



Texas Conference of Clubs
Winter Meeting
April 20, 2013 — 1:00 PM

Chairman Jim Newsome called the meeting to order at 1: 08 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 asked the Treasurer if all clubs were eligible to vote at the meeting. The Treasurer responded that all clubs were eligible. The secretary then called the roll:

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| Austin Gay Nudists | Earl Barr |
| Bound by Desire | Absent |
| Chain of Command | Lobo |
| Cowtown Leathermen | Ron Denning |
| Dallas MC | Absent |
| Discipline Corps | Absent |
| Firedancers Houston | Justin Anderson |
| Heart of Texas Bears | Absent |
| Houston Area Bears | Steve Kerbow |
| Lone Star Leathermen | Jack Elsbree |
| National Leather Association – Houston | Rich Victory |
| TCC Independents (A) | Dale Arndt |
| TCC Independents (B) | Elmer King |
| Touch of Leather | Lilly Weck |
| Trinity River Bears | David Barnhardt |

Recognition of Visitors

Richard Victory, new president of NLA Houston, was present at the meeting. Burt, Austin Gay Nudists visited the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Remember that we have Ratsenol coming up, and we need more campers. Please sign up and encourage your friends to attend. It is a three day event over Memorial Day weekend.

At this meeting we have some areas that may require a lot of discussion; two minutes per delegate on the first go around, then anyone in the general assembly. Please be brief.

Secretary's Report

Lobo made a motion, seconded by Earl Barr, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular January 19, 2013 meeting, and accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved.

We have received a run application from the Dallas Girls of Leather for the weekend before Thanksgiving in November 2013. Their application will be discussed during the Land Management report.

Treasurer's Report

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

If you are holding an event at TCC, it is essential that the TCC Treasurer get the financial accounting form with the financial payment. Many times the treasurer just gets a check, but doesn't have any idea what the breakdown is for the run.

We have a couple of independent members who are behind on their dues. Should we remove them as Independents?

Dale Arndt moved that we drop Dan Scott and Berkley Batte as independent members. Jack Elsbree seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Committee—Coordinator Reports

Land Management

Brian thanked everyone who helped out with the weekend projects; we got a lot done. New fence is up around the leach field for the septic tank to prevent people from parking in that area.

We need a new riding lawnmower for the Conference. We have a rough terrain, and we need a good one. We would appreciate any donations toward purchase. We currently have \$500 in the replacement account toward the cost of a new riding mower.

Trailhead sign at the end of the parade ground put up by the Flying W group. Need an individual or club who can redo the sign and rehang it in the present location.

Have a few trees that need to be taken down. We need to get them down as soon as we can.

Thanks to Nick for bringing his tractor down and helping out with trenching, etc. Brian requested TCC pay for his fuel. Lobo, Elmer, Lobo a motion, seconded by Elmer King to pay for the fuel used on his tractor. The motion was approved.

Guy Jones had an approved permanent site application. Land Management and the Board would like to transfer that approval to Keith & George. We would like to

give them approval to put up their building if there is no objection to transferring the authority from Guy to Keith & George. Dale Arndt moved that the site application for Guy Jones be assigned to Keith & George. Elmer King seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Dallas Girls of Leather run application. Ron Denning moved to allow the Dallas Girls of Leather their run the weekend before thanksgiving in 2013. David Barnhardt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Brian said he is resigning his position as Facilities Coordinator because of health reasons, effective with the close of the April 20, 2013 meeting.

Jim Newsome asked everyone remain after the close of today's meeting for a special meeting to ask for nominations for the position of Facilities Coordinator.

Jim thank Brian for his work over the years.

Events Report

Ratsenol run will be held in May over the Memorial Day weekend. It is a three day run, starting Friday, ending Sunday.. HOT Bears will not hold their run this year, so we need to generate as much income as possible with Ratsenol.

A vendor from a previous LoneStar plans to attend Ratsenol.

Wi-Fi

We are having major problems with PayPal. It cost \$279 for keep Wi-Fi up and running during the first quarter. We need some donations.

Old Business

Membership Applications

- Membership application – Independent – Tammy Wiley – approved

New Business

Paul Luccia: Basically we are out of money to complete the building. To finish the building as planed will be about \$6,200. Paul donated labor and materials in order to build a structure that would be quality and not require a lot of upkeep expense. Unless we can raise the money for complete it according to plan Paul will withdraw his offer to finish building.

Dale Arndt: On the hot water heater, there is one behind that kitchen that is donated. That might knock the cost down by \$1,200.

Epiphany. What was original budget? Lee: \$8,000. Brian: that was over 7 years ago. Paul came on board 2011, and gave an overall cost for the entire project of \$9,500; that did not include septic tank, propane tank, etc. Was just for structure. Cost of just the building will be approximately \$10,000.

When we first started the project it was for a *"douche station"* and Ed Crain quoted us a price of approximately \$8,000. Lee & Lob upped half of the money as a challenge to help raise the money. The septic was quoted at \$1,500 and it cost \$8,000.

Question is can we raise \$6,000 more to finish the building. There is no money in the general fund to finish the project.

Jack Elsbree: if we took this over as a TCC project, would we have money to cover the cost? Lee said we have a lot of expenses coming up and is hesitant to say we can use general fund money. We need to look at fund raising to get the additional money.

Earl Barr: why do we have an overrun in the budget when we had PCZ material on hand that was donated? Paul: saved money by using PVC. Earl said he apparently misunderstood what was on hand – we had "some" PCZ, not enough for the entire project.

Epiphany: delegates need to go back to club and discuss. The issue is tabled until next meeting.

Brian: before I resign, Paul & Ed have put in a lot of time and effort into TCC and the building. I feel like the Conference should do something to thank them. I'd like to present a certificate to Paul and Ed for two years of independent membership to TCC. I am asking the conference to approve. Elmer King made a motion to present Ed and Paul, and their partners, a two year membership to TCC. David Banhardt second the motion. The motion was approved.

Nominations

- Chairman – current incumbent is Jim Newsome – Elmer King nominated Jim Newsome, Jim declined. Elmer nominated Ron Denning. Dale Arndt seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.
- Secretary – current incumbent is Bob Whittaker – Jack Elsbree nominated Bob Whittaker, Elmer King seconded the nomination. Nominations closed.
- Land Management Two Year – current incumbent is Dale Arndt. Elmer King nominated Dale Arndt. David Barnhardt seconded the nomination. Nominations closed
- Land Management One Year – current incumbent is Elmer King – Dale Arndt nominated Elmer King. Steve Kerbow seconded the nomination. Lobo nominated Earl Barr, Justin Anderson seconded the nomination. David nominated Keith Moses, Dale Arndt seconded the nomination. Nominations closed.

- Land Management One Year – current incumbent is David Barnhardt. Elmer King nominated David Barnhardt, Lobo seconded the nomination. Nominations closed.

Announcements

Ron Denning mentioned that Cowtown's 30th anniversary run is September 13-15, 2013. They are having 30th banquet in Fort Worth on 7 September 2013.

Applications in the kitchen, online will be available soon.

Jody Turner mentioned that Randy Phillips recently had triple bypass surgery.

Elmer King mentioned that Steve Riegel has his gall bladder removed.

Earl Barr talked about an individual he knows how has some interesting information regarding one of the surviving World War II bombers. Contact Earl for additional details.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned 2:28 pm.

Secretary's Note: There was a special meeting held immediately after the conclusion of this meeting. The purpose of the special meeting was for nominations for the vacated position of Facilities Coordinator.

At that special meeting, the only nominee was Elmer King. After the meetings, Elmer asked that his name be withdrawn from nomination for the Land Management One Year position, which leaves two nominees, Earl Barr and Keith Moses.