

Florida Whips annual meeting May 15, 2010

Prior to the meeting Judy Martin reminded us that the Austin Museum & Resort is holding a ladies weekend May 29-30, 2010. Ladies can receive lessons and room for \$189.69. She thought this was a good deal and she has 5 to 6 slots still open.

The annual meeting of the Florida Whips was then called to by President Lynda Jowers at 11:15. The first order of business was the election of the new officers. The following new officers were then elected by proclamation: President, Mary De Greef; Vice President, Dona Love; and membership chair, Dede Conner.

It was noted that our lovely new brochures will need to be updated with the new officers and regional directors. It was noted that we still have plenty of pins for our members so if you don't have a pin ask your regional director.

Our new president, Mary De Greef, then took over and presided over the meeting. She called for the secretary's report which was read and approved after a discussion re: Ray Knisley's concern over safety issues at various events. It was noted that safety issues can always be brought to the attention of the judge or the event organizer.

The treasurer's report was deferred for further comment.

Regional reports;

SE Peg Belvin could not attend the meeting but E-mailed that they are working on some events and that she approved the officer slate.

SW Jo Ann Wilson reported that they held a pre-planning meeting. Their planning meeting will be June 5, 2010 at 10 AM. They notified the VP and noted that this is the year for a new director election.

Northern region: Dona Love reported that they will hold their planning meeting in July as she wants to go last so the VP can establish the annual meeting dates.

Membership report: Francine Arrington reported (attached) she also stated that renewal membership cards will be sent out again this year as that seems to be the best way to capture members.

Mary stated she will attend the regional planning meeting in a effort to avoid conflicts of scheduling.

Membership lists was discussed and it was decided that the regional directors and the officers should be provided with such lists and any member who wants a list can request same from their regional director.

The treasurer problem was then discussed at length, it was noted that Lynda, Linda Evans and Peggy did a audit and believe the Books are as near correct as possible. The books are at Linda Evan's house. Judy Martin then volunteered to take over as treasurer and she was unanimously elected. It was noted that we need to get the required check writing signatures changed to the new president and treasurer. We have two credit cards to be held by these two. Linda Evans and Judy Martin will get together to sort out the treasury issues.

New business:

Jo Ann Wilson announced that there is going to be a mule and donkey show in their region which they would like to have the Whips support. It was decide it was best to leave it to the regions to provide the amount and kind of support for these non Whips functions.

A lengthy discussion ensued re the news letter and our ability to encourage more member to receive it on line in order to save money. This resulted in a motion to take a poll thru the

newsletter as to our member preferences re the newsletter, Face book page and etc. also, whether members would be willing to pay extra to receive the newsletter by mail. The various directors will handle this issue.

Another request is being made to send pictures to Pam or Yvonne in order to get them posted on the web site or on our Face book page

It was decided that the Florida Whips would support a beginners workshop this year. Judy Howard offered to take charge of this event and will hold it in the fall (probably Nov12-14) At the Austin Museum and Resort.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm

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