

December 16, 2007

## Minutes of the Florida Whips Inc. Bi-Annual Meeting

The Florida Whips bi-annual meeting was held this date at Connie Thoreson's farm following a well decorated Christmas carriage parade and during a deliciously prepared turkey dinner. Whips members contributed to the vast array of goodies.

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM by our president, Lynda Jowers. Lynda requested that all of those present sign the liability form in lieu of taking the formal attendance/roll call. The secretary did not have the minutes of the previous meeting but they have been posted on the web site since that meeting and are available to all.

### Report of President:

I am pleased with the direction of the club. We have had a wide number of events covering a wide range of interests. I hope the club continues to meet the needs of all the members. Our new regional reps are enthusiastic and working hard on your behalf. If there is an event that you would like to see that you have not, contact your regional rep to try to get something going. I would like to especially thank our new newsletter editor, Judy Martino, for the fine job she is doing. Please continue to support her with reports of events and articles. In my last column I talked about the newsletter expense and ways to help with this. A very special thanks to our web Master, Yvonne Griffiths, for the wonderful job she is doing on our web page. The newsletter is now available on the web site and I would like to encourage all of you who have the capability to opt to get your newsletter online. We will do it like the ADS so anyone who notifies Judy that they will do this will get an e-mail reminder with a link when the newsletter is posted. You may then download and print it or download and read. This will make it easy to save copies for later reference and save the club printing and mailing costs we have lost a number of our committee chairs so please think about doing your part in making the Florida Whips everything that we want it to be.

Judy Martino, our Newsletter editor requested that she needs all pictures that are sent in to have an ID as to both people, animals, and the photographer.

### Report of the Vice President, Linda Evans

Linda reported that she attended regional planning meeting In order to coordinate the calendar. The calendar is pretty full.

### Treasurer's report:

Margaret McMurray, our Treasurer, E-mailed her report directly to Connie, but it was in a program which we could not open, so we will have to put that report on the Web site for all to review.

### Report from Regional directors:

a. Panhandle

No one was present from the Panhandle Region

b. Northern Region- Dona Love

Thanked Connie for hosting our meeting and serving dinner. Noted that we are the largest region having a lot of activity, the next being a picnic drive at Dick Kearley's.

c. Southeastern Region

It was reported they have been quite active with a drive every other Tuesday. They held a picnic drive and that Peg Belvin has been very active in promoting drives.

d. Southwestern Region in

Mary DeGreef reported many drives, a beginners' clinic which bought in some new people. they will be holding their annual fun show at Mary's farm. Tee shirts are available on a pre-paid basis.

Membership committee report:

We have 204 active memberships for member year 2007-2008

Panhandle 17

Northern 108

Southeast 35

Southwest 28

Out of State 16

I request that the membership report be posted on our Web site so I don't have to include the entire report in these minutes.

Unfinished business: Lynda reported we had requested that membership cards be made available and distributed to all active members, However, Francine has not been able to accomplished this as yet. It's still in the works.

New business:

a. Pins: The pins are now available and each Regional Director has been given enough to distribute to each active member of their region.

b. Nominating Committee: Mary Beth Miklos volunteered to chair the Nominating committee.

c. Education Committee: Carol Kenyon volunteered to chair the Education Committee.

d. Audit Committee: Yvonne Griffiths volunteered to Chair the audit Committee.

e. By Laws Committee: Bob Tolmach was volunteered by his wife, Helen, to chair the By Laws Committee.

f. Party expenses: Lynda noted that the Board does not have the authority to authorize expenditures above a certain level and thus we would need the club to authorize the Connie Thoreson Party (food, Portapotties, and cleanup) expenses. Dona Love moved that we authorize an additional \$400.00 to cover Christmas Party expenses. This was seconded and carried by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn meeting was accepted. Meeting adjourned sine die 4:00 PM.

Motion was made and seconded to reimburse Yvonne Griffiths our web Master for time and expenses for maintaining our Web site. This motioned carried by acclamation.

Submitted by Secretary, Helen Tolmach