

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE OF CLUBS
FALL 2008 MEETING
JULY 19, 2008 – TIMBERFELL LODGE

The Fall 2008 Meeting was hosted by the Tennessee Gryphons at Timberfell Lodge on July 19, 2008 in conjunction with their run, Deliverance IX.

Prior to the start of the meeting, copies of the Agenda, Treasurer's Report, Minutes from the Spring 2008 Meeting and Advertising for the Mr. SECC Leather Contest 2009 were handed out to all clubs present and also to guests.

Minutes:

There were representatives from the following SECC clubs:

CLAWS – Jeff

Code 12 Jax – Don

goLEATHER – Jim

NOBBTSC -- Danny

Renegaydes -- Jack

TN Gryphons -- Allen

Trident Knights -- Lonnie (proxy)

WNC Leathermen -- Jim

Tradesmen were present before the meeting but had to leave.

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Lonnie at 10:30AM.

Welcome by Lonnie to all clubs present. Explained that the Treasurer took ill and had to leave early. Filling in for the Officers for the meeting were Past President Danny and acting Secretary Jeff.

Lonnie started the meeting by going over the Mr. SECC Leather Contest 2009. He went over the advertisements that were handed out and the dates of the contest.

New Business:

Received a letter from the Leather Archives requesting a patch and pin from each of the clubs to be sent to them, along with a history of the club. Jerry can help with additional information on when and where to send these items. Jim added that the website has additional information and links for the Director.

Bylaws changes were discussed. Article 9 was read and discussed with the changed wording. There was a motion (made by Jeff) to change the wording to "Active Full Member" of a member club after discussion of "active members" possibly being Fellow or Associate/Affiliate. Motion to change wording to "Active FULL Member" passed – ALL in favor, none against.

A letter from the President, Jerry W. Ramsey, was read concerning the upcoming contest, and the committee meeting to be held in September, and what he expected from each of the member clubs for the contest. Danny added information about the contest along with assistance from Lonnie. If you would like to be a committee member, contact the Co-Chairmen – Jerry or Sam.

Question concerning the upcoming Spring 2009 SECC meeting. Most of the clubs should be in attendance at the contest, so – should we have the meeting at the contest, even though it isn't an actual run or hosted by a member club? The clubs in attendance were asked if they were planning on hosting the Spring meeting. NONE were planning on hosting it. Allen made a motion to hold the Spring 2009 SECC meeting at the Parliament Resort during the contest weekend. Seconded by Jack. Passed.

Run Announcements:

The Trident Knights will be holding their run at the Parliament Resort on August 21-24, 2008. Theme is “Plunder The Booty.”

ONYX will have their “Black Out 13” in Atlanta, GA on October 10-13, 2008.

Reading Railmen will have their “Leather Monopoly” Anniversary Run on October 10-12, 2008.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mention of the SECC banner and the proper protocol on how to request it for events and meetings during this time. New Officers were announced. Motion to accept made by Allen. Seconded by Jeff. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Some additions and clarifications. There are THREE clubs not shown as paid – NOBBTSC, CLAWS, and FIRST COAST LEATHER SOCIETY. Also, some minor expenses for postage have not been entered yet either. The transition between past and current Treasurer accounted for this, as the PO Boxes are still in TWO different geographic areas. The one in New Orleans is about to be closed. WNC Leathermen is still waiting for their check for yearly dues to be cashed. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report with the changes as noted was made by Jack. Seconded by Allen. Passed.

Announcements:

The first Saturday of every month is when the WNC Leathermen have their meeting in Asheville, NC. They have just been incorporated as Non-Profit.

Lonnie added that ALL clubs need to send in their updates to the SECC webmaster, in order to get their information added to the SECC website.

Southern Decadence is coming up in New Orleans, the last weekend of August. NOBBTSC is sponsoring “Bear Decadence” during that time with a beer bust, block party, contests, parade, and dance during the weekend to go along with the leather crowd. Danny discussed everything that was planned.

TN Gryphons have a Friday night bar night on the LAST Friday of every month along with a cook-out on the first Sunday of every month at the XYZ. There is a handout in the run package.

CLAWS has their monthly meetings on the first Sunday of every month. Their monthly bar/social night is held on the second Saturday of every month. They also have an upcoming Christmas event.

Greenville Renegaydes have their Pride Celebration on September 10, 2008 in South Carolina. RuPaul will be at the Pride celebration this year. The 10th Anniversary of the club will be in 2010 at Parliament resort, sometime to be decided.

GoLeather now has TWO locations – Florida and Washington, DC. They have members that are straight, gay and everything in between. They have movie nights, attend DELTA, the AIDS Walk, and lots of other events. Jim is just a mentor to them, as they DO have minimum and maximum age restrictions.

Code 12 Jax has their monthly meeting on the third Saturday of every month. Contact one of their members to find out where the next meeting will be held. Leather Socials are held monthly, and Pride is coming up.

TN Gryphons announced the upcoming events for the rest of the run, including the demos and photo restrictions. Clothing for the evening dinner is very relaxed. Dinner will NOT be held at the Lodge, but in the tent. A presentation of the colors will be tomorrow morning along with breakfast and awards.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09AM was made by Allen. Seconded by Lonnie. Passed.