

Texas W Club General Meeting Minutes

Mineola Civic Center

October 21, 2017

President Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Steve Ferguson led the prayer and Mike Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas State Pledge.

Mike welcomed guests, including WIT western area representatives Butch and Becky Moore, central area representatives Patrick and Janet Wright, Andy and Jeannie Bienvenue along with those from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Michigan.

SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes were posted on the Texas W Club website. Celia Reid explained how to access the minutes. With no changes from the membership they were accepted as posted.

TREASURER REPORT

Tim Sak, treasurer, reported that the April 2017 meeting exceeded the budget by \$400, and \$1200 was spent on GNR activities and food, leaving us with a balance of \$17,900. This amount is prior to collecting monies for the October rally. Tim also reported that for the year of 2017 the Texas W Club donated \$2400 to the Center for the Intrepid, our designated charity. Approximately one half of this amount was collected at our 2017 state meetings and the other half was collected in 2016 but was held until the members decided upon their charity of choice. Tim thanked the members for their generosity. There was a discussion about the number of fake emails and scams directed to the Texas W Treasurer. Some go as far as to produce a fake invoice supposedly from Mike Anderson to Tim Sak requesting payment immediately. A motion was made and seconded to remove the contact information of the Texas W Treasurer from the website. The motion was approved. Mike Anderson strongly suggested that chapter presidents also remove treasurer contact information from their respective websites.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Ann Caywood, 1st VP, began by noting that some members have requested information on nametags with magnetic backs made by Texas W member Mary Barton. She said that they are available for \$5 and anyone interested may see her for information about ordering.

The Texas W winter meeting is Jan 26 – 28, 2018 at the Skyline Ranch in Bandera. PLEASE NOTE: this meeting is scheduled on the *fourth* weekend of the month instead of the normal third weekend date as the park was unavailable then. The spring meeting is April 20 – 22, 2018 at the Southern Oaks Luxury Rv Resort in Aransas Pass. The park promises to have all repairs made from the recent Hurricane Harvey damage and be up and running for our arrival. The fall rally is October 19 – 21, 2018 at the Coushatta Recreation Ranch in Bellville, TX. Ann requested input from Texas W members on possible meeting sites, especially in north Texas.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Debbie Sak, 1st VP, reported that during the past year Texas W has received 11 new members. She requested that all new members meet afterwards in the foyer for a group picture. Debbie has business cards for Texas W and also stickers for windows if anyone would like some. Debbie has cleaned up the Texas W membership data base, but if there are members not receiving correspondence please notify her immediately.

OLD BUSINESS

GNR – Mike Anderson reported that for the 6th year in a row Texas W won 1st place in the head of row contest for their division. He noted that there was a prize of \$100 associated with this award and it went to the Texas W treasury. Mike thanked Debbie Sak and her team of volunteers for their hard work. He also reported that Mary Lynn Mahoney won the 1st place award for the newsletter contest and delivered her prize money to her. She generously then donated the money to the Center for the Intrepid. Mike explained why Texas W supports the GNR youth fund and read two thank you notes from this year's participants.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2018 officers – Gary Rigsby, head of the nominating committee, read the slate of officers and they are as follows: Mike Anderson, president, Ann

Caywood, first VP, Debbie Sak, second VP, Tim Sak, treasurer, and Peggy Smith, secretary. Gary called for additional nominations from the membership for each officer position. There were no further nominations and the membership voted by acclamation to approve all officers. Janet Wright, central area rep, then installed the officers. Mike thanked the new officers and noted that Steve Ferguson has agreed to resume the position of chaplain. He also thanked Celia Reid for her time as secretary this past year.

Annual Budget – Mike covered the budget for the period from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The greatest expenses are for the website domain name/maintenance and for GNR activities and food. He noted that using a membership count of 100 we expect to generate \$2000 in income. After considering all expenditures the budget comes out with a \$8.30 loss. This budget was approved by the executive board.

Winter meeting budget – Mike explained that this meeting is a low budget meeting due to the time of year. To keep costs in check we will entertain and cook for ourselves. The executive board approved meeting fees of \$70 for 1 person/1 rig and \$90 for 2 persons/1 rig.

Spring meeting – as reported earlier we are going back to the coast.

GNR – The theme for the 2018 GNR is Red, White and Winnebago. Mike encouraged the membership to start planning now. Please think about it, gather your ideas and volunteer to help.

Centex Travelers – Bonnie Tittle reported that she is trying to revive the Centex Travelers. Please come forward and join if you can. She reminded everyone that dual membership in local chapters is allowed.

Mike Anderson reviewed plans for the afternoon and evening and encouraged everyone to wear their costumes. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Celia Reid