



Texas Conference of Clubs  
Spring Meeting  
April 16, 2005 -- 1:00 PM

Chairman Danny Burden called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM at the 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 called the roll:

Austin Gay Nudists	Blake White
Camo Club of Texas	Jason Curry
Chain of Command	Jim S
Colt 45's	Absent
Cowtown Leathermen	Ron Denning
Dallas MC	Absent
Discipline Corps	Absent
Firedancers – Dallas	Absent
Firedancers – Houston	John Szewczyk
Heart of Texas Bears	Peter Reid
Houston Area Bears	Absent
Knot Just Leather	Absent
Leather Knights	Glenn Simpson
Lone Star Leathermen	Gerry Garcia
Lone Star Nudist Group	Dan Linqvist
TCC Independents (A)	Bo Mahler
TCC Independents (B)	Stan Morris
TCC Independents (C)	Hal Pryor
Touch of Leather	Miz Lilly
Trinity River Bears	Larry Perry

Recognition of Visitors

Tom Bolt, Heart of Texas Bears. Ray Moore, member of PWA.

Secretary's Report

Gerry Garcia made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as reported. Peter Reid seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Membership Applications**

Steve Riegel submitted an application for independent membership. John Swezcyk made a motion to accept the application. Peter Reid seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Thomas Bolt submitted an application for independent membership. Peter Reid made a motion to accept the application. Ron Denning seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

### **New Correspondence**

No new correspondence

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is attached as a part of the minutes. The treasurer started a savings account for special project. CD interest changed to compound rather than go into the checking account. Dianne Morris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jim S seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

### Committee--Coordinator Reports

The Land Management report is attached as a part of the minutes.

The following notes area about a discussion regarding the EMS portion of the Land Management Committee report.

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**Hal Pryor** took exception to the fact we were inviting people from Cameron to the land site and establishing an emergency policy without going through the conference delegates.

**John Szewczyk** talked about having someone injured on the property without EMS knowing where we are and that we could be in trouble.

**Jim S** - police, EMS already know the area and location of the land site.

**Larry Perry** — Went to officials of the services, not to the town residents. Water for fires [fire in woods] insufficient. Fire Department chief did not know we existed nor how to get here. Dispatcher for Fire Department, EMS, did not know we existed nor how to get out here. Need to cover our ass out here in case someone gets hurt. A lot of new faces, lot of new people coming in, seems sensible to proceed.

**Hal Pryor** - e-mail came out after the fact. No one knew, just told us to do what we would normally do anyway. Now everyone in town will now and vandalism can start again.

**Miz Lilly** — Discussing two issues. One is discussing before it happens with membership, other is closing barn door after horse left. We need to corral horse. Should have been discussed with conference before any action was taken. Before putting identify of our members at risk.

Miz Lilly: made the following motion: "that before anything happens that could affect the identities of the membership, the delegates need to have the opportunity to bring the proposal before their individual memberships. The proposal would be voted on at the next quarterly meeting." Hal seconded the motion.

Discussion: **Dan Murdoch** — Went down to talk to the Fire Chief about water facilities. Fire Chief said he had no clue we existed. Told him TCC is umbrella organization for clubs and independents. Chief expressed desire to find out more, because he was concerned and in his area and he did not know how to get there. First off, we hear everyone knows where it is, then we hear we don't want them to know. EMS guy is brand new, new contract, new to the area, no idea where we are located. He was concerned that they knew nothing of the large events at TCC. We would be irresponsible not to have preplanning for medical, fire, weather. Gave EMS copy of calendar, no names, nothing but events and possible number of people attending. E-mail was sent before anyone came on property, message was sent out two weeks in advance. There were no negative responses. We are not trying to ramrod, we are trying to do it right and sending out numerous e-mails. Everyone was sent an e-mail prior to any activity.

**Dianne Morris:** Seth offered to look at our processes from a legal viewpoint. We do have legal representation now. Being done..better safe than sorry.

**Larry Perry:** If motion passes, does this mean we should have waited until the quarterly meeting before calling in the sheriff [referring to the vandalism incident]. There have been no bad comments. The people we need to help us need to know. There are some who know about us we don't want to know. The EMS and others will have their tail on the line if anything happens out here.

**Dan Lindquist** — Motion means we can't bring new vendor on property without getting prior approval.

**Roger Weaverling** — Conference wants prior knowledge before something like the emergency service was contacted so they have an opportunity to discuss it with their group before anything further is done.

**Bo Mahler** — I don't believe motion should be passed at this time because it is vague.

**Chuck Dunn**— I agree with Bo.

The meeting adjourned for a break in order to get the wording of the motion written.

**Stan Morris** — motion on the floor deals with anonymity. How do we know we are not going to be in violation of it in case we need to bring someone out to deliver ice. Make sure we have some kind of definition or guideline.

**Dale Arndt** — As a member of land management committee I thought it was a damned good idea because it deals with the lives of others. What if there is a fire, everyone goes in 360 directions. We need an evacuation plan, we starting thinking about the lives of those here on the land site. Now we are dealing with anonymity. Which is more important, anonymity or our lives. If there is a fire, I want to know where to go, that the emergency vehicles know how to get here. LMC talked about it and it is for the well-being of others.

