



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

Meeting Minutes

March 25th, 2015- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 24 members were present

Minutes: Chad Smalley- Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as stated in the newsletter sent on March 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 Mike Lally.

Old Business:

➤ **50/50**

This month's winner was Sindy Smith winning \$29.00. Since there were not many tickets sold the payout was 100%.

➤ **Events Attended**

We have attended 5 shows' and 1 Club activity since the last meeting.

- ✚ **Grant Seafood Festival-** The Grant Seafood Festival was good but unfortunately it Rained on us both days so we did not do as good as we thought we would
- ✚ **Fellsmere Cracker Day Rodeo-** Heather, Paige and Chad worked this local event and said they had a good time, they had the trailer, gun and Cooler there.
- ✚ **IRC Firefighters Fair –** We were at the Fair for 7 days with the Golf Cart and didn't do too bad with it. We had about 6 Boats too display for people to look at. We also did a \$150.00 4H-Belt Buckle sponsor and purchased a 4-H hog, it was a good time for all involved.
- ✚ **Pelican Island Refuge-** Chad and Robert went to this event to promote the Youth Hunting program and they took the Golf Cart and did very well selling tickets. We almost didn't get into the event because the woman in charge told Chad that we were not allowed to Raffle anything anymore because people complained that we were raffling a gun last time we attended the Wildlife Conservation event. Chad told her well that's funny because we sold a record number of tickets for it and that we are also a big part

of the Conservation equation. He then asked her who was upset with us and she told him the vendors. She then told Chad to take it up with Stevie Massey so he called Stevie and Steve said that this was the first he's heard anything about a single complaint and for us not to worry about it.

✚ **Broward Airboat Show**- Chad went to this event, he said he had a great time but that it was unfortunately very slow because there were at least 4 different events that same weekend.

✚ **IRCAA Airboat Rodeo & Poker Run** – We had an awesome turnout considering the Gloomy Weather there were about 45-50 boats and about 130 people total in attendance. Everyone went for a Club ride in the morning before everything started since it was too windy to put the Poker cards out. Poker Hands were \$5.00 a piece, and each Rodeo entry was \$5.00 each, we also sold 50/50 tickets. Winners of the Poker Hand and events were Scott & Barbie Vereen winning \$290.00 with a Straight. Neil Schneider won \$55.00 @ Pole Bending, Robert Anderson won \$60.00 @ Barrel Racing and Donnie Flood won \$25.00 @ Frog Giggling and again Sam Smith won 50/50. It was a great time and we are looking forward to the next one.

New Business:

➤ **New Members/Renewals**

We had 4 new Club Members – Dwayne Spreeger; Ryan Spence; Shawn & Mary Hixon & Rusty Cooper. Thank you for your support and Welcome to our Club.

➤ **Upcoming Events**

- **March 28th**- 1st Annual Swamp Cabbage Festival in Keenansville – Chad Smalley and Bill Olexa are going but anyone else is welcome to go and help out or just go and enjoy the food and entertainment
- **April 4th** - -- Fellsmere Day & Parade starting at 10:00am, we need club members to pull their Airboats in the Parade and hand out candy to the Kids.
- **April 10- 12th**- Club Camp Out on Lake Kissimmee (Milk Bus)- We are camping out Friday & Saturday. In the morning on Saturday we will be helping out at the KRVSA Cleanup having some BBQ after the clean-up then going riding. Saturday night the club is providing the meat for dinner and everyone is encouraged to Please bring a side dish.
- **April 11th**- KRVSA Camp Clean-Up & BBQ – @Shady Oaks (Coleman Landing) They will be giving the Raffle Boat away that day so it's a great time to get your tickets if you haven't already.
- **April 17th- 19th**- Youth Turkey Hunt in Istapoga, Doug Flood is the Huntmaster, Michele is the Cook, Sam Smith is Guide Coordinator and Sam asked the club if they know of any experienced Turkey Hunters who would like to guide. Bill Olexa volunteered his time and if anyone else is interested please get with Sam Smith.
- **April 25th** – We will be having our annual Marsh / Road clean-up at Garcia's from 8:00am- Noon, Lunch will be at 12:30 after the clean-up. Paul will be cooking the meat for lunch and everyone is asked to bring a side dish, we will be passing around a sign- up sheet at the next meeting.

➤ **2015 Scholarship**

Scholarships are due by next meeting April 22nd, the Winner will be drawn at the May Meeting, as a reminder we are giving away 2 \$1,000.00 scholarships to 2 deserving people.

➤ **Lake George Weekend**

We usually do our Lake George event the first weekend in August but because of Thunder on the Loup we have moved it to July 24th- 25th- & 26th- So get your rooms booked because they are going fast.

➤ **Fellsmere Day**

Sindy Smith made a motion for us to spend up to \$150.00 to purchase candy to give to the kids at the Fellsmere Day/ Parade, it was seconded by Jim Smalley. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **Logo Table Cloths**

Chad opened the floor for discussion on purchasing 3 Hunter Green table cloths with our logo in White for the tables at events because it more professional looking and because it's not always visible on the club trailer. We were going to table it till next month because we did not have all the information on the cost but Jim Smalley so graciously stepped up said we was going to purchase them for the club. A show of hands, were in favor of Jim Smalley buying them. Paul will get all the purchase information to Jim.

➤ **Golf Tournament**

Applications are available for our 2nd Annual Youth Hunt Golf Tournament Fundraiser on our website and you can pick them up at any event or meeting. The Tournament is on July 11th, 2015 and the proceeds go to the Youth Hunt Program to stock the trailer with supplies, purchase hunting materials and pay for Youth Hunters who cannot afford to pay the \$75.00 to hunt. The Application is for Business Hole Sponsors @\$50.00 and players @ \$50.00 per person and it's a Foursome format just like last year. It's going to be a lot of fun.

➤ **Meeting Door Prizes**

You MUST be present at the end of the meeting to win. This meeting we gave away our Buyers basket from the 4H auction and the winner was Ryan Worthen.

➤ **Club Meeting Pot**

We started the pot with \$147.00 which rolled over from the last meeting and we collected \$19.00 from members this month making the new pot \$166.00. The winner was JC & Dee Scarborough but because they were NOT present at the meeting the pot will roll over till next months' meeting. Remember that in order to win you must have attended 2 consecutive meetings and put your Dollar in the pot.

➤ **Open Discussion**

Sam Adams- Opened the floor with the issue we were having with the Pelican Wildlife Festival. He said that next time we are given a hard time that we need to tell them to read the Pitman-Robinson Federal Aid in Wildlife restoration Act, because without the tax from Gun, Ammunition, Bow & Arrow (hunting supply) sales they would not have the funding.

Sam Smith- also said that we are going to set up a class for people to get their Hunter Safety Certifications so if anyone is interested in being certified please get with Sam or Robert so we can get FWC the names and set a date or the training.

➤ **Next club meeting:**

Again the next club meeting is Wednesday April 22nd, 2015 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there.

Meeting Adjourned