up the possibility of acquiring an AED device for the landsite.

The following is Leo's presentation:

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year alone. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere, and at any age. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest, and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background.

Time is of the essence: the average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes [usually much longer to reach TCC]. For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%.

The 2010 consensus on science for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) agrees that sudden cardiac arrest is most effectively treated by a combination of CPR and defibrillation.

What is an AED? AED stands for automated external defibrillator. It is a medical device that analyzes the heart's rhythm. If necessary, it delivers an electrical shock, known as defibrillation, which helps the heart reestablish an effective rhythm.

Liability protection for rescuers and providers of AEDs: Federal Cardiac Arrest Survival Act (2000). All 50 U.S. states and DC have specific AED laws and regulations limiting liability.

Automated external defibrillators are now easy enough to use that most states in the United States include the "good faith" use of an AED by any person under the Good Samaritan laws. The "good faith" protection under a Good Samaritan law means that a volunteer responder (not acting as a part of one's occupation) cannot be held civilly liable for the harm or death of a victim by providing improper or inadequate care, given that the harm or death was not intentional and the responder was acting within the limits of their training and in good faith.

Why would we need to know all of this?

On October 25 of 2013 at the Discipline Corp annual fall campout, a very wonderful person by the name of Darrel Beck had a heart attack. Even though friends and loved ones struggled valiantly to give him CPR until paramedics arrived, it was not enough.

His partner was told that an AED may have made the difference. However, we will never know for sure. Yet we can make the possibility a reality for someone else. The possibility of an AED giving another a fighting chance is all the reason we should need to get one for this camp.

With a unanimous vote, Disciple Corp has bought an AED for our medical kit that we have at our events. Now, we at Discipline Corp come to all of you who represent other like-minded folk. We now that none of you would ever want to lose one of your club brothers or club sisters, nor a friend or family member that you cherish. Potentially the cost to save them may be as low as \$1,000 or so. What price can you put on a life?

Let us commit today for our clubs to raise the funds to buy TCC its very own defibrillator unit. Discipline Corps will step up and commit \$200 to this effort. Who will join us and potentially save a life?

Further, we would like to propose the creation of a medical fund to be used only in the service and maintenance of the TCC medical building and its supplies. This new defibrillator would also be included in that necessary maintenance.

Often a new defibrillator costs between \$1,200 and \$1,500.

Here is what we a Discipline Corp will purchase from Amazon. It is a Philips AED for \$999.

[Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator Contents:](#)

- [Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator](#)
- [Red carry case with 911/EMS card](#)
- [Adult SMART pads cartridge* \(lasts 2 years\)](#)
- [Battery \(lasts 4 years\)](#)
- [Training video](#)
- [Free discount coupons for CPR training at American Heart Association, American Red Cross or Medic First Aid](#)
- [5 year warranty](#)

[The pads for this unit need to be replaced after any usage or every two years. Cost \\$65. The battery needs to be replaced every four years. Cost between \\$130 and \\$160.](#)

There was some general discussion following the presentation by Leo. Max Schubert said he would supervise the installation of the unit and train people how to use the equipment.

The issue of liability came up again. Max stated that under the Good Samaritan law there is little risk to the individual attempting to save a person. He said the greater risk is if we do nothing about acquiring one of the AED devices since the issue has been discussed in one or more Conference meetings.

The following pledges or donations were made toward acquiring the AED:

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| Discipline Corps | 200 |
| Armando | 50 |
| Leathermens Guild | 200 |
| Touch of Leather | 100 |
| Austin Gay Nudists | 100 |
| Trinity River Bears | 100 |
| Total donated or pledged | 750 |

Please send pledges to the Treasurer, clearly marked as a donation toward the medical fund for the purchase of the AED.

Elmer King talked briefly about the Casual Camper program. He mentioned the fees and use of the facilities are based on the honor system. Elmer said that a recent group of individuals who use the landsite did not clean up after their campout, and that in the future Elmer is going to look at possible disciplinary action against those who violate the casual camper system.

Elmer King mentioned he is going to get estimates from different companies on doing some tree and road work at the campground. He will report further on the subject at the April meeting.

A question was raised by Dennis Watson regarding repair to the old bathroom. Elmer mentioned that Jim Newsome and Earl Barr had come up with a plan, which they need to get drawn up, to fix the old bathroom, expanding it a little to accommodate another two toilets, and have it ready before the first run of the season. Their plans are not final yet. Dennis mentioned that TUC [Texas United Charities] has funds set aside to donate up to \$5,000 towards projects such as the bathroom repair. Dennis asked Elmer to get in touch with him regarding the costs estimates, and he would look into funding assistance for the project.

Events Report

David Barnhardt talked about LoneStar 25.

The theme for LoneStar 25 is "Twisted Magnolias."

David showed the group some "palm cards" [*approximate size 3 x 6 inches*] he had made, which can be used to stuff run packets and as a hand out during events in the various cities. He is going to work on getting the palm cards

redone so they include information about the Texas Conference of Clubs on the back. We will then look into getting them printed at a place such as Docu-Copies and distributed to those who want them for fun packets, bar handouts, etc.

David showed the group some 11 x 17 posters he brought with him He said he had 60 on hand, and would like anyone who can distribute them to the bars and other locations in their city to take a few. We want to try to get as many posters out in the various cities where TCC has members as possible.

David also showed the artwork for the run pin, which will be 1.25 inches.

Prices for LoneStar 25 are \$75 until April 21, 2014; then \$95 until May 23, 2014. After May 23, 2014 the price goes to \$125 at the gate. We cannot accept any applications by U.S. Mail after May 14, 2014 or any web applications after May 23, 2014.

David mentioned we would be doing some basket auctions and asked delegates to talk to their groups about providing one for LoneStar. We are also looking for any items, such as leather goods or artwork, which we could use for a live auction during LoneStar.

David also mentioned that applications for LoneStar 25 should be available on the web in the near future.

Old Business

Applications

Club Membership for Leathermens Guild, San Antonio, Texas. .Membership for the Leathermens Guild approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

No new business.

Earl Barr did ask about where someone could purchase a TCC t-shirt or cap. Ron mentioned that Earl should contact any board member or any land management member.

Bob Whittaker mentioned the issue of patches, caps, t-shirts and other TCC items needs to be looked at again, and he will try to come up with some proposals for web purchases at the next meeting.

Announcements

Stan Morris stated that when he first came to TCC nineteen years ago that the first person who welcomed him and made him feel at home was Ron Malone.

Stan said that Ron was a big part of TCC, and that his passing is a big loss for all of us. He wanted to take an opportunity to publicly say "thanks" to Ron for all he did over the years.

Stan Morris mentioned that TOL will have their first "fuck you" run in May of 2014. Contact Stan or any member of TOL for details.

Lobo mentioned that the Leathermens Guild and Lone Star Leathermen will host Gilded Pig #1 on April 11, 12 and 13, 2014 at the landsite. Lobo said applications will be available online shortly.

Adjournment

Earl Barr made a motion, seconded by Jim Newsome to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.