

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL
WITH COMMITTEES FROM SAN ANTONIO CIVIC CLUBS, HELD AT A LUNCHEON
IN THE PINK ROOM, GUNTER HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, at 12:15,
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1st, 1923.

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1. Mr. Wimer, Chairman of the Executive Board, presided at the meeting.
2. All members of the Executive Board were present including Kenneth Wimer, Leon N. Walthall, Percy Tyrrell and Harrel B. Ayres.
3. The various civic clubs had been asked to send delegates and they were represented as follows: Rotary, R. C. Jones, Frank M. Lewis, Herbert J. Hayes, and Porter Loring; Auto Trades, Frank Orr; Kiwanis, H. A. Hirschberg and W. H. Hearne; Conopus, C. F. Wroten and Philip Caldwell; Lions Club, Dr. J. H. Reegen, Carl Wright Johnson, E. D. Henry and Frank E. Beatty; Chamber of Commerce, W. H. Fuzlong and Tom Etheridge, Jr.; Real Estate Board, N. S. Dickinson, R. W. Patton and P. E. Gregg; N. H. White and O. C. Hammon; A. A. Clarke and Werner N. Beckman, OST members.
4. During the luncheon, Mr. Wimer explained why the leaders of the various organizations had been asked to come with their delegates. He explained how this organization had been existing the past four years, and told of the real efforts which had been made, and of the unselfish interest the Managing Director had shown, and called attention to the fact that the organization was not financially able to carry on this work without the proper support of the cities along the Trail. Mr. Wimer told of the efforts made by the civic organizations in other sections, and how they had done their part, and asked that the civic clubs of San Antonio get behind this work and do their part.
5. Mr. Ayres explained that this work was a civic and not a personal organization. He took up where Mr. Wimer left off in telling how the country towns had come across, where the cities had dropped behind. Mr. Ayres explained that if Headquarters city did not support the organization we could not expect support from other cities. He spoke of the letters and inquiries received daily from all parts of the United States, to show what the Old Spanish Trail really meant to the people. Mr. Ayres called attention to the recognition on the war map, and that San Antonio had not done its part. He urged each of them to inquire into the business management, and after inquiring if they thought they should support it, then to go back and put San Antonio back of it.
6. Mr. Dickinson was asked to talk on what he had heard on the road. He mentioned the roads in Colorado and Wyoming and said the people were behind them. He said the roads through West Texas were so poor that he would never encourage anyone to travel them, even though he would like to boost Texas and San Antonio. Said tourists were dropping down from the North and if San Antonio had bid for tourist travel, she would not have gotten as much as could be gotten if the road question was solved.