

**Wash-I-Bagos State Meeting  
September 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Fran Murkowski at 1:00 PM Saturday, September 13, 2008. She then stated there was a quorum of members present. Everyone is welcome - only members of WIBs can vote on issues & we use the honor system. Fran thanked WIT General Manager Doug Formanek & wife Pat from Forest City, Iowa along with Dan & Margie Harper for being with us. The minutes from the last WIB State Mtg. were read by secretary Evie Walker. They were approved as read. Correspondence was read from Mel & Mary Genaze thanking WIB for the \$200 for the kids fund at GNR. Several thank you letters from some of the kids who received gifts were read. Andy Karlsnes then gave his treasurers report.. He said we had a total of 140 coaches this year (5 not Winnebagos) and 10 from out of state - these people had been on the Alaska caravan. The attendance was down by about 20 coaches. Our membership paid thru 2008 is 187. The balance in treasury is \$36,082.39 with about \$21,000 in bills to be paid. He thinks we will probably spend \$3 - 4K out of pocket for this rally, He urged us all to get out there and buy raffle tickets tonight! He also asked that people send in money for their extra nights when they sign up for rally. It would make the treasurers life much easier. The treasurers report was accepted. The books will be audited as soon as everything is in and accounted for from this rally.

Fran then announced that Ken Foster of Rainier Ramblers took 3rd place in nation for both the Rainier Ramblers website and the Wash-I-Bagos website. Another announcement was the news that WA State won the Beanbag Baseball Championship at GNR. We are the BEST!!!!

It was announced that the WIB Board and chapter presidents voted to sign a 3 year contract here at the fairgrounds in Lynden to lock in prices. The dates for next years rally are May 14th - 17th NWRR ----- September 17th - 20th WA State Rally.

John Pritchard spoke requesting the Parade of Games be part of the rally assignments for the clubs and be rotated as such. There was a long discussion and a motion was made and seconded and voted on to make the Parade of Games and Indoor Games one chapters responsibility and it would rotate each year like the rest of the assignments.

Next on the agenda were the "by laws" proposed changes. Joe Hesketh read the changes (copy attached) and they were approved by the membership.

There was a motion & a second to send \$200 to the GNR Children's Fund. Kathy Williams spoke and said she was against sending that much because when you consider what we send between the state and the chapters who send contributions in, and add the other states to that she figured they receive enough funds for the Children's Fund. Rita Boddy then spoke and asked Andy how we could afford to send the money when our dealers are not contributing like they used to and we are having to foot more of the bills. He assured her the \$200 would be OK. Don VanLeuven got up and said that NWRR also sends \$200 and that next year they recommend not sending any and he recommended

WIB not send any funds to GNR this year. Dan Harper then got up and said that WIT paid out \$35,000 more than they received for the kids funds. It goes for buses, parks, activities for the kids while at GNR. George Braun stated he felt it was like a "babysitting service" for the parents or grandparents that bring their kids. Most felt the parents or grandparents could well afford to pay for the kids activities themselves. Three separate votes were held. A count of hands, people standing, and then a paper vote was taken and it was decided we would not send the \$200 to GNR this year. The vote was 75 - no and 53 - yes.

Fran urged everyone to sign the card for Clara Gangl. She also said the voting time on the theme for next year would be until 3PM today.

Fran turned the meeting over to nominating committee members Norm Savage, Jack Orr and Don VanLeuven for the election of 2009 officers.

Helen Hesketh was nominated and there were 3 calls for nominations from the floor. There were none - everyone voted unanimously for her to be elected. The same was done for Secretary - LaDean Stice, 2nd VP - Julia Braun, 1st VP - Tom Atkinson, President - Bob Williams. Dan Harper then swore in the new officers and general mgr. of Winnebago, Doug Formanek, congratulated everyone. The outgoing officers were then thanked.

The meeting was adjourned at 2PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evie Walker  
WIB Secretary.