



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

## Meeting Minutes

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 20 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 October 21st, 2015 to each member via email or postal mail and can also be accessed via the website. Sindy Smith made the motion to accept the minutes and Heather Holbrook seconded it.

**Treasurer:** Heather Holbrook- Read the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Bill Olexa and Steve VanAnthwarp seconded it.

### Old Business:

- **50/50-** This month's 50/50 was \$48.00 and the winner was Steve VanAthwarp winning \$24.00. The other \$24.00 went to the club.
- **Events Attended since last meeting**
  - ✚ **Cattleman's Ranch Rodeo in Kissimmee-** Chad and Nick attended this event, representing our club in the Beef Brisket cook-off. They took 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 7 entries winning a \$200.00 prize. They also took the Golf Cart, Yeti Bag and Gun Package to sell raffle tickets on. Everyone who attended had a blast and look forward to next year.
  - ✚ **Lake Kissimmee Camp-Out** – October 17<sup>th</sup> was our club campout, however because no one responded to the numerous postings, it was canceled. We will attempt to do it again (after hunting season)...lol
  - ✚ **October Fest** - Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> the club had a booth at Octoberfest, it was a very busy festival and we did pretty good selling Raffle tickets for the golf cart, cooler and yeti bag. There was food, vendors, music fest and a big bonfire afterwards. Everyone had a good time.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Moose Lodge Appreciation Banquet**

Everything is coming together for our Banquet Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We are also working on getting donations together for the door prizes and what we don't get donated we will purchase with the \$2,500.00 we were approved to spend. They will be large ticket items like last year.

Heather checked into having it catered again but the cheapest price was \$3,200.00 so Nick Kramer, Doug Flood, Heather and Robert & Brae Anderson offered to cook for it. Michelle (Red) from Marsh Landing and a couple other girls will be serving the food for us. Chad asked if there were any objections with us cooking the food this time and there were none. It's going to be nicer weather in January so we will more than likely have a nice fire out back so please plan on attending.

➤ **2016 Airboat**

Chad and Sam spoke with Wade Hamant about him building the boat from top to bottom, he's going to try and secure donations from his vendors and what he can't get we will be responsible for getting. Sam is going to sit down with Wade on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> to hash out the details and get prices for us. Jeff Lesarra is going to check with Schmidt about a price of a 4 cylinder motor and Chad will be checking with Jurnigan again.

➤ **FAA Quarterly Meeting**

Sam spoke on the FAA Meeting, he said they are getting very busy with everything going on in our marshes and lakes and with the new FAA Raffle Airboat. He said that they are working hard on Kissimmee Lake. There is 4500 acres south of 60 that has been closed for years and they are working hard on getting that back opened to airboaters. He also said that 6 years ago along the entire length of the Kissimmee River FWC put no airboating signs up along their perceived high water lines but apparently they were dead wrong so FAA went and argued the case with SFWMD and got it reversed.

He also said that there were some changes in leadership. The New FAA President- Billy Boatright, Vice President- Bishop Wright, Secretary-Stephanie Chiaverini and Treasurer - Bob Herndon. All Board members are the same except for Jeff Lesarra taking place of Sam Smith. Sam also wanted to let everyone know that February 24<sup>th</sup> is the Airboat Summit Event

➤ **Wrac Meeting**

Paul gave some highlights on the Wrac meeting the first thing was the issues with FLAGS in the St John's Waterways FAA is fighting to make sure every motorized vessel in the water is required to have an Orange Flag (not just Airboats) due to safety issues because of the number of Jet Skis in the Airboat trails.

**Stick Marsh-** Airboat crossing at C-40 South Bouy, they put a Rec pad, new sod, 2 Pavillions and 2 new grills. He also spoke on the Youth Hunt at Sand Lake Tract, he showed everyone pictures from the Youth Hunt and spoke highly of our clubs efforts in conducting this event for the kids. He also said that they are working on opening this piece of property to the public for hiking and recreation and once they do there will be NO HUNTING on it at all.

**Lake Washington-** The wood jump had been restored

**Moccasin Lake-** Parking lot has reopened after the rain damage and slow construction efforts.

**Construction Projects-** Fellsmere Grade anticipation of completion is Summer 2016, not Dec as planned.

**Discussion on Fellsmere fish project-** (10,000 acre Fellsmere Joint Venture)- Restrictions Horsepower 25 mph in channels, Hours of Operation ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour before sunset. This raised discussion to some of the hunters and where it's necessary to get to hunt site prior to sunrise. He also said that they will allow public feedback once the first draft of regulations is drawn up or after the construction is complete, Bishop Wright questioned and asked why there aren't and public comments added to the draft to get public opinion? He was told that the public opinion may be recognized after the February meeting or 6 months after the construction is complete. Bishop then asked them where their MOU (memorandum of understanding) was at which indicates any project and project that has more than one input.

Everyone was reminded that all of this work is nice for fishing and boating but the FIRST PRIORITY is water management.

### **New Business:**

- **New Members/Renewals-** We had no new club members
- **Upcoming Events (December is going to be very busy)**
  - **Downtown Friday- October 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-8:30-** Please help out if you can
  - **Sebastian Clam Bake- November 6-7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015-** We will have the Golf Cart, Yeti Bag and Gun Package at the clam bake.
  - **Grassy Island Buck/Hog Hunt- November 27-28-29<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Sand Lake Tract Hog Hunt - December 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Vero Beach Christmas Parade- Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>- (we will all meet up at 4:00 again).** We will need a lot of decorated boats to represent our club. There cannot be any Santa's on them at all just like last year.
  - **Russel House Santa Event- Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> - @ Loughman's Lake** if you are interested in riding please get with Paul. I believe it starts at 9:00am
  - **Decorating School House-** Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am. If you have any decorations you would like to donate please get with me and if you would like to help out please let me know.
  - **Grassy Island Buck/Doe/Hog Hunt-** December 12-13-14<sup>th</sup>
  - **Santa Comes to Town-** Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 in Fellsmere
  - **Holiday Appreciation Dinner- Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> @ Blue Cypress Lake** lunch will be at 12:00pm. Paul will be cooking Turkey and Ham, everyone please bring a side dish!
- **Santa Comes to Town-** Heather made a motion to spend up to \$400.00 on goodie bags for Santa to hand out to the kids it was seconded by Sindy Smith. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed. Heather will be ordering stuff from Oriental Tradeing
- **Open Discussion**

**Chad-** Sarah Flood is asking if the club wants to place an ad in the Sebastian River High School Yearbook for \$75.00. Steve Van Anthwarp made a motion and Paul Shutes seconded it saying it is a great way to advertise. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

**Robert-** He wanted to give a big thank you to Paul Shutes or going to Acadamy on Sports in Melbourne to ask for Tree Stand donations because we have several hunts that overlap we were in need of 3 more sets of stands. Acadamy was more than happy to donate 1 set of stands to us but they were out of single stands so they gave is 2 double stands. Thank you very much Paul for your efforts.

**Sam-** He said that the Trailer Committee needs to get together very quickly and get the trailer stocked because our show season is coming up.
- **Club Meeting Pot**

We started the pot with \$301.00 which rolled over from the last meeting and we collected \$15.00 from members this month making the new pot \$316.00. The winner was Dwayne or Robin Curry however, because they were 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 due to Thanksgiving will be on **MONDAY** November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there.

**Meeting Adjourned**