



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

Meeting Minutes

February 25th, 2015- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 29 members were present

Minutes: Chad Smalley- Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as stated in the newsletter sent on February 18, 2015 to each member via email or postal mail and can also be accessed via the website. Sam Adams made the motion to accept the minutes and Jim Smalley seconded it.

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

Old Business:

➤ **Membership Dues**

Last reminder, If you have not already paid your yearly membership dues, they are now past due so you will no longer be receive club correspondence's.

➤ **Events Attended**

We have attended 3 shows, 1 youth hunt and 1 Club activity since the last meeting.

- **Wild Game Feast-** Paul and I worked the booth at this event and were able to sample all the delicious food that everyone cooked. It was a great turnout and we sold raffle tickets for the new Golf Cart

- ✚ **Military Expos & Gun Show**- Several club members worked the club trailer at this event, it was a great time and although we didn't make much money at this event it opened doors for us for additional activities.
- ✚ **Black Water Creek Youth Hunt** – Robert and Doug shared Hunt Master duties at this hunt and Doug & Michele cooked for it. We had 5 Youth on this hunt, Hanna, Cassidy, Joseph, Joshua and William, they all had a great time and 3 out of 5 harvested their first ever hogs so they were very excited. We need to give a big Thanks to JP Griffin for all his hard work getting the property together and the Landowners for allowing us to continue to use their beautiful land.
- ✚ **2nd Annual Spec Fishing Tournament/ Fish Fry** – Each year it gets bigger, this year we had 73 entries at \$25.00 per person about 150 total show up. We had 2 paying categories - Biggest Fish @ 40% and Total overall Weight (3 biggest fish) 40%. **Jay Griffin** won biggest fish receiving \$700.00 cash and 14 year old **Logan LeMay** won total weight receiving \$700.00 cash. The other 20% went towards the food for the fish fry. Nick Kramer, Doug Flood & Michelle Flood cooked the Fish, Hushpuppies, Cheese Grits, and Collard greens. Everyone had a great time and we had people who were not in the tournament come to eat so they paid \$10.00 a plate and we are planning on using that money to purchase a Speck Fishing Tournament Plaque with names of each year's winners on it to hang up at Marsh Landing when she gets our wall in the banquet room ready. "Check out the Article in the Newest Airboating Magazine"

New Business:

➤ **New Members/Renewals**

We had 4 new Club Members - Casey Passmore, Alvin Moore, Danny Findlay & Bobby Lathero. Thank you for your support and Welcome to our Awesome Club.

➤ **Guest Speaker**

We gladly welcomed Fellsmere City Manager Jason R Nunemaker who came to talk to us about the annexations taking place along our Marshes. Jason opened by thanking the club for inviting him to the meeting and handing out pins with the new Fellsmere logo which has an airboat on it and said that Fellsmere is an airboat friendly city.

He also said that they are very focused on tourism and that the new 86 acre **Fellsmere Preserve** is an active entrance to the Buffer reserve and will have a welcome center, playground, and equestrian center to take your horses to and it will bring opportunities for Businesses as well.

He Brought a City Map outlined with all the Changes that will eventually be taking place along the Marshes. **Fellmere Joint Ventures** is focusing on utilizing our natural resources; it's a 19,000 acre Fishing preserve with a boat ramp. It runs West Fellsmere all the way to Brevard County.

Sam Smith asked what this means for Airboater's and Jason said that with any housing development there are buffers put in place between preservation and, conservation and developments so they can't build right up to Conservation area without buffers. Sam also mentioned the addition a notation in the property deed that would raise awareness of the noise from airboat as they do when purchasing property around an airport. Jason commented on that suggestion and will advise the committee of said statement. He said that if we want our voices heard that our club needs to be attending the City & County Council meetings regularly because if we don't show up you will get run over.

Jason stated that our worst nightmare is going to be 512 North of 60 and that we (IRCAA) are going to need to request an actual Boat Ramp on the East side of the marsh from the City and

County (it's an unincorporated area) and he said that they have a good rapport with St Johns and he will be glad to help us out with it.

➤ **Upcoming Events**

- **March 7th** - IRCAA's Airboat Rodeo & Poker Run (Summer Camp) East Marsh
- **March 13th - 22nd** - Firefighters Fair- We really could use some help & Airboats to display
- **March 14th** - Pelican Wildlife Festival
- **March 21st & 22nd** -Broward Airboat Show

➤ **2015 Scholarship**

Every year our club gives away One \$1,000.00 Scholarship and it is that time again, applications are due by April 22nd. Jim Smalley made a motion to give away Two \$1,000.00 scholarships this year, It was seconded by Bill Arant. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed. Recipients must show proof that they are enrolled in College before they are awarded the money. The money will remain in the Clubs Savings account until then.

➤ **Airboat Show & Hill Races- With Patriot Productions**

We are working with Mike Strickland @ Patriot Productions to put on a Joint show at the IRC Fairgrounds on January 9th, 2016. With a Concert, Hill Races with (NAADR), Airboat & Buggy Show, etc. This is all talk right now and we will let you know once everything is confirmed.

➤ **4H Auction**

Open discussion on whether we were going to purchase another 4H hog this year. Last year our cap was 4.50lb and we spent \$1,225.50. A motion was made by Sam Smith to spend up to 4.50lb again. It was seconded by Dwayne Curry, a Show of were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **4H Sponsorship**

We received another letter from 4H requesting us to sponsor another Belt Buckle or Trophy. Last Year we sponsored a Belt Buckle for Steer Grooming. A Motion was made by Bill Arant for us to sponsor a Belt Buckle, Robert Anderson amended that motion and requested that we sponsor a Belt Buckle and Trophy for \$225.00, Bill Arant seconded the amended motion. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **Buyers Letter**

8yr old Zackery Holbrook wrote the club a buyers letter requesting that the club tries to purchase his Swine "Boss Hog" he currently weighs 201lbs and he is hoping that it weighs 290 by the show. His show date is March 15th @ 3:00pm.

➤ **Letter from Katie Flood**

Katie Flood sent a letter to Chad asking the club for a donation to help send her Nephew to Carnegie Hall to sing (he has to raise \$1,800.00). Open discussion was against giving a donation because the person making the request didn't show up to the meeting to present it or request it, but a motion was made Sam Smith for Katie to put her GoFundMe web page on our Facebook page to try and get donation. It was seconded by Robert Anderson a show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **Chamber of Commerce Renewal**

Chuck Roberts made a motion for us to renew our Membership to the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce for \$290.00 and it was seconded by Bill Olexa. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **Meeting Door Prizes**

You MUST be present at the end of the meeting to win. This meeting we gave away 5 Tickets for the Golf Cart and 7 tickets for the Cooler. The Winner was Sam Adams.

➤ **Club Meeting Pot**

We started the pot with \$125.00, at the last meeting we collected \$22.00 from members so the new pot was \$147.00. The winner was Bud Roode but because he was NOT present at the meeting so the pot will roll over till next month meeting.

➤ **Open Discussion**

Robert Anderson opened the floor by letting everyone know that FWC is doing another Youth Hunt Master Class on March 13th- 14th & 15th at Corbitt Youth Camp in West Palm Beach if anyone is interested in taking the class please get with Robert so he can get your names in.

➤ **Next club meeting:**

Again the next club meeting is Wednesday March 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

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 23rd (Monday)

December 30th