



Texas Conference of Clubs  
Fall Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2017 – 1:00 PM

Chairman David Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM at Buzzards' Peak land site.

Chairman called for clubs not eligible to vote (per Treasurer): Fire Dancers Houston, National Leather Association-Houston and National Leather Association-Dallas.

Chairman called for a heartfelt thank you and round of applause for those who have gone before us.

**Roll Call:**

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| ✓ Austin Gay Nudists - Rodney Lewis          | ✓ Leathermens Guild                                       |
| ✓ Bound by Desire                            | ✓ Lone Star Leathermen                                    |
| ✓ Chain of Command                           | ✓ National Leather Association – Dallas – Justin Knowlton |
| ✓ Cowtown Leathermen – Ron Denning           | ✓ National Leather Association – Houston – George Tesh    |
| ✓ Dallas MC                                  | ✓ TCC Independents (A)                                    |
| ✓ DFW Kennel Club – Justin Knowlton          | ✓ TCC Independents (B)                                    |
| ✓ Discipline Corps – Leo                     | ✓ Touch of Leather  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firedancers Houston | ✓ Trinity River Bear – Michael Kaye                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Houston Bears       |   |
| ✓ Leather Bear Productions – Mufasa Alpa     |   |

***See sign in sheet for names***

**Recognition of Visitors**

**Chairman's' Report**

Request for deviation from agenda due to emergency presented to TCC that needs to be presented to the conference today to be presented later in the agenda. TCC purchase long term site not in use for quite a while. Spoke with owner about purchasing.

**Motion:** Allow agenda deviation to discuss purchase of long term site by the Conference  
- Mufasa (Dan seconded)

The site is down by compound. It would it be used as a rental like TCC 1, 2, & 3. The proposal is to purchase the property sitting on site and owning it just like TCC 1, 2, & 3.

*Motion Carries – 12 For, 1 Abstention*

The chairman wants people to come talk to him and I will listen. He had to bring items before the board and then the delegates, but he will listen. He can't guarantee that that things will get anything done right away and in the way people want but he will do his best to get it done.

James declared a Point of Order for a breach of the continuing nature of conference. There was tenuous discussion as to whether this action was allowed, whether he had the floor to speak, and whether it should be new business. The Parliamentarian took the issue to review and James handed out packets to the delegates and some board members (other to get packets later). Further discussion was had about disputes between long term site holders, their impacts to the long-term site holders, and the need to resolve them amongst themselves.

The chairman discussed delegates and proxy voting. Emphasized bylaws do not tell member clubs who they can have as a delegate and who they can have as a proxy. TCC cannot tell one club their delegate cannot be the delegate for another club – same with proxy. Disagreement continued over whether a single person who is delegate for two clubs gets two votes or one.

**Secretary Report**

**Motion:** Accept minutes – George Tresh / Ron Denning Seconded

*Carries – 11 For; 1 Against; 1 Abstain*

**Independent Membership Application**

Carl Smith to be voted on in January – Moved from Ohio three months ago

**Treasurers Report - Lee**

Thank everyone who has made contributions (items donated without request for reimbursement & fundraisers).

- Assets:
  - Savings: \$18,429.04
    - Bunkhouse: \$9,120.04
    - TCC trailer 1: \$1,700
    - TCC trailer 2: \$650
    - Riding lawn mower: \$130
    - Ice machine: \$439.89 for building
  - Compound fence: \$100
  - CD 1: \$8,582.16
  - CD 2: \$4,825.75

- Checking Account: \$12,205.83
- Donations / recognition:
  - Ken Stewart & Earl Barr – donation of \$183.91
  - Need receipts for donated items to give recognition
- CNA / Surety Bond renewed \$170.10
- Income - \$892.54 (1/1 – 10/21/2017)
- Expenses - \$1,099.85 (1/1 – 10/21/2017)

Due to his current health condition, two weeks ago, resigned position. Will stay on until Jan so that an interim can be appointed until the election

CNA / Surety bond was purchased several years ago to cover the board and conference should be the treasury is absconded with.

### **Land Management - Keith**

Have funds for entry way but work delayed due to water leak which needs to be fixed. Road funds diverted to emergency for trees on memorial deck and have not been replaced. Still waiting to fix it once water leak is found.

### **Lone Star 27**

Theme is black & blue. Not able to print out posters yet but drafts ready. Will reach out to club members and request that all clubs participate (supports the TCC). Donna will do show. Others will do stage and rewards.

Request from clubs will be twofold: Take shifts on various activities (meals, etc.) and seek sponsorships from home orgs (advertising, etc). As many costs we can off-shift, the more we make from the door.

Door - Memorial Day \$85 early bird / \$105 at the door. Longest run of the year. Would like to get minimum of 100 attendees to get as much into the kitty as we can.

Discussion of posters – have first draft and need additional modifications. Have draft on phone. Will bring posters to individual clubs to do outreach as well as bring them to the event. Builds outreach, etc.

Pansexual event with all welcome. Black and Blue theme from classic leather. Everyone on board for this. Have images on phone – draft. Will have electronic presence & aggressive advertising. Money goes into conference and goes directly into improvements & maintenance.

### **Wifi**

Fee for Wifi for a run is \$80. Otherwise, it is turned off. Lobo needs to be notified ahead of time for runs. Otherwise, attendees may purchase access.

## Old Business

- Individual Membership Applications

4 up but 3 present

1. Brian Epperson (& Ms Annie): Ballots – Approved
2. Benn Parnell: Ballots – Approved
3. Robert (Bob) Olsen: Ballots – Approved

- LVL PWA Cabin

LVL PWA has raised considerable amounts over the years. Latest is - \$5353.29 for cabin, AC, lighting, etc. Need to get behind them with workforce to get it completed. They will be having another fund at end of month for another cabin (some of Gingers jewelry (29<sup>th</sup> Neon Boots at 5 PM) will be auctioned after loss). Need to keep up with them to get cabins build out. For their use 2 x per year. Should have been ready for Sep run. What help is needed. Talk to Don Riggs for what needs to be done.

- Document revisions

Long Term Site Agreement, & Long Term Site Policy: Emailed out with request for feedback to get voted on today. As of 10/1, no major pushback or responses to revisions. Some said have not received them – sent out first of Sep. Discussion of best delivery methods – agreement to post on website and send notice.

**Motion:** Table until January meeting – Jim Newsome \ George Tesh

*Carries – 12 For; 1 Abstain; 0 Against*

Landsite / Casual Camper Program & Land Use Policies ongoing

## 15 Minute Recess - 1:59 PM Reconvene

## New Business

- Advertising Budget

Bob would like to request \$400 budget. In the past TCC has used Ratselol & Lonestar for all other adv. Bob would like a separate \$400 year budget for TCC specifically. Allow advertisement in another events book, etc. Discretionally fund.

- **Motion:** Allow \$400 annual discretionary advertisement fund – Justin / Rodney Lewis

*Carries – 15 For; 0 Abstain; 0 Against*

- 2018 & 2019 Calendar

Up on website now. Want to put 2019 calendar on website in January to run a year ahead. Not voting until January. Preview on site and be ready to vote in January at meeting.

- Discussion item – Ray

Not happy with how things are going at TCC / leadership. His site is up for sale. Bob request discussion with Frank, Bob & himself sit down after PWA.

Long Term Site Fees tabled again. Road not fixed / leak has been gone on all summer. Different club delegated from same household / family. Application of Roberts Rules or prioritizing their application. TCC rep leaving property before run coordinator has been checked out / left.

Tired of it. Fees are an insult (too little). Shoot yourself in foot with honor system. Previous treasurer (before Lee) was a thief.

- Age Limitations – Justin

DFW Kennel Club / Texas Puppy Club hosted first annual Woofstock Texas last week. 65 people / 30 puppies. Amazing event. Quirk with event that allowed 18+. Exclusive Use Agreement did not have 21+ clause. Wasn't done intentionally. Sent list of items to protect TCC board for this one time.

Since documents being revised, talk about 21+. All documents should say 21+. Woofstock put together items to safeguard TCC against underage drinking. Other groups should be required to do the same if having 18+ event. Event was not drinking event (no formal service). 0 tolerance policy on website. Waiver had to be signed. Wrist bands. Security on radio. Planning Woofstock 2018. 65 this year. Could break 100 next year. Event would like to ask that TCC allow an 18+ event in 2018 as long as same precautions taken.

Concerns expressed over a person under 21 caught on the road drunk would shut TCC down. Too much to lose. TCC liability. Sneaking alcohol from cooler or someone's supply.

DFW Kennel Club countered TCC is not liable due to lease agreement. Contended Texas law puts them as liable unless TCC is serving alcohol. If they do all they can to prevent underage drinking, the under 21 person is liable for themselves. Discussed with Sheriff's deputies to confirm.

Points were made that when TCC first set up, they talked with Sheriff and Marshall and assured them "there would not be boys onsite" (contention over boy vs adult male). TCC respectable group does not allow people unable to drink – drink. Other groups don't ID so there could be under 21 (though Woofstock stated would have people under 21). Person drunk over 21 falls off bridge and there are under 21 at event, problems for TCC. Person under 21 caught

drinking, would cause political issues for TCC (First Baptist Church hears it was 13 year old in orgy).

Discussed dealing with drunken behavior. Discussion about holding someone who is drunk to let them sober up. Whether it can be done or not or have to call sheriff.

Once we allow 1 club, other clubs would be allowed to do the same. You risk jeopardizing it all for 3 people.

Demanded that DFW Kennel Club go through a lawyer in Cameron to get contract written up. Has to be on the record and a lawyer right in Cameron and write "it up". TCC landsite won't pay for it.

Woofstock does not have a motion formerly. Not asking policies be changed. Discussed have to have proposal now to vote in January. Formal proposal in January and vote in April.

Major issue with TCC documents – governing documents – contradicting eachother. Causing problems like this.

- Kirk Cabin

**Motion:** Purchase Kirk's cabin for \$5000 – Don Riggs / Mufasa Alpa

For property only. Amount owed TCC would be deducted from amount. If no action, just sits there. If given to another site holder, it would take a while for application to be accepted. Seizure would cost money and lose friends. Less than \$5000 – TCC will get what they are in arrears. Money made on events goes into dedicated funds from cabin & bunkhouse rentals. Not sure exact amount.

*Withdrawn*

**Motion:** Purchase Kirk's cabin minus amount owed, not to exceed \$5000 - Dale / Mufasa Alpa

*Carries - 13 For; 0 Abstain; 0 Against*

- Common courtesies

If you are at an event & it is non-alcoholic event, please don't host parties or serve alcohol. Can be asked to leave.

If you have a long term site, you can have a grill & screened fire at your long term site. It was originally for people not during an event. Do not have an open flame during an event. It makes it an issue during the camping event.

- Point of Order

Parliamentarian stated documents have been given this out to delegates to read. Need two more copies -- one for David and one for Bob as the treasurer. Copies given and discuss at the January meeting.

Complaint raises and points to documents not present, so a proper ruling cannot be made. Want to give it proper hearing.

- Drugs at campsite - Rodney Lewis

What is the thing about drugs on the campgrounds? What is the deal with that? Have seen it at events and reported it but nothing done. The policy of TCC is no drugs.

Who polices it? Up to run coordinator to police it. If TCC has to get involved, there will be a lot less events due to micromanagement. Strict consequences if law enforcement get called out for drug use. Zero tolerance but cannot micromanage.

If club turns a blind eye to the drug use, what are the ramifications to TCC? Nothing due to land use policy / exclusive use agreement. TCC rep onsite but not police. When you sign lease agreement – you are renting site.

### **Announcements**

- Cowtown Leatherman has 2018 calendar with info about run
- Leatherbear Productions in Baltimore last weekend – Danial was the winner
- Rodney Lewis new AGN rep
- October 29 – Boobs on Broomsticks 5:00 PM Neon Boots – things of Ginger's on auction
- Texas Puppy Club thanks board of TCC for amazing event – 50 ppl who had never seen TCC before. Bring new people to TCC who can support it. New generation.
- Trinity River Bears – Feast in the Woods. All about the food

**Motion:** Adjourn – Lobo / Mufasa 3:05 PM

### **Supplemental Files for Meeting**

#### [Treasurer's Report](#)

#### [Landsite Casual Camper Program Revision](#)

#### [Land Use Policies revision](#)

#### [Long Term Site Agreement revision](#)

#### [Long Term Site Policy revision](#)

#### [Delegate Amendment](#)

[Hamel – 990 Code of Ethics](#)

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[Hamel - Point of Order](#)

[Hamel – TCC Articles Updated](#)