



Texas Conference of Clubs
Summer Meeting
July 17, 2010 — 1:00 PM

Chairman Jim Newsome called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM at 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	Absent
Bound by Desire	Absent
Chain of Command	Lobo
Colt 45's	John Szewczyk
Cowtown Leathermen	Ron Denning
Dallas MC	Don Riggs
Discipline Corps	Guy Jones
Heart of Texas Bears	Max Schubert
Houston Area Bears	John Szewczyk [proxy]
Lone Star Leathermen	Jack Elsbree
Misfits Houston	John Szewczyk [proxy]
TCC Independents (A)	Dale Arndt
TCC Independents (B)	David Yero
Touch of Leather	Dennis MacMillan
Trinity River Bears	Rick Magee

Recognition of Visitors

Sebastian [Huntsville], Mike Salavarría, Patti, Shauna, Andy, James from Fort Worth, and Rhianna.

Chairman's Report

Jim said it looks like we are progressing well this year, despite some of the problems we are having. Jim said he feels everything is going well.

Secretary's Report

Lobo made a motion, seconded by Ron Denning, to accept the minutes of the regular April 17, 2010 meeting. The motion was approved.

We have an application for Independent membership from Marshall Fisher. Marshall is from New Orleans and a member of various clubs in that area.

Treasurer's Report

A written copy of the [Treasurer's Report](#) is available on the web.

Lee mentioned an error in the Treasurer' Report. The notation about LoneStar 21 should read LoneStar 22.

Committee—Coordinator Reports

Land Management

Brian's [report is available](#) on the web.

Brian went over his report. Some highlights of his report:

- During the past couple of years Brian said he has been the "nice guy" and not mentioning names of individuals or clubs when there is a problem. He is going to start mentioning names in connection with incidents in the future.
- Thanks everyone for all the work in the last three months, we got a lot accomplished. We are now in a maintenance mode, not a repair mode. Thanks to Lobo, Sebastian [Huntsville], Elmer, Michael, for all the help getting the septic system installed.
- Schedule of restroom construction been available for some time now. All the work done on restroom site done by basically three people. We are over budget on the restroom by about \$4,000. Reason is the rental of the backhoe, sand, gravel, pipe, none of that was put into the original estimate and no one caught it. Need more help, both in person and financial. We will be behind on completion of the restroom facility.
- Golf carts must travel on the main roads. No more travelling up foot paths. Stay off it. Several foot paths have been re-terraced to prevent erosion. The main thing is safety of everyone. Speed needs to be kept to a minimum.
- Brian addressed the issue of people passing on information based on "he said, she said." If you find a problem, we need a photo. Most people have cell phones with cameras. If you don't have any photos of the issue, don't bring it to Brian and don't spread rumors.
- In the past there have been a lot of negative comments about the PWA campout and untrue statements about how the place is left. PWA campers come in and do a lot of work for the landsite. We've started taking photos of the landsite after the campout to substantiate the campground is left in good condition. If you see something wrong, take a picture and bring it to Brian.
- TCC was founded on brotherhood; some of that is going downhill with all the rumors and innuendos.
- Last week we had a few unknown and unauthorized campers come in and spend a few days. We have photos of their vehicles. There was no casual camper fee left. No one has any idea who the people were. We are investigating.
- Problem around the kitchen with flies. If we plant mint, basil and marigolds around the kitchen, it will help keep the flies away. If someone wants to

- take on the project, let Brian know. We will plant before looking at bug light type devices.
- An individual in Houston is interested in coming up to present a first aid course to those who want. It is a 6 or 7 hour course and the cost will be \$5. Please let Brian know if you are interested and we will see about putting it together.

Sorry about all the bitching but being Mr. Nice Guy hasn't helped.

Lobo complemented Brian for all that we've accomplished over the past two years, and said we owe him a debt of gratitude.

LoneStar 22

Ron Denning reported a \$3,667.01 profit from LoneStar 22. That is \$300 less than last year, but the heat was oppressive so we had extra expenses with ice, etc. Ron thanked all the volunteers who jumped in and helped without being asked. 106 people attended LoneStar 22. Ron gave a special thank you to Jim Newsome for the scenery for LoneStar 22. It was outstanding.

Jim mentioned that LoneStar has dropped from 150 to 106 guests over the years and he is disappointed with that. Jim said he didn't know the reasons, but this is our run and pays for many of our expenses throughout the year.

Wi-Fi Update

Lobo mentioned he has redone login process. He said we had problems with PayPal, etc., and he has changed to another payment system. He updated the system and got a new pay partner. You can now pay in cash if you wish by getting in touch with one of the Wi-Fi administrators. The current administrators are Lobo, Bob Whittaker, and Dale Arndt.

This past six months, we are \$400 ahead; proceeds will be used to upgrade system. As of now, the system is self sustaining.

Old Business

Pet Permits for Guests

In July of 2009 we discussed about whether or not to allow guests to bring pets. It was supposed to have been discussed at the following meeting and was overlooked. Land Management is making the suggestion that guests not be allowed to bring pets, that it is a perk just for members of TCC. Want to also add not having any pets in the bunkhouse or TCC trailer to the Pet Policy rules.

Lobo made motion that guests not be allowed to bring pets and people cannot stay in the bunkhouse or TCC trailer with pets. The motion was seconded by Don Riggs. The motion was approved. Guy Jones opposed.

Lobo would like to make a motion to give the TCC representative at a run, in agreement with the run coordinator, the discretion to allow an individual without a pet permit arriving with an unpermitted pet to stay overnight and then remove the pet in the morning. The overnight period shall not exceed 12 hours. Don Riggs seconded the motion. After discussion Lobo withdrew the motion.

Celebration of Life Memorial

Brian went over the proposal to take the old "Taj Mahal" area and turn it into a memorial spot to honor those who have helped TCC. Buzzards' Peak will be reserved for memorials and plaques for founding and long term members. The new celebration of life memorial location can also be used to host cocktail parties.

Lobo made a motion that the area known as "Taj Mahal" be turned into a common area and be made into a memorial and common use area. No cremated human remains are to be spread in the area. Dale Arndt seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ron Denning opposed, Guy Jones abstained.

Brian mentioned that decking is needed for the memorial site, and presented a quote for planks from Home Depot. The quote is for \$3 a board less than normal, and good for 30 days. John Dye will donate \$200 toward the purchase of the lumber. Steve Riegel will donate \$100. Max & Kirk will donate \$200. Frank & Ray will donate the remainder, \$156.

PWA Proposal

Don Riggs made a motion to accept the PWA proposal. The motion was seconded by Max Schubert.

Discussion highlights:

- Brian mentioned that the proposal was approved by Land Management.
- Dale Arndt mentioned the Activity Weekend schedule in the policies and Procedures.
- Lobo not in favor in eliminating the activity weekend.
- Brian mentioned that when the PWA campers are here they do a lot of work to help get the land site ready. Brian doesn't see where losing the Maintenance Weekend would make much difference. In May, PWA campers basically get the landsite ready for LoneStar.
- Jack Elsbree said he believes PWA should be contributing to the support of the landsite, and paying the basic utility bills is not enough. The proposal does not make any provision for a per-head fee.
- John Szewczyk, the original agreement we are still working on is that back in the 1990s that the camp outs are a gift to the HIV community. When a gift is given no payment should be expected. PWA has given thousands of dollars to the Conference; John has donated a lot of money.

- John presented a check for \$722.27 cents to offset the cost of the utilities for the May camp out.
- John mentioned the campers have donated thousands of dollars in labor. Financially, the PWA campout basically is breaking even.
- Sebastian [Huntsville] has questions to both the board and Conference. Does TCC stipulate how much Cowtown must charge for their event? If we are giving the gift of the campout, then how much PWA collects is none of our business. Sebastian said he thinks that we should not give away RV spots.
- Ron Denning read from some previous minutes: the PWA camp out was first brought up in July, 1994. The motion was made and approved that Conference would waive usual fees for the PWA camp out. At the January 27 1996 meeting the Conference approved setting up two PWA camp outs, one in May and one in September.
- Doug Ford commented on the fact that as a PWA camper, who frequently attends Maintenance Weekends, he cleaned off the roof, brought wood, etc. He said that PWA does contribute in many aspects to the landsite.
- Mike Salavarría asked what happens if we strike the September Activity Weekend? Can people now coming to September activity weekend continue to come up that weekend?
- Jim Newsome stated that if it is exclusive, that PWA would have the final say.
- Sebastian from Louisiana: said he a landscaper and comes up early and busts his butt all weekend. We [PWA] saved thousands of dollars by providing the labor.
- Sebastian [Huntsville] confirmed that Ron found out that in the minutes that the run fees were waived. So it is a gift from TCC to PWA. Sebastian is still against RV spots.
- Max Schubert asked why exclude the September activity weekend.
- John Szewczyk said the PWA proposal is a counter proposal to the one submitted from TCC. Elimination of the September Maintenance Weekend was part of the TCC proposal.
- John mentioned PWA will pay for electric so paying for RV spots would be paying for the same spot twice [in reference to statements made earlier by Sebastian [Huntsville] about giving away the RV spots]. There are PWA campers with all the qualifications or skill sets needed during an activity weekend.
- Brian mentioned that he gets more work done with one weekend with the PWA group than four or five weekends of regular activity weekend.

The motion to accept the PWA proposal passed.

New Business

Proposed 2011 Calendar

Bob Whittaker presented the proposed calendar for 2011. We will vote on the 2011 calendar during the October meeting.

Independent Member Representatives

Bob Whittaker announced that based on voting by the Independent Members, the independent representatives for the coming year are Dale Arndt and David Yero.

Other

Lobo would like propose an Articles of Agreement change that will allow any independent member or member club in good standing at the time they left the conference to be allowed to be reinstated without the three month waiting period upon submission of an application and dues.

Elections

Vice Chairman	Ron Denning
Treasurer	Lee Mick
Facilities Coordinator	Brian Epperson
Two Year Land Management	Lobo
One Year Land Management	Steve Riegel
One Year Land Management	Dan Baker

Other

Ron Denning: LoneStar 23 is coming up. Ron said we need to decide on a run theme. Ron asked for ideas for a run theme. Ron also mentioned one other thing to think about: we had Ratsenol. Think about going back to LoneStar every other year, Ratsenol every other year.

Announcements

John Szewczyk mentioned the treasure map TOL passed out during LoneStar. John said he didn't appreciate the naming of his place as "Deadman's Point" on the map.

Brian Epperson said the Trinity River Bears pledge \$500 toward the additional needed funds to construct the new restroom.

Doug Ford – Friday, August 6, Changes in Fort Worth, fund raiser for this fall's PWA campout. Show at 9:00 PM.

Cowtown run coming up September, price goes up the first of August, and theme is Cows in Tights. It is not an all male run.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.