**Hal Pryor** — By-laws say that LMC only makes recommendations to the conference.

**Dale Arndt** — E-mail is the best communication we can send. There were no negatives.

**Ron Malone** — I think a lot of people are missing the point. Hal is right, according to articles LMC makes a recommendation to the conference or board, who brings it before the board. We should have contacted Seth prior to any of this happening. When we call EMS we assume all financial liability involved with transport. Then you have to go through legal measures to find out who is responsible. If patient cannot make proper statement and we have to sign papers, then we are liable for expenses. I think major objection is that not everyone was notified of what is going on: I know of two people sitting here, one is an officer, who cannot receive all e-mails and that person cannot receive all e-mails. I will bring up again again as I did in January, that anyone who cannot receive e-mail must be notified in writing. I know of another person who is a representative who receives no e-mail, but has e-mail. LMC must recommend to the conference. I don't agree with some of the things that were done. I don't agree that we are going to notify them about the number of people. Authorities could arrive at any time during a run. My opinion: They do not need a list of times, places, number of people who are going to be out here for a run. In certain situations they do not need anything. Statement also made I haven't don't anything illegal. I have news, you are guilty by association. You are guilty until proven innocent. Sheriff was given permission to go inside trailer. [rebuttal, they were investigating a crime scene]. I should have been notified before the sheriff. You are going to have to communicate and let everyone know about what is going on. Do as Dianne suggests and get a lawyer. [rebuttal by Dan about break-in]. You do it the right way or the wrong way, you must follow the articles. E-mail that came was a description of what had happened.

Ron Demming called the question. Secretary reread the motion.

AGN – Yes  
Camo – Abstain  
Chain of Command – yes  
Cowtown Leathermen – nay  
Firedancers Houston – nay  
Heart of Texas Bears- abstain  
Leather Knights - yea  
Lonestar Leathermen - nay  
LSNG - nay  
Independents A - yea  
Independents B - nay  
Independents C - abstain  
Touch of Leather - yea  
Trinity River Bears - nay

Motion does not pass.

Stan Morris made a motion that we accept the free legal services of Seth C. Miz Lilly seconded.

John S made a friendly amendment to the motion: "that there be a designated board member from TCC to present the items to Seth."

Malone: friendly. Make it simple.

Dianne seconded.

Peter Reid: I call for the question. Motion was approved.

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Two 40-gallon water heaters need to be replaced. Will get estimates for replacement.

### **LoneStar 16**

Dianne gave a final report for LoneStar 16. Part of the LoneStar 16 was to get the runs back to TCC. Gave Coca Cola refund to Treasurer. Jim S. asked for clarification...bottom line profit was \$2,247.02.

### **LoneStar 17**

Have packets for every club to pick up after meeting .Ads - 10, 25, 50. for ads.

Would like to see everyone help get the booklet together with ads to pay for the advertising and make some profit. Information about leather contest on Saturday night. All contacts are in packet. Still need help. Show on Sunday night. Is there a club who could take on the Sunday night show? Steve Klinger volunteered to handle the Sunday night show. Need someone to organize the meals. Larry will help with purchase, need someone to coordinate the meals.

Registration - David Parker  
Booklet - Bob Whittaker  
Cocktail parties - Chris Love  
Dungeonmaster - Jim S.  
Meals - Larry and volunteers  
Karaoke - Kirk & Max  
Run packet - John Swezyczk and Firedancers  
Groundskeeping - Dan Murdoch  
Games - Brian Epperson  
First Aid - John [Bubbles] Dye

Application in packet. \$75 fee extended to May 1, then jumps to \$125.

Danny needs items for the raffle.

Many comments have been made about LoneStar coming close to so many. Would it better to move LoneStar to April where the weather is better. We will discuss moving LoneStar at the July meeting.

### **By-Law Rewrite Committee**

Bob mentioned the committee will need to meet again before we can present a rough draft to the conference to consider.

### Old Business

There was no old business.

### New Business

Bo Mahler: now that we have a full time caretaker, is he required to pay for all the run. Requirement is to be on property and would have to pay for the run unless he doesn't participate.

Dan Lindquist: in by-law rewrite need to address to issue of one or more individuals having the authority to respond to an emergency situation.

Danny: we will work with the attorney on this.

Dan Lindquist made a motion to continue with the scheduled meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> with EMS. The motion seconded by Joel.

Steve: I was glad to have someone take responsibly for taking care of the situation. We put our trust into the hands of the elected officials. I want any elected member to take care of things for me if I am not here. That is why we elect you in the first place.

Danny was speechless.

Bo called for the question. Motion was approved. Opposed Jim S.

Stan Morris:

The following are items that will be discussed with Seth

Personal property liability  
Insurance liability issues

What else do you want me to cover? Miz Lilly, we need to get the correct wording on the forms, documents, to protect ourselves. Need a code of conduct. She suggested as references NCSF. Bob Keltner. National Coalition for Sexual Freedom.

Ron Malone: get a copy of the incorporation.

Dan Murdoch: if you are not getting e-mails [from Dan] let me know. Give Jim S e-mails to allow them to access Yahoo Group.

John S. Is there there a way of a rough draft can be sent out.

Announcements

John S. Thank you to everyone who has helped out with the PWA campout. Thank you for the help and hospitalityl.

Lonestar Leathermen unrun is July 4<sup>th</sup>. Danny. Get in your applications.

Dale Arndt: Texas Bear Roundup in March. Showed the ads and flyers and hosted a cocktail party in the name of TCC. Gave certificate of appreciation to board from Dallas Bears.

Ron Denning: Cowtown 22 is coming up soon, we are filling up already. Get yours in.

Larry: BearTrek 4 is coming up in May. Applications are available in the kitchen and on line.

Ron Malone: Chain of Command donated new canopy in compound. Everyone is welcome to play down there. Tom Simmons said TCC might be able to qualify for 501 3(c) status for electric rates.

leather Knights: May 21 Military Maneuvers. Camelot October /6/7/8.

Chris Love, Firedancers Dallas will be having their run Father's Day weekend, 18 Wheeler run.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM