



**Indian River County Airboat Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes –Marsh Landing Fellsmere, FL**

Meeting Minutes

January 28th, 2015- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 31 members were present

Minutes: Sam Smith- Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as stated in the newsletter sent on December 11, 2014 to each member via email or postal mail and can also be accessed via the website. Steve Van Antwerp made the motion to accept the minutes and Robert Anderson seconded it.

Treasurer: Heather Holbrook- Presented the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Kernie Fuller and seconded by Bill Olexa.

Old Business:

➤ **Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the Yeti Cooler winner Young -Merrick, he was very excited to win it and he had purchased his tickets at the Frog Leg Festival. Also Christy Curtis won the Browning A-5. You can see pictures of both winners on the gallery page of our website under raffle winners.

➤ **Reminder**

If you have not already paid your yearly membership dues, they are due now so after this month you will no longer be receiving text messages or emails about the club. Also don't forget that the monthly meetings are now on the 4th Wednesday of the Month at Marsh Landing.

➤ **Events**

We have been very busy since the last meeting at the beginning of December. Events attended were:

- 🚩 **Vero Beach Christmas Parade-** We had about 10 boats attend that were all decked out in Christmas Lights, it was a great time.

- ✚ **Santa Comes to Town (Fellsmere)**- Our Club decorated City Hall and left it up till after Christmas for all to see and enjoy. Santa arrived by Airboat to greet about 200 kids who were eager to talk to him and receive a goodie bag. The Fellsmere Beautification committee also served cookies and hot cocoa; it was a great time for all involved.
- ✚ **Club Holiday Dinner @ Blue Cypress** – We had our annual Club Holiday dinner at Blue Cypress. Paul cooked and everyone brought side dishes, it was a great time as always.
- ✚ **Big Gator Shootout** – Everyone had a great time
- ✚ **Youth Buck Hunt @ Grassy** – We had 5 kids attend and harvested 4 Bucks and 3 Hogs. It was a great hunt.
- ✚ **Club Ride North St Johns/NAADR Airboat Racing**- There was about 15 boats that attended and everyone had a great ride.
- ✚ **Fellsmere Frogleg Festival**- We debuted our Golf Cart Raffle at the Frog Leg Festival and it was a big hit everyone loved it and couldn't wait to purchase tickets for it. We had live Frog catching for the Kids and they had a great time then on Sunday we had our annual Frog Hop. It was a great time!
- ✚ **FAA Quarterly Meeting** – Sam is the only one who went to it and said that it was supposed to be a 2 hour meeting but ended up being a 5 hour meeting because of some issues that we are facing here in our marshes.

New Business:

➤ **Officer & Board Nominations**

Ballots have been printed; the officers were voted on first and after the results came in from that vote the ones that were not selected to take office were put on the ballot for board members. There was only one vote per membership and below are the results of the January 28th 2015 election.

- President- Chad Smalley
- V. President- Sam Smith
- Secretary – Brae Anderson
- Treasurer- Heather Holbrook
- Board Member- Doug Flood
- Board Member- Robert Anderson
- Board Member – Paul Shutes
- Board Member- Jeff Lessara
- Board Member- Justin Hearl
- Board Member – Justin Smalley
- Historian- Mike Herndon
- Photographer- Paige Anderson
- Sgt. Of Arms- None Elected

➤ **New Members/Renewals**

We had 2 new Club Members David Skipp “Skyler” and Kristi Campbell. Thank you for your support and Welcome to our Fantastic Club.

➤ **Club Fun**

Saturday March 7th- We will be having our 1st Airboat & Poker Run of 2015 in the East Marsh at Summer Camp from 9:00am till everyone leaves. Each Rodeo entry & Poker Hand will be \$5.00 each and the payouts are at 100%. The Club will be providing lunch, and once we decide what

meat we are having I will post it on Facebook and our website, everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish. We are also inviting the Osceola Airboat Club to our event so we hope to see a lot of people there.

➤ **Upcoming Events**

January 31st - 2nd Annual Speck Fishing Tournament/Fish Fry- Entry fee is \$25.00 per person which includes lunch. There are 2 categories this year, Biggest Fish and Total Weight (3 biggest fish) both payouts are 40% each and the other 20% is going towards paying for lunch which is Fried Catfish, Collard Greens, Cheese Grits and hushpuppies. We hope to see everyone there.

January 31st we will also be at the Wild game Feast- Paul and I are the only ones who signed up to work it.

February 6-7-8th Black Water Creek Hog Hunt- Robert & Doug are the hunt Masters on this hunt and Doug & Michelle will be cooking

February 18th - Southern Recreational Public Meeting (Wrac) will be held in the St. Johns River Water Management District's Palm Bay Service Center, 525 Community College Parkway, S.E., Palm Bay, FL, Blue Cypress Room. We would like to see a lot of club members there.

February 21st - KRVSA Freedom Ride- It's a great time with a lot of Airboats, you must attend to see how awesome this event is.

February 28th - March 1st - Grant Seafood Festival- We will be at the Grant Seafood Festival with the Golf Cart and we are hoping we will be very busy with Golf Cart sales so we will need all the help we can get.

March 1st - Fellsmere Cracker Day Rodeo- We will have the club trailer there

➤ **New Raffle Items**

Sam asked for a motion to purchase another **Cooler** to raffle off but instead of doing another Yeti Jeff Lessara said he could get us an Engel cooler with a Camo cushion at his cost. Sindy Smith made a motion to spend up to \$400.00 for a new cooler and it was seconded by Robert Anderson, a show of hands were in favor motion passed.

Sam also made a motion to spend up to \$450.00 to purchase a Cheap Gun (Savage 22 with Scope), it was seconded by Robert Anderson, a show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **2015 Scholarship**

It is that time again, every year our club gives away a \$1,000.00 dollar College Scholarship to one lucky winner. Applications are available online through our website www.indianriverairboat.com and at our monthly meetings, application MUST be turned in by the April meeting and the winner will be announced at the May meeting.

➤ **Club Product**

A motion was made by Sam Smith to lower the club product to cost because they are not selling any and it's really about PR and getting our name out there. It was seconded by Sindy Smith, a show of hands were in favor motion passed. Prices will be decided by the Board.

➤ **Meeting Door Prizes**

You MUST be present at the end of the meeting to win. This meeting we gave everyone a number when they walked in and at the end of the meeting Mya pulled a number. The winner won a package which included a T-Shirt, Tumbler, Koozie and Umbrella and after 3 attempts Mya (Sindy Smith) was the winner. We will have some type of door prize at every meeting so come join in on the fun.

➤ **Club Meeting Pot**

We started the pot with \$100.00, at the last meeting we collected \$25.00 from members so the new pot will be \$125.00 plus whatever we collect at the next meeting. We did not select a winner at the last meeting because the rules changed a little bit. New Rules are, In order to win you MUST have attended 2 consecutive meetings.

➤ **Open Discussion**

Sam & Chad- Met with Fellsmere City Manager Jason Nunemaker about the Changes taking place in Fellsmere with the housing developments along the Marshes and said that he will be coming to speak to the club at the next meeting in February to discuss how it's going to affect Airboaters so they have advised anyone who enjoys riding in the Marshes to be at the next meeting.

Sam- Notified the club that the Okeechobee Club may be dissolving and that we should join their club and start attending their meetings as well so that it does not happen because they have always supported us.

Chad- He would like to see us running the Sugar Mill marsh to get some trails made so that we can request a platform be put out there for cookouts.

Sam- Requested that anyone who goes out to the East marsh to please take a trash bag and clean up the horse shoe because it's a reflection on Airboaters.

➤ **Next club meeting:**

Again the next club meeting is Wednesday February 25th, 2015 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there.

Meeting Adjourned

2015 Meeting Dates – 4th Wednesday of the month

January 28th

February 25th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 23rd (Monday)

December 30th