

Texas Conference of Clubs, Inc.

Minutes of Annual Meeting

January 17, 1998

Dallas, Texas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Malone at 2:13 p.m., at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Dallas, 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, Corpus Christi MC - Ken Boeker, Cowtown Leathermen - John Gipe, Dallas MC - Dan Russell, Lancers MC - Mark Johnson, Texas Riders - Dana Denning, TCC Independents (A) - Hal Pryor, TCC Independents (B) - Roger Weaverling. The Firedancers Texas: Dallas, Leather Knights, and Texas MC* were absent. With 8 member clubs present a quorum was declared and the meeting continued.

(* For the record, the representative from Texas MC, Mr. Todd Douthit, was unaware that the meeting location had been changed, and so missed the meeting for that reason.)

The Secretary read the minutes of the Fall Meeting held at Buzzards' Peak on Saturday, October 11, 1997, which were accepted as read.

Treasurer George Tresch gave the Annual Financial Report for 1997, which was accepted as presented. Mr. Tresch mentioned that the Bay Area Levi & Leather Society and Texas Leather & Lace have been suspended as of January 1, 1998, for non payment of dues, in accordance with the Articles of Agreement.

Chairman Ron Malone mentioned that anyone wishing to lease the landsite for a specific date needs to get their deposit in and sign a lease agreement in order that they may insure having the use of the landsite for that date.

Land Management Committee Chairman Roger Weaverling, after checking with Larry Allison, reported that the landsite was in good shape. He and Tom Simmons will be there in February to do additional work on the electrical system. Others are welcome.

The Chairman requested that everyone continue publicizing the "Buy-A-Board" fundraiser, in order that we may have the funds available to complete the floor of the pavilion.

The Chairman called a recess at 3:00 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

LoneStar 12 Coordinator Mark Johnson spoke regarding his ideas for that event. Mr. Johnson began by explaining some of the ways in which LoneStar 12 will differ from previous years. Approximately 700 applications are to be mailed out in the coming week. Major credit cards will be accepted through Leather Forever, and the run fee will include one tee-shirt. LoneStar 12 will be limited to 250 attendees, and you must be pre-registered, as no applications will be accepted at the gate. There will be a LoneStar home page on the internet, where applications and information may be obtained. Mr. Johnson stressed that the rules are to be followed at all times, and that the use of drugs or other illegal activities will not be condoned. Ron Malone mentioned that there have been some occurrences where law enforcement officials have come onto the property recently.

Mr. Johnson will be mailing out a LS12 newsletter to all concerned so that people can sign-up for the various meals, duties, etc. He will plan a master menu to avoid duplication of meals, etc., and will attempt to obtain all food and beverages for the weekend through a centralized purchasing procedure. There is a possibility of having a draft beer/beverage service to hold down costs and eliminate waste and trash.

The Chairman announced that Harold Pryor and Roger Weaverling had been reelected to serve as independent delegates to the Conference for the coming year.

Chairman Malone presented certificates of appreciation to Larry Allison (who was not present) and Ken Boeker for their years of dedicated service on the Land Management Committee.

The only nominations for the Land Management Committee being Roger Weaverling for the 4 year term, Ray Busbee for the 3 year term, Jim Singleton and Hal Pryor for 2 year terms, and David Young for the 1 year, there was a motion by Roger Weaverling, and seconded by Dan Russell, that these individuals be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Activity weekend and meeting dates were set for the coming year as follows: February 20-22, March 20-22, April 17-19 (Spring Meeting, 1:00 p.m., April 18), May 15-17, June 12-14, July 24-26 (Summer Meeting, 1:00 p.m., July 25), August 21-23, September 18-20, October 16-18 (Fall Meeting, 1 p.m., October 17), November 20-22 (Winter Shutdown).

The Lone Star Leathermen of Texas announced that they would be holding a run at the landsite over the July 3-5, 1998 weekend, to be called "Shoot to the Stars." The registration fee will be \$10.00, payable at the landsite.

Following announcements of forthcoming events by club representatives, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by George Tresch, and seconded by Roger Weaverling.

Prior to adjournment, the Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Dallas M.C. for making the necessary arrangements and hosting the Annual Meeting.

Steve Fransioli, mentioning his concerns for the future of the Conference, stated that he would like to look into the possibility of establishing an endowment for the Conference. The matter will be explored in more detail at a future date.

Pursuant to the pending motion, Chairman Ron Malone adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by,



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Secretary