



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

## Meeting Minutes

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 30club members were present

**Minutes:** Chad Smalley- Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as stated in the newsletter sent on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to each member via email or postal mail and can also be accessed via the website. Paul Shutes 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 Bill Olexa and seconded by Shane Stoneham.

### Old Business:

➤ **50/50**

This month's 50/50 was \$59.00 and the winner was Jim Smalley winning \$30.00, the other \$29.00 went to the club.

### **Events Attended**

We have attended 1 Event, 1 Wrac Meeting & 1 Club activity since the last meeting.

- ✚ **IRCAA Clean-up /Sweep Up-** We had a great time at this event. We had at one point over 60 boats there. Lots of riding, food and everyone is asking when we are going to have another one. Sam suggested that we do 2 a year and the next one be the beginning of September (possible combine it with our Rodeo). Please let us know of a date that you would like to do it in September.

- ✚ **Down Town Friday- June 26<sup>th</sup>** - It was slow but everyone had a great time

➤ **WRAC Meeting**

FWC started the meeting off by talking about the Sand Lake Track hog hunts that our club will be doing. They also showed where all the Plugs were they have put in which is pushing water to the center of the marsh. They also mentioned that they have been weeding out the Willows from 3 forks running South and that they are spraying and burning the Sugar Mill. FWC has also put out 600 fishing tractors made of PVC all over the stick marsh with Buoys attached to them and they will also be putting some in over at Blue Cypress Lake but were not certain on the date. Jeff mentioned that there was only one guy doing the tractors and he was asking for help so maybe

our club could offer to help once he starts Blue Cypress. Paul also asked them about putting a storm shelter between Garcia's and the Sugar Mill and they said that will look into it. Sam also told them that the Storm Shelter a Garcia's was in bad shape and needed worked on and the platform at Summer Camp also needed work.

➤ **2015 Scholarship**

The 2 \$1,000.00 Scholarship winners were Amanda Forbing and Hanna Kramer. They will be attending the next meeting so that we can present them with their checks and take their photo for the Website.

➤ **2016 Airboat/ Buggy Show & Hill Races sponsored by Patriot Productions**

Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is the planned date for the event, however we are still waiting on the County to tell us if we are a go for the Races and once we have the go ahead we will get all the information out there. We will be giving the Golf Cart away on that day as well so get your tickets if you haven't bought them yet.

➤ **4<sup>th</sup> of July Float Work Days**

We will be having our work days for the Float at Kernie Fullers house in Roseland on Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> (after work) 4:00pm till Dark. We need help at the Booth and putting the float together so please volunteer to help out. "Youth Hunting cabin/Camping Theme. We have 95 club members and it always seems like a very select few ever help. We need people to pull their Decorated Airboats in the parade & Buggies (buggies MUST be driven by a Licensed Driver no kids at the wheel). There were complaints last year about it.

**New Business:**

➤ **New Members/Renewals**

We had 1 New Club Members this month, please welcome Brad Maes of Okeechobee. We thank you for your support.

➤ **Upcoming Events**

- **June 26<sup>th</sup>**- Downtown Friday in Historic Down Town Vero Beach. We will be taking the Golf Cart
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>**- **Parade and festival in the park**- We will be doing a parade float again this year and we are sticking with the Youth Hunting Theme, the work dates will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kernie's house.
- **July 11<sup>th</sup>**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Benefit for the Youth Hunting Program- Volunteers needed
- **July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**- FAA Quarterly Meeting 7:00 @ golden corral in Okeechobee & Unity Banquet is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm \$25.00 dinner Plates need to be purchased in advance.
- **July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**- Lake George Weekend
- **July 31<sup>st</sup>** – Down Town Friday in Vero Beach

➤ **Motion to donate \$100.00 to Earl Stidham**

Earl is a long time club member and former President of the Osceola Airboat Association and unfortunately his wife Bess passed away so we are asking for a donation to send to him in honor of his wife. Jeff Lessara made a motion to give \$100.00 and Sindy Smith seconded it. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

➤ **Bull Dozer Camp Restoration Donation**

A motion was made to make a \$500.00 donation to the BCAA for the Bull Dozer Camp restorations by Jeff Lessara and it was seconded by Eric Holbrook, a show of hands were in favor motion passes. I spoke with Tammy BCAA Secretary and they made a work date of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I explained to her that we had a BIG Golf Tournament on that date and unfortunately we

would not be able to help but to please let us know in advance what the next work date it going to be.

➤ **2017 Airboat**

We have been approached about doing the next airboat. We brought it up at the meeting but everyone wanted to think on it so we tabled it next month's meeting.

➤ **Club Survey Results**

I sent out a total of 126 surveys and only received 25 back and got 6 membership renewals from it as well. Below are the results.

Questions	126 Surveys Sent	Rcvd 6 Renewals	25 Surveys rcvd back
<b>1) IRCAA is Headed in the Right Direction with the god of the club in mind</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
1	2	7	15
<b>2) Large Raffle Items are a great opportunity to raise funds for IRCAA</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
1	2	9	13
<b>3) Club member Participation is important for all club functions</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
	1	10	12
<b>4) There is am appropriate balance between fun events and Promo events</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
1	2	16	6
<b>5) Club decisions on spending v/s saving is for the good of the club</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
1	2	11	11
<b>6 A) One Hour Meetings</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
	3	13	8
<b>6 B) Incentives</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
	2	13	9
<b>6 C) Attendance Pot</b>			
Strongly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied
	2	12	9

➤ **Open Discussion**

**Chris-** He said that he heard from a reliable source that the Shrimp Farm is Dumping Millions of gallons of salt water into the East Marsh Canal! He would like to find out if anyone can do a test of the water because it will kill the Vegetation and fish. If anyone has any suggestions on how to get the water tested please let me know.

**John -**From the Indian River Bass Association was asking us if we are having any issues with the Tour Boats? Are they affecting us being able to load and unload at the boat ramp, or with fishing & frogging? He said that he has been fishing and frogging in Garcia's since they opened and he and others have noticed a huge decline in fishing and he believes that it is due to all the Tour Boats tearing up the vegetation and fish beds and causing the water to be very dirty. Sam personally was concerned about the issue for fear they would close it to all recreational airboating but he now knows that they are not blaming the recreational airboaters. Several people said that the property was put there for recreational use for everyone to use but that does not seem to be the case lately because of all the tour boats making money off the public land and something needs to be done before someone gets hurt due to all the traffic out there.

➤ **Club Meeting Pot**

We started the pot with \$218.00 which rolled over from the last meeting and we collected \$25.00 from members this month making the new pot \$243.00. The winner was Ryan Canady however, because he was NOT present at the meeting the pot will roll over till next month. Remember that in order to win you must have attended 2 consecutive meetings.

➤ **Next club meeting:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned**