



Texas Conference of Clubs
Fall Meeting
October 28, 2006 — 1:00 PM

Chairman Seth Cortigene called the meeting to order at 1:02:43 PM at Buzards' 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	Ray Moore
Bound by Desire	Marion Ayers
Chain of Command	Jim S
Cowtown Leathermen	Ron Denning
Dallas MC	Ron Malone [proxy]
Discipline Corps	Peter Reid [Proxy]
Firedancers – Houston	John Szewczyk
Heart of Texas Bears	Ed Burleson
Houston Area Bears	Absent
Lone Star Leathermen	Jack Elsbree
Lone Star Nudist Group	Dan Lindquist
Prime Timers Mineral Wells	Bo Mahler
TCC Independents (A)	Hal Pryor
TCC Independents (B)	Mark Adamson
Touch of Leather	Stan Morris
Trinity River Bears	Brian Epperson

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors

Chairman's Report

The Chairman talked about the fact that TCC has had a good year. Complimented the LoneStar run, and thanked Larry Perry. Cowtown Leathermen run was also excellent. The Chairman mentioned the Heart of Texas Bears for their recent run with 142 participants. TCC had a good run season this year. Had a good year, land site is looking good.

Secretary's Report

Ron Denning made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as reported. John Szewczyk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

Membership Applications

There were no membership applications.

Treasurer's Report

The [Treasurer's report is attached](#) as a part of the minutes. Dan Lindquist made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Jack Elsbree seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Committee—Coordinator Reports

Land Management

The [Land Management Report is available](#) as a part of the minutes.

Jim S. had a question about the flagpole lights. Shouldn't cost of repair of items come from the deposit. Dale said he was not certain when it actually happened. It probably should come out of the deposit if we know the run.

Stan mentioned there was no phone service a couple weeks ago. Stan and others fixed telephone wire.

Peter Reid moved to approved the Land Management Report, Ron Denning seconded the motion, motion approved.

Old Business

LoneStar 18 Report

Larry Perry gave a final report for LoneStar 18. The total income was \$8,511.00. Expenditures were \$3,118.88. Income was \$5,396.12.

Water Report

The Board and LMC met regarding the water issue and chose to go with the Rural Water District. It is in progress. We don't know what the bottom line expense is yet; Jack, Stan, Gerry will pay half of the cost to bring the line to the property. We got the right of way permission from Mr. Short. Jack said his guess is that the outlay for TCC is about \$5,600. Jim S asked if there was a timetable. Seth mentioned we are getting permits and waiting for the water department. We hope it will be this fall.

New Business

2007 Calendar

Jack Elsbree made a motion that the PWA campout now scheduled for May 18-20 be shifted to the Activity Weekend of April 27-29. Ron Malone seconded. John Sweczyk brought up the fact that weekend is also a meeting

weekend and many volunteers are also involved in the meeting. It is a strain on the volunteers. Larry Perry mentioned that PWA runs are getting bigger and it is an event sponsored by TCC. A few people end up helping to run PWA. We need to support the run better than we have in the past. Stan Morris mentioned that PWA is not a sponsored event by TCC. TCC offered the use of the land; it didn't sponsor it. Seth stated that since TCC is donating the space for TCC, we have the right to pick the weekend. Dan Murdoch asked about moving it to May 11-13 and keeping activity weekend as is shown. Bo called the question. Seth called for a vote on calling the question. Motion failed. Jack said he would accept a friendly amendment to change the dates to May 11-13, 2007. Ron Malone accepted the friendly amendment. Stan doesn't feel we should make a habit of making PWA a standalone weekend. Rick Magee asked if we can move the activity weekend back? Motion carries. Bo Mahler, Ed Burleson, Peter Reid opposed.

Stan Morris moved to accept the [2007 calendar](#) as amended. Ron Denning seconded. The motion was approved. Dan Lindquist opposed.

Land Use Agreement

Dale Arndt presented a proposed Land Use Agreement. Seth mentioned there would be no vote on the agreement today.

Peter Reid read the following statement into the minutes:

While supporting the intent and much of what is being proposed in a document that has taken Months of cooperative hard work to put together, Ed Burleson, Jim Newsome, and I, who make up the majority of the Land Management Committee, would like to express strong opposition for the 3 tier fee structure as outlined in the Proposed Land Use Agreement. To be clear, we are not opposed to modest fees, but rather how this proposal was put before the board.

When proposed in our Land Management meetings, a similar proposal authored by Dan Murdock was voted down 3-1. Despite this, his ideas were put before the board a few weeks ago. What has resulted and is now before you, does not reflect the views of the majority of Land Management. Its appearance indicates an undermining the democratic process that the founders of TCC were so careful to put in the bylaws. Accepting this proposal sets a very dangerous precedent for this organization- allowing people to operate outside of the current system of official channels.

Furthermore, we strongly believe that emphasizing money over volunteerism, personal responsibility, and ongoing fundraising (such as Lonestar) sets another precedent that is against the foundation of what TCC is all about. While it is important to keep our financial house in order, the spirit of TCC should not be abandoned. We are confident that we can do both.

**Ed Burleson
Jim Newsome
Peter Reid**

Seth temporarily relinquished the chair to Larry Perry so he could respond. With respect to this particular agreement, LMC was to come to board with the agreement. We had everything from an 18-page document to a 1-page document. The three-tier agreement offers a variety of options. If you look at the document and read it over, this is a document for you to approve or disapprove. It isn't being rammed down anyone's throat. That is why it isn't go-

ing to be voted on today. Something needed to be done, it has been in the works for 18 months.

Stan Morris: Is this the document presented to the board as a consensus of the land management? Seth: land management presented two documents to the board. One was voted on by land management. The current land use agreement was not voted on by land management.

Jack Elsbree made a motion to reject the presentation of the Land Use Agreement. Motion was seconded by Bo Mahler.

Ron Malone: TCC was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. By accepting the document, it will drive people away rather than getting them to come up to volunteer. We could get away from being non-profit. There are people who come up and work hard, but wouldn't be able to afford the fees proposed. Some people will be forced to remove their RV or other facilities.

Dale Arndt: as chairman of land management I made the call. I saw a lot of good out of both documents. This is an area that is very new. I was aware of the differing views. Dale said I think we needed to get the board involved with this. The board took both documents and came up with the document you have in your hands now. The rates schemes varied and I felt there has to be a variety of fees. Dale pointed out the hardship clause. Rebuttal was that no one should have to do that. We have a year to figure out the fees; in the meantime, the standard fee applies to everyone. I wanted to put something into place now so we can lift the moratorium and let more people establish campsites.

Tom Harris, Lone Star Nudist Group: I've been waiting for answer on getting a site here. There are people willing, waiting and able to pay. Need a balance of volunteers and some can pay fees through volunteering. I don't think we have to worry about losing our status as non-profit as long as money is used for purposes stated in the law.

Seth said the original proposed fee was set at \$10 regardless of size. Ron Denning said he has been asked whether everyone is paying their fair share. Seth has heard it too: is everyone paying their fair share?

Mark Adamson: I think if you can afford a trailer, you can afford \$25 a month.

Ed Burlison: We have 143 members and occasionally I am asked who pays how much for their spaces. There has always been sweat equity involved. You can't just come out here and pay X amount of money and just sit there.

Jim Newsome: I know Dale is taking responsibility for the documents, but main problem is that the board should never have seen any document other than the one approved by the land management group. Seth, the board took the two documents and put them into one document. The board did not de-

cide on the document. Jim: Just because we have a trailer doesn't mean we can afford the fee.

Jackie: I think it is important the board listen to the concern expressed. How do you determine what is Tier I, Tier II or Tier III? How do you determine it? Seth: square footage is determined by the occupant. Jackie: We can't afford to lose the free labor we have now. Seth: document is for you to take back to your group. We need to have some kind of piece of paper to get started on.

Miz Lilly: we are a conference.

Stan Morris: are the permanent campers paying their fair share question. Many of us have made financial contributions. Fee structure is presented as a make up for money. If you have site here, you should earn it, not just have a place to park your trailer for runs.

Todd Kinney: I agree we need a document, but they should put the agreement they land management voted on in front of us. That document was not presented.

John Szewczyk: I think the fees are a little high. A few years ago, people came up and worked on their own sites and did nothing for TCC. I don't think we should reject document, but use it as a starting point, a reference point.

Ron Denning: the underlying rub is that this is not a document that was presented by the majority of land management. Document should be rejected.

Dan Lindquist: what is the purpose of presenting it to the board if the board can't change it?

Hal Pryor: land management sends proposals to the chairman to present to the conference. Document should be rejected. Was not presented properly.

HOT Bear member: had to turn away six people with RVs for our run. Some places have become parking spots.

Larry Perry: There are a lot of people who come out and work on activity weekends who do not have spaces. Lot of people who came out saw people working on their own spots and not land site. No attempt to penalize anyone or any group who have put in a lot of time and effort. Trying to come up with something equitable and fair for everyone.

Motion carries. Dan Lindquist, Mark Adamson opposed.

WI-FI Network

Bob Whittaker presented the costs from T-Lab in Cameron to install a mast, radio receiver and cabling for a WI-FI network. We would have to put together the actual network.

Jim S made a motion, seconded by Ron Denning, to table the WI-FI discussion until the January meeting. Motion carried.

Cleaning Station

Dale: Ed Crain has volunteered to help design and build a cleaning [douching] station and light use toilet facility in the compound area. Propose to have a place to clean in private with warm water, a toilet, and an outdoor shower. It will have a septic system. Want to keep it simple and inexpensive.

Stan Morris: made a motion to proceed with the plan for the design, construction and financing for a douching station in the compound. Jack Elsbree seconded. Tom: we will probably need to change the electrical systems to handle it. Motion carries.

Benches

Larry Perry: at the peak we have a two by eight piece of wood on a couple of blocks. Want to put in two benches. Seth said he would pay for one, Bo offered to buy one. HOT Bears will buy one, Stan Morris will buy one. Lindquist moved we install the benches. Seconded by Stan Morris. Purchasers to design their own plaques. Motion carries.

Nominations

Vice Chairman – Hal Pryor nominated Ed Burleson. Jack Elsbree nominated Jim Newsome. Larry Perry nominated John Szweczyk. Ron Malone moved nominations be closed, seconded by Stan Morris.

Treasurer – Bo Mahler nominated Hal Pryor. Ron moved nominations be closed, second by Jim Newsome.

Facilities Coordinator – John Szweczyk nominated Dale Arndt, Jack Elsbree nominated Peter Reid, Jim S. nominated Jim Newsome. Ron moved nominations be closed, seconded by Stan Morris.

Land Management Positions

Two Year – Peter Reid nominated Brian Epperson, Larry Perry nominated John Szweczyk. Frank Manko nominated Ray Moore. Ray Moore declined. Ron moved nominations be closed, seconded by Dan Lindquist.

One Year – Larry Perry nominated Brian Epperson, Jack Elsbree nominated Jim Newsome who declined. Ron moved nominations be closed, seconded by Jim S.

Jack Elsbree made a motion to lift the moratorium on new buildings be lifted immediately. Bo Mahler seconded. Stan Morris. Can we make a friendly amendment to change lift to repeal; Jack Elsbree accepted, Bo Mahler ac-

cepted. Tom: we are close to maxing out our electric system and need to bring in more service. Stan, repealing motion doesn't take away any land management control.

The approved motion that is to be repealed is one made by Danny Russell during the October 29, 2005 meeting that read as follows:

Danny Russell: I wish to propose that a Moratorium be enacted that will prevent any new trailer, permanent campsites and buildings (large or small) being set up as well as tree cutting until written procedures are developed by Land Management and both voted on and approved by the entire conference at a quarterly meeting. The only exception to tree cutting would be the hollow trees and/or large branches that do pose a safety hazard. The motion was seconded by Stan Morris. The motion was approved.

Opposed. Dan Lindquist, Ron Denning, Brian Epperson, John Swezczyk. Motion carries.

Announcements

Larry Perry: We have t-shirts and caps available. \$10 each. See Secretary.

Immediately after the meeting, Stan Morris is holding a Celebration of Life for Dianne.

Jim S.: Chain of Command holding annual Santa's S&M Christmas party, 9:00 PM, in San Antonio. Pucker 2007 theme is Sin City – Leather SA.

Jim Newsome reminded everyone about Fire & Ice on New Year's weekend. Have a donation from LoneStar Leathermen for Saturday night food. Contact Jim if you have any other food donations.

John Swezczyk: LUEY weekend is coming up in February. PWA Holiday Charities is having a 10th Anniversary celebration in Houston.

HOT Bears are having annual unrun in Austin. Open to anyone. Free to everyone who signs up.

Hal Pryor: Dale Arndt donated a laptop computer to the conference for use by the treasurer.

Dan Lindquist requested we send out LMC documents before next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM