



Texas Conference of Clubs  
Winter Meeting  
January 20, 2018 — 1:00 PM

Chairman David Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM at Buzzards' Peak land site. The Chairman asked all present to give a round of applause for those who have gone on before us.

Austin Gay Nudists	Rodney Lewis
Bound by Desire	J
Chain of Command	Don Riggs [proxy]
Cowtown Leathermen	Ron Denning
Dallas MC	Don Riggs
DFW Kennel Club	Rex Shephard
Discipline Corps	Michael Kaye [proxy]
Firedancers Houston	Absent
Houston Bears	Richard Cook
Leather Bear Productions	Pup Mufasa
Leathermens Guild	Lee Mick
Lone Star Leathermen	Stan Morris
National Leather Association – Dallas	Pup Mufasa [proxy]
National Leather Association – Houston	Richard Cook
TCC Independents (A)	Elmer King
TCC Independents (B)	Theda Morris
Touch of Leather	Absent
Trinity River Bears	Michael Kaye

### **Recognition of Visitors**

Members of Hill Country Leather Folk and members of Leather & Lace of the Brazos Valley attended the meeting.

### **Chairman's Report**

David mentioned that Lee, Treasurer of TCC, mentioned in October that he would be stepping down from his position due to health reasons. We need someone interested who will fill the position on a temporary basis. If you are interested, please contact David after the meeting.

David again brought up the issue of backbiting, politics, "he said, she said" and asked that we curtail that as much as possible. Over the past few

months, we've had several independent members decide not to rejoin for 2018. David read part of an email TCC received regarding the issue:

*It's with great sorrow that I feel like my time with the TCC has come to an end, at least for now.*

*When I first arrived on the land site, I instantly felt a connection with the land as well as the people. While I'm sure most visitors see the campground on the surface, I saw decades of hard work, unbelievable costs, and most importantly, love in each and every structure and path.*

*I felt "at home" for the first time in a very long time...in some ways, for the first time ever.*

*As I continued to sink my teeth into every project possible, the history that's shared among the members revealed itself. A history of groups coming together to accomplish goals, joyous gatherings for just about any reason possible, and camaraderie and love that only a family can have.*

*In short, I hear stories of great unity.*

*But those are just stories, now. Today's TCC membership seems to be fraught with tension that's tearing at the seams of everything we all seem to hold dear. The constant bickering completely drowns out the brilliant conversations and moments.*

*The warring factions within the membership made what was once a joyous trip to be with friends into a dreadful experience.*

*Don't get me wrong. There are many members that I've grown to love and will continue a relationship outside the TCC...but for the foreseeable future, I'd like to suspend my membership. Please keep any left-over membership & WiFi dues as donations, if any remain in my account.*

David made a plea to get things back to normal.

The Treasurer mentioned that the following clubs were not eligible to vote.

Firedancers Houston  
Bound by Desire

Bound by Desire caught up their dues at the meeting and was eligible. The only club not eligible to vote was Firedancers Houston; there was no delegate from Firedancers at the meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

Ron Denning moved to accept the minutes of October 21, 2017. Don Riggs seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### ***Membership Application***

We received an application for club membership from:

- Hill Country Leather Folk – Austin, Texas.
- Leather & Lace of the Brazos Valley

Members of each club talked about their organization. We will vote on their applications at the April meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

Lee mentioned that due to health he had to give up being Treasurer; he is frustrated that no one has stepped up to volunteer for the position.

Lee thanked everyone who has made any donations. Pet permits are valid from January to January and are due for 2018

Firedancers Houston is now five quarters behind. Elmer King made a motion to suspend the membership of Firedancers Houston. Don Riggs seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### **Committee—Coordinator Reports**

#### ***Land Management Report***

Keith presented an estimate from an electrician for three projects – [see estimate](#) – we now have an emergency in the pole barn as the panel is hanging by a wire.

#### ***LoneStar 27 Report***

Ken Stewart presented the finalized posters for LoneStar 27. There are three versions. Please do not post any posters before February first so that Ken can get the artwork to the event application, website, t-shirt design, etc. Ken talked about things that need to be done such as cooks, menus, etc. Event price is \$85 before the event, \$100 at the door. T-shirts will be available to

order online. If you want one during the event, we may be able to get them made during the event. Does your club or organization have anything they would like to donate to the Swag Bag?

