



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

Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 2015- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 43 club members were present

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

Treasurer: Heather Holbrook- (Heather was not present due to having Surgery). Sam read the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Bill Olexa seconded by Jim Smalley.

Old Business:

- **50/50-** This month's 50/50 was \$72.00 and the winner was Sindy Smith winning \$36.00. The other \$36.00 went to the club.
- **Guest Speaker-** Hiram with Allstate Insurance came to the meeting with applications and information on Airboater's Insurance. If you were not there and are interested in getting insurance for your Airboat please call him at (321)-288-2604. They also gave everyone an entry slip for a chance to win a \$25.00 gift card to Bass pro and the winner was none other than Chad Smalley.
- **Events Attended**
We have attended 1 Event since the last meeting.
 - ✚ **Lake George Weekend**
Everyone had a great time as usual There were roughly 60-80 boats there. The company was great, the food was awesome and it went off with no incidents this year which is a good thing. Everyone is looking forward to next year.
- **Raffle Gun & Cooler**
We now have tickets available for sale on the Yeti 30qt (Hopper) Bag \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00 it will be given away at the Frog Leg Festival and the Gun Package Browning X-bolt medallion 308 package, with a Vx3x9x40 Leupold Scope, sling & case a \$2,500.00 value for \$25.00 per ticket (only 250 available) it will be given away once all the tickets are sold. If you are interested in any tickets you can contact any of the board members or pick them up at any of our events.

- **2016 2nd Annual Moose Lodge Appreciation Banquet**
We will be having our 2nd annual appreciation banquet dinner event at the Moose Lodge on January 9, 2016. We will be giving away the golf cart as well, all other details will be talked about at the next meeting (Door prizes, entrance fee, times, food, etc
- **2016 Airboat**
We have been approached about doing the next airboat, however Sam Smith said that FAA wanted to do the next airboat so Jeff Wilson made a motion for Sam to talk it over with the FAA officers and board and let us know what their plans are, it was seconded by Jim Smalley. Sam will provide us with details at the next meeting and we will make a decision at that time. If you have any input on the matter please make sure that you make the next meeting. If we go ahead with the airboat we will need a lot of help getting donations for it and working the events once it is done.
- **Restocking the Trailer**
Paul, Doug & Paige will be working on restocking the trailer. If there is anything you would like to see in there please let us know.

New Business:

- **New Members/Renewals-** We had no new members this month
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **IRCAA Hunter Safety Certification Training-** Saturday August 22nd Joanne from FWC is coming to Marsh Landing to train some of our club members to become hunter safety Instructors so if you are interested please contact Paige to reserve your spot.
 - **Sand Lake Tract Hog Hunt-** September 4-5-6th in Fellsmere, the huntmaster is Bill Olexa
 - **Airboat Rodeo/Clean-Up-** Saturday September 12th we will be having our last Rodeo & clean-up for 2015, we hope to see everyone there.
 - **Kissimmee Cattleman's Ranch Rodeo- September 25th & 26th** @ the Silver Spur Arena in Kissimmee. Chad & Nick will be cooking in the cook-off for the club again and we will be taking the Golf Cart there so if you can help out it would be greatly appreciated.
 - **FAA Quarterly Meeting** – Saturday October 10th from 10am-2pm at Fatboy's BBQ @ 2912 13th St Saint Cloud, FL 34769 – Nominations will be taking place so everyone should be there.
 - **WRAC Meeting-** Thursday October 15th 6:00pm-8:00pm @ the Brevard County Commission Chambers Building- 2725 Judge Fran Jamison Way Viera, FL.
 - **Octoberfest – Saturday October 24th**- Indian River Fairgrounds- We will have a booth at this event so come check us out. This is an all-day event so we will need a lot of help. Please come to the next meeting or contact me at 772-532-8425 to sign up. There will be beer, food, concerts, bonfire, and I believe the entrance fee is only \$3.00, and kids 10 and under are free.
- **Cattleman's Rodeo-** Chad Smalley asked for a motion to spend up to \$300.00 (which is the amount they won last year) to purchase supplies for the Cattleman's Cook-off and the \$100.00 entry fee. Mark Besancon made a motion and Robert Anderson seconded it. A show of hands, were in favor motion passed.
- **Open Discussion**
Earl Stidham- As everyone knows Earl lost his wife Bess of Many Years, the club made a motion to donate \$100.00 to a cause for his wife. He came to the meeting and thanked the club for the generous donation and held a picture collage of his wife with tears in is eyes. He asked us to

send the money to St Jude's because this program was very dear to his wife and he wanted to let us know that he will be writing a story in the Airboating Magazine and Marsh Rider Magazine.

Chad Smalley- Chad opened the floor to talk about a very bad decision he made because he thought they were in the Marsh alone but St. Johns Security was out there watching the site and caught them on the Levy. He apologized for his actions and is asking for a month to straighten it out. He said that you may have heard some rumors and that was his fault for not communicating with his board about wanting a change to make it right. The floor was opened up for opinions from the club members. Everyone including Chad worked hard to get us the Sand Lake Tract property to use for Youth Hunts and that one incident almost got it taken away from us but thanks to Robert Anderson and FWC we were able to keep the property by assuring them that this was the action on one person and it will NOT reflect on the Youth Hunts.

Bill Olexa said that "we are ambassadors and feels Chad should step aside as president until things cool off because we all need to set examples and lead. We are now on a teeter totter and shouldn't have to be". **Jeff Wilson** asked Chad if he knew he was not supposed to be in there and chads answer was yes and said I am just lucky that they did not have it posted. Chad admitted that what he did was wrong and said that we all realize people make mistakes. The Board wants to get behind our president on this and give him the chance to make it right. **Chris Worthen**, we have all made mistakes in the Marsh, Chad is a great man and I stand behind him 100% because he has been good for this club.

John Beachenhall- John President of the Brevard County Airboat Association came to the meeting to thank us very much for our \$500.00 donation for the Bull Dozer Camp restorations where they just had a wounded warrior gator hunt. He also asked for help with the Haunted Airboat Ride @(Camp Holly). He said that the program has gotten so big that they need anyone who has a 6 seater boat who is willing to dress in costume and take people on the tour to please call him (321) 863-7739.

Sarah Flood- Sarah wanted to thank the club for her \$500.00 donation for the sponsorship money, I appreciate your support and proudly sent a photo around of her band.

Club Meeting Pot

We started the pot with \$265.00 which rolled over from the last meeting and we collected \$19.00 from members this month making the new pot \$284.00. The winner was Donnie Flood 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 September 23rd, 2015 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there.

Meeting Adjourned