

May 13th, 2023, Annual Membership Meeting of The Florida Whips held at the Grand Oaks Resort – Meeting started at 2PM

Membership checked at the door

BOD Members present: Bob Giles, Lauren Reece, Janet Carswell, Beth Rieselman, Janet Crumpton and Anne Raisner

Wave reading of the minutes from 2022. Motion by Mr. Bennett, 2nd Janet Crumpton, voted on and passed by membership.

Bob Giles gave President statement

Has received zero complaints. Very happy with the club.

Lauren Reece gave Vice President statement

Stated that the first year in her position was a learning curve, will be a better year this year. Announced the FL Whips Facebook Group Page for members only. Announced the Blue-Ribbon status with the American Driving Society. Wants to add Level 1 CAA Driver Proficiency options for the members. Wants 1-step membership option on the website and a printable membership card. Call for volunteers within the club.

Janet Carswell gave Secretary statement

Thanked the membership for the opportunity to be the secretary. Talked about getting event forms in on time as there will be a new Secretary and they will need extra time since it will be their first year as Secretary.

Beth Rieselman gave the Treasurer statement

Profit and Loss, Balances in accounts, budget, \$37,791 assets \$3942.00 Para \$2150 JRs Accepted and Passed by membership.

Gail Thomas, proxy Lauren Reece, gave Membership statement

We are down in membership from 309 to 258. We are now a Blue-Ribbon Club with the American Driving Society.

Accepted and Passed by membership.

Karen Cherry gave the JR Drivers statement

Clinics were fun and very well received, 10 to 12 juniors are serious about becoming drivers. Three clinics were held and 5 to 11 juniors per clinic at \$45.00 each. The clinicians were great, and the juniors enjoyed them. Karen wants to make a long-term program through the American Driving Society – 3 levels, similar to Pony Club and the CAA Driver Proficiency program. Karen would like to use the grant received from Hoops Addis for Jr Driver Summer Camp and more clinics. She requested a committee be formed to assist her. Deb Bennett spoke on South FL having about 12 junior drivers, but traveling to central FL is too difficult. Bob Giles praised Karen for all of her good work getting juniors involved.

Accepted and Passed by membership.

Lynn Parker – would like to add a “Mentor’s” box on the club’s membership application. Would like to add a form to the club’s website to request help and/or a mentor. Disclaimer on the website and form that the mentor is NOT a trainer. Update club’s liability release to cover mentors. Motion by Lynda Jowers to add mentor program to website and membership application. 2nd by Janet Crumpton. Voted on and passed by the membership.

Bob Giles complimented the skills of the FL Whips members and thanked them for making a mentoring program. “The year to mentor!”

Anne Raisner – Education – did two navigator clinics for beginners. Wants to do more navigator clinics for beginners. Accepted and passed by membership.

Election of Officers

Treasurer – Beth Rieselman staying another term

Secretary – Su Zi offered to take the position

S. Fl – Pat Picornell, Anne Raisner as a mentor

JR Drivers – Karen Cherry, Kami Landy to assist

Calendar and Flier – Marsha Dowell, Alicia Slocumb

Accepted, voted on and passed by membership.

Facebook Pages – Janet Carswell and Denice Klinger

Janet Crumpton – regional meeting either 6/24 or 7/8

Lauren Reece’s motions for the club:

1. Stop newsletter and replace it with monthly emails, use Facebook, pin monthly updates so it is easy to find. Voted on and passed by membership.

2. Raise non-member fees from \$15 to \$25 to encourage taking out membership. Deb Bennett – apply their initial non-member fee toward membership. Voted on and passed by membership.

3. Adopt the American Driving Society’s Code of Conduct for the FL Whips. Violations would receive a written warning from the Board of Directors. Three written warning and removal from the club.

Joyce Caudill – how will it be enforced?

Susan Guinan – go by the club by laws

Stephanie Van Den Hurk – concerned over reporting and enforcement, horse should always be 1st priority

Lauren Reece – USEF, FEI rules apply. This would only be for FL Whips events.

Su Zi – phrase wording carefully as to avoid legal issues

Susan Guinan – why does the club need this with ADS, USEF, and FEI rules already in place?

What are you concerned about? Are you protecting the club from something we don’t know about?

Bob Giles – we are just trying to have a Code of Conduct on the books for the club.

Wanda Funk – If Code of Conduct is added then the By Laws have to be changed.

Louise Leister – should be “yes” to protect the club and the members

Lynda Jowers – a one time act? Need a Code of Conduct to protect the club and the members.
Lauren Reece – table the discussion. We will put it out to all the members in an email ballot.

4. One step registration and payment AND a printable membership card. Voted on and passed by the membership.

5. Get paying sponsors to off set cost of the annual calendar and fliers. Voted on and passed by the membership.

6. \$2000.00 donation to the FL Horse Park Bridge Project returned to the club with the wish that it be given to the para-drivers to attend the World Championships in the Netherlands this year. Money to stay in the FL Whips account with the other para-driver funds until drivers are selected for Team USA. Voted on and passed by membership.

7. Proceeds from the silent auction 2023. JR Drivers or Para-Drivers or split 50/50.

Discussion and voted on – 100% of funds to JR 20 votes, 100% of funds to Para 20 votes – tie broken by Janet Carswell's vote – money given to JR Driver program.

8. Youth Drivers (under 18) free membership to the FL Whips. Voted on and passed by the membership.

Volunteer of the Year – Candy Smith

Member of the Year – Karen Cherry

Linda Evans – Camp Black Prong, can't use main building for dinners, so no dinners? Or catered dinners? Possible to have it at Grand Oaks? Linda stated she had upcoming meetings at both the Grand Oaks and Black Prong and was hopeful of a decision soon.

Louise Leister – volunteered to do year end awards for Pleasure Shows.

Marsha Dowell – volunteered to do year end awards for recreational drivers that track their hours driven.

Tine Hunsicker – the FL Whips have the opportunity to do a driving demo on July 22nd at the Ocala Livestock Pavilion.

Out of time in the meeting hall. 4 PM

Bob Giles adjourned the meeting

Year End Awards given out and the silent auction was finished up.

Respectfully Submitted for approval by Janet Carswell, Secretary
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