



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

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June 22nd, 2016- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 28 club members were present

Minutes: Paul Shutes- Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as stated in the newsletter, however because I did not have them done to send out we will make the motion next month for both months. Sorry everyone!

Treasurer: Heather Holbrook- Heather read the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Chris Worthen and Eula Helping seconded it.

Old Business:

- **50/50:** The Winner last month was Jim Smalley winning \$30.00.
- **Presidents Comments-** Paul wanted to take a minute to talk about last month's meeting that got out of hand about the gas invoice. He started by saying that we witnessed an unfortunate event with the finances which involved our treasurer and that Heather deserves our full support because we are the ones who have elected her 2 years in a row because we all felt she could and has done a great job. Our treasurer sticks to the rules and guidelines set forth in our by-laws as we would expect her too and he takes full responsibility for what happened because he did NOT have his ducks in a row and he as the club president did not support her like he should have. Instead he left her holding the bag so he wanted to apologize to her for everything because no one should go home from a meeting and lose sleep over it.
- **WRAC Meeting/ Bishop Wright- :** Bishop Wright spoke to the club about the Joint Ventures project as well as the future of airboating. St. Johns said that they will be sending someone from South Florida University to do a study of Garcia's about the Airboat tours. We will be the ones to feed them the criteria's for the study so that is going to require everyone to write a comment to Steve Miller @ St John's to get this study into the right direction. Send Steve an email Sjmillier@sjrwm.com expressing that Garcia's is NOT big enough for all the traffic with the airboat tours so we need to

request that they put an overflow boat ramp across the street on the east side. If we don't. Do not do your email in a form letter, do it as Bullets or they won't even read it. Additional St. John's email addresses are Steve R Miller- Srmiller@sjrwmd.com; JB Miller jbmiller@sjrwmd.com; Doug Voltolina – dvoltolina@sjrwmd.com; and Hector Herrera – hherrera@sjrwmd.com. He also said that we need to start creating the most amount of access points we can if we want to continue to have access to the marshes. He said to start thinking about anything and everything about access before this study comes out, no matter what it is or where is it such as jump overs, ramps, bridges, etc. He also said that we need to get our mind set on making our airboats quieter or we are going to start seeing a lot more Airboat Curfews.

FJV- Bishop said that we need to show up 400 strong with all different types of people at the Public comment meeting that will be coming up soon to voice our opinion on idle zones, time restrictions, open access 20-30 years down the road, etc.

- **Unity Weekend:** We only have one spot left open at the 2 tables the club reserved so Jeff Lessara is going to purchase another table for those of you who wanted to go but did not get a spot at the other tables. Contact Jeff to pay him \$25.00 for your spot.
- **3rd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser:** Jim Smalley said everything is coming together and we will be ready to go on July 9th. He also let everyone know that this will be his last year heading up the Golf Tournament so if anyone is interested in helping this project for next year please get with Robert Anderson.
- **4th of July Parade- Sebastian:** We will have a booth in the park and will need volunteers to help sell Raffle tickets and club merchandise. We were also told that this year each Business will only be allowed to have 2 vehicles total in the parade, therefore we will no longer be needing boats to be in it. We will continue with the float which we can have up to 20 people on it and will have 1 other airboat as our 2nd vehicle. We still will need help in the park with the Booth and it is going to be a hot one so please do what you can to stay cool.
- **Events Attended since last meeting**
 - ✚ **Camp Holly Ride Benefit-** Turn out from our club was embarrassing. We only had 6 boats show up. We still had a great time and the winner of the poker run was Robbie Gardiner who donated all his winnings back to Wyatt.
 - ✚ **Fellsmere City Council Meeting-** We had 14 members from the club attend and there were a lot of questions asked, but in the end we will not be allowed to use the lake with airboats. FYI- Fellsmere meetings are on 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month.
 - ✚ **WRAC Meeting-** We had 15 club members show up for this and they pretty much discussed the same stuff at the Fellsmere Meeting.

New Business:

- **New Members:** No new members this month
- **Guest Speaker Susan Adams :** Susan opened the floor by telling us a little bit about herself. She was on the Fellsmere City Council for 8 years and Mayor of Fellsmere for 7 years. She is now running for County Commissioner District 1. She said that she supports

the airboating and sportsman community because they are what makes this area unique and gives it character and roots. She agrees with us needing access to the East Marsh and she worked with the city to fix the gravel on the side of 512 when we asked about it. She said that the City and FJV have an annexation agreement in place to provide continual public access into the new lake area. She also said that they agreed that 10% off the top went to the city for open space parks and green spaces. She said that she had always had great love for this club and what we do for this community and through the city and her work they try to be great supporters of what we are doing and be our voice when we need them to be because we are in our community being successful and that is what makes this community successful. She asked for our support and vote at the upcoming elections in August.

- **2x2 Personalized Tattoos:** Chris Worthen made a motion to purchase 500 IRCAA logo tattoos for \$120.00 it was seconded by Dwayne Curry. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.
- **Purchase 10x10 tent:** At the last Airboat Rodeo our TENT was blown over and destroyed so Sam Smith has made a motion to replace it Chris Worthen seconded it. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.
- **Incentive Program:** Chris Worthen came up with an incentive program to try and get more people to help work the events. One for Adults and One for Kids. Chris Worthen made the motion to go forward with the program, it was seconded by Jay Davey. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed. Rules are below
 - 1 – You MUST be a club member to get a ticket
 - 2- You get 1 ticket per Shift and/or if you pull a trailer/ airboat/etc.
 - 3- You MUST turn your ticket in at a meeting
 - 4- We will pull one ticket every 6 months and the winner will receive either a \$250.00 Gift Card to a place of their choice or \$200.00 in cash. – Kids Program is a \$50.00 gift card.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 🚩 **4th of July Parade- Monday July 4th** – We will be building a float and have a booth in the park so please everyone volunteer some of your time to work on the float or help out at the booth.
 - 🚩 **3rd Annual Golf Tournament- Saturday July 9th**- Sebastian Municipal Golf Course@ 8:30am with an after party at Sandy's Grille.
 - 🚩 **Unity Weekend- July 15-16-17th** – Okeechobee at the KOA Campground on 441
 - 🚩 **Lake George- July 22-23-24th**- We will supply lunch on Saturday and the Meat for Saturday night's dinner. Everyone please bring a side dish for dinner.
- **Open Discussion:**

Shane/Jeff- Everyone is encouraged to come to the FAA Quarterly meeting in Okeechobee at the Tin Fish because there is a LOT of changes coming to airboats starting with harder muffler restrictions. Also Car motor boats are going to be required to be up to EPA standards in the near future so please come to the meeting.

Dwayne- ELC (Environmental Learning Center) has a new director and wants to get involved with the airboat clubs to expand into the Fresh Water as well as the Indian

River Lagoon. She would like to come to the next meeting and talk so Dwayne will get a phone number for Paul to contact her.

Club Meeting Pot: We started the pot with \$123.00 plus collected \$14.00 so the total pot was \$137.00 and the winner was Jack Cooper who has not attended any of the meetings so it will roll over till next month. Please remember every members name goes in the POT and you must have attended 2 consecutive meetings and paid your \$1.00 at each meeting in order to win and we encourage you to please pay a dollar at every meeting so that we can get the pot bigger.

- **Next club meeting:** Next club meeting is on Wednesday July 27th, 2016 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there!

Meeting Adjourned