Budget set at \$4,500 to pull it off. Three additional ticket prices for sponsors, individual, one ticket, \$125, club sponsor two tickets \$250, corporate \$500 three tickets

### ***Wi-Fi Report***

Please see the bottom part of Treasurer's letter with Wi-Fi report.

### **Old Business**

#### **Under 21 event**

Rex Shephard gave a brief presentation on behalf of DFW Kennel Club regarding allowing 18+ campers to attend their event. Rex stated they are not asking for by law [Articles] or policy change, just on an event basis exception. Everyone their event must wear a wristband; they have a zero-tolerance policy for rules. No group alcohol and no cocktail parties.

Rex proposed that all persons coming on the property must be 21 years of age or older unless the board and delegates have approved 18+ attendance.

David Barnhardt mentioned that we need to decide whether or not we can do the under 21 events on an event basis.

Don Riggs made a motion to accept their [DFW Kennel Club] proposal for under 21. Michael Kaye seconded the motion.

After discussion by many delegates, Lee Mick, delegate for Leathermens Guild, called the question. Michael Kaye made a motion to approve the question, seconded by Ron Denning. The question motion was approved.

The motion by Don Riggs, seconded by Michael Kaye, to accept the DFW Kennel Club proposal was approved. There were two against and one abstention.

There was a 15-minute recess.

### ***Membership Applications***

The independent membership application for Carl Smith was not voted on as Carl was unable to attend the meeting.

### ***Point of Order From October 2017 Meeting***

David Barnhardt discussed the issue of voting by delegates who belong to and are delegates for multiple member clubs. David stated that TCC could not tell member clubs who to choose as a delegate. There was no violation, and our Articles override Roberts Rules of Order.

Bound by Desire J suggested we create an amendment to clarify delegates representing multiple clubs.

### ***Landsite Casual Camper Program***

Pup Mufasa made a motion to accept the [casual camper](#) draft. Don Riggs seconded the motion. The motion was approved. One abstention.

### ***Land Use Policy***

Pup Mufasa made a motion to accept The [Land Use Policy](#) as written with the exception of the Age Limit provision which will read: All land site guests must be 21 or older unless given an exception by the board and delegates. Don Riggs seconded the motion.

### ***Long Term Site Agreement***

The [document](#) was approved – with the addition of “¾ or 75% majority vote.” One against one abstained

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The [document](#) was approved.

### **New Business**

#### ***Ice Shed Refrigerator***

Refrigerator in the ice shed is broke and needs to be replaced. Stan will investigate the cost of a replacement refrigerator Rex Shephard made a motion that the board be authorized to spend up to \$500 for a replacement refrigerator. Pup Mufasa seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Bob Olson donated \$200 toward the refrigerator. Theda donated \$46 toward the refrigerator. Rick from Leather and Lace donated \$20. Rick Magee said that PWA would pick up the balance.

### ***Pole Barn Electrical***

The pole barn panel needs to be replaced We need authority up to \$1,500 to get it fixed. Stan said he could take care of the pole barn issue in about 30 minutes. Stan volunteered to fix the problem.

There was discussion regarding the electric estimate, and a suggestion made to go ahead and figure out a way to take care of all the electric issues.

Don Riggs made a motion to take monies out of the bunkhouse funds to cover the \$2,100 cost of replacing the electrical panels at three locations on the land site. Pup Mufasa seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### ***Judson Brown Email***

David presented a series of [e-mails from TCC neighbor Judson Brown](#) to the Conference regarding fence and property improvements. The Browns are requesting the Conference to share some of the cost of the fence improvement.

After discussion, the decision was that David Barnhardt would respond to the Browns that we will help as we can and when we can, explaining that any money toward the project must come from donations.

### ***TCC Palm Cards***

Bob Whittaker passed out a sample of a palm card that could be made up for TCC, similar to what other organizations use for their events. The palm card will list all of the events for the year at TCC plus some general information regarding the land site. Bob asked if there was any interest in producing one for use by the delegates. The consensus was that they would be useful. The cost of the palm cards will come from the \$400 budget for advertising approved at the October 2017 meeting.

### ***Land Site Defibrillator***

Bob Whittaker reminded the delegates about the defibrillator we have in the medical shed and asked that all TCC reps not only familiarize themselves

with it, but that they also show event run coordinators. The defibrillator could save the life of someone experiencing a heart attack, and it is important everyone know about it and where we keep it.

### ***Amendment Regarding Independent Delegates***

Pup Mufasa made a motion to table the document until we take a further look at club membership requirements. Richard Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### **Announcements**

There were none.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.