

Minutes from the General Meeting
August 3, 2013

Officers present:

President: Gretchen Rath

VP: Patrick Walsh

Sec. Barbe Miller

New President: George Houston

20+ chapter officers & members

Meeting began at 5:14pm

Welcome of members and thanks to Lisa McIntyre, George Houston, Terry Henson, & Mac Perry for providing the evenings entertainment.

Gretchen mentioned the Officers meeting (Board of Directors) earlier in the day and that the main focus has been on getting the Chapter Manual completed & out to the chapters as soon as it is completed.

EXEC Comm. Partial Treasurer's Report

\$7,455.00 Total Renewals

\$2,042.50 25% of dues given back to chapters

\$750.00 Athletic Equipment

\$1,650.00 April Scholarships (from applications in 2012)

\$1,050.00 June Scholarships

\$3,450.00 in Scholarships & Grants

Ending Balance Approx. \$6,000.00 after expenses for this weekend

Old Business

Chapters Closed: Lakeland & Chattanooga

New chapters wanting to get started: Tallahassee which are currently Wild Rovers

What we have accomplished this year

Chapter Manual-Policies & Procedures

Presented today, will be proofed & any changes added & be on the website by mid-August

With approval of manual- procedures in place, spelled out for:

- Opening checking accounts
- Starting new chapters
 - Chapter charter
- Procedures if/when someone steps down (IEC)
 - Filling out term
 - Election process
 - Qualifications for candidates

- Computer literate
- Management experience
- Chapter officer experience

Once the manual is finalized, it will be available to all members to view on the website

We have a PayPal account for membership renewals & new members!!!

New Exec. Comm. Scholarship Applications, Policies & Procedures which are being modified for chapter use also.

New Business

We now have **505 paid members** as of 7/28/13

Executive Vice President Patrick Walsh announced his resignation due to health issues. The nominations for this position will take place from August 3, 2013 through August 31, 2013. The election will be from Sept. 1st through Sept. 30, 2013. The winner will be announced on Oct. 3, 2013

The position of Executive Treasurer is still open & we will be accepting nominations, again, for the same time frame. Colleen will continue on as our CPA & will take care of the tax part of it.

Announcement of the new president, George Houston

Mike Dunlap did the honors, as the founding father & 1st President of the NWC of acknowledging all the current chapter Presidents in attendance: Todd MacClinchy, Bradenton Chapter; Dugg Smith of Brandon, Jeff Assman from Charlotte, Claire Harlow of St. Pete, George Houston of Orlando, and himself as the current Dunedin Chapter Pres.

The V.P.'s present were: Terry Henson of Orlando, Sondra Conlen of Bradenton, and Faye Perry from St. Pete.

Mike said he was happy to see the NWC grow from a baby to its new stage as a toddler and swore in our 3rd President, George Houston, administering the Oath of Office. The Presidential flag was then handed over from Gretchen to George.

George stated he feels "You have made me a member of your chapter: I will promise to always try to be fair and to go to at least one meeting of each chapter this year."

Terry Henson, the VP of the Orlando chapter for the last 3 years also spoke up & let us know, "you've got someone special and he'll make things happen. I'd put my life in his hands"

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbe Miller
Executive Secretary