



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

Meeting Minutes

July 27th, 2016- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 38 club members were present

Minutes: Paul Shutes- Requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as stated in the newsletter sent on July 13th, 2016 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 Dwayne Curry seconded it.

Treasurer: Heather Holbrook- Heather read the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Dwayne Curry and Robert Gardiner seconded it.

Old Business:

- **50/50:** The Winner last month was Robert Anderson winning \$32.00.
- **Scholarship Winners :** Our 2 Scholarship winners came to the Meeting to accept their **\$1,000.00** checks. The winners were **Pamela Slunt** of Vero Beach, she is a Mother and wife who works a full time job and goes to college. She was very appreciative for receiving the scholarship money. This is her final year. She is majoring in Social Services and wants to work in the Prison system with inmates exiting back into the community. Our other winner was **Hanna Boswick** of Okeechobee. She received her Associates degree at IRSC and is going to UF in the fall to get her Bachelor's degree in Physics and was very thankful for the scholarship money. She said it will help her a lot financially. Congratulations to both of these deserving individuals.
- **Volunteer Incentive Program:** Chris said that since we started the Incentive program in June we have had 21 volunteers who received tickets for working events. We would like to see a lot more so please volunteer when you can it only take 1-3 hours per shift. To receive a ticket you **MUST** complete at least 1 shift at an event or pull the trailer to or from an event. Chris will give you your ticket and you **MUST** put the ticket in the bucket at a Monthly Meeting. One name will be drawn every six (6) months and the winner will receive a \$250.00 Gift Card to a place of their choice or \$200.00 in cash. There is also a

second pot for Kids who work the events they will receive a \$50.00 Gift Certificate. It's a Win Win program for everyone involved so please sign up on the event sheets to work because we are going to need a lot of help once the Airboat is ready.

- **FAA Quarterly Meeting:** Paul said that the MAIN concern at the FAA meeting from Guest Speaker Major Richard Moore, FWC's Boating and Waterways section leader was Airboat Noise. He spoke about how there are noise ordinances in different counties and if we didn't get it nipped in the butt right now we may be facing the same issues. So please everyone do their part and get your airboat quieted down with good mufflers and quieter props and engines. He also said that the Orange Flag requirement on all motorized vessels is being worked on. FAA also debuted their Raffe Airboat at Unity Weekend so please get out there and buy your tickets. They are \$5.00 each for 5 for \$20.00. Nomination were also made and they are as follows

President- Billy Boatwright and Bishop Wright

Vice President- Shane Stoneham and Tom Schmidt

Secretary- Dovanna Stoneham

Treasurer- Bob Herndon

Board of Directors- Danny Brantley; Tom Schmidt; Shane Stoneham; Shawn McCann; Jeff Leserra; Scott Sommer; Jerry Wetherington; Dave Johnson; and Bishop Wright

FYI- October 8th, 2016 is the next FAA Quarterly Meeting

- **REMINDER: If you want to have a say in the Survey that is going to be done at Garcia's please email Steve Miller and voice your opinion in Bullets Sjmillier@sjrwmd.com**
 - Garcia's is NOT big enough with all the traffic from the Airboat Tours
 - Request a boat ramp on the East Side with parking
 - Jump Overs, Ramps, Bridges, etc. needed for access
- **Golf Tournament Update:** The Golf Tournament was a huge success. We made a profit of \$3,207.63 to help fund this year's (11) IRCAA Sponsored Youth Hunts. This money goes towards food, supplies, gas, camper repairs and anything else needed to put these hunts on for the kids throughout the state of Florida. Thank you everyone who helped make it such a great success (Local Hole Sponsor Business and Club Volunteers).
- **Events Attended since last meeting**
 - 🚩 **4th of July Parade-** We won Best Commercial
 - 🚩 **3rd Annual Golf Tournament-** It was a great turnout and can't wait for next year but Mr. Smalley will not be heading it up next year he turned it over to Robert Anderson he said 3 years is enough.
 - 🚩 **Unity Weekend-** Our Club bought 2 tables for Unity and Jeff Lesarra said he was buying a 3rd table for others who wanted to go. It was a good time and Heather did a lot of winning.
 - 🚩 **Lake George Weekend-** Lake George was a great fun filled weekend with great friends. We had our annual pot luck dinner on Saturday and I have to say there was some great food.

New Business:

- **New Members:** We had 1 new Club member Buck Morrison. Thank you and welcome!
- **KIRB:** They are asking us to be a sponsor for their Big Community Clean-Up. Our logo will go on their T-Shirts that they give to all the workers. Dwayne Curry made a motion to give them \$250.00 for a sponsorship. It was seconded by Sindy Smith. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.
- **Basketball Team Sponsor :** Raelin Smalley asked if our club would sponsor her Sebastian Sharks Basketball Team for \$300.00 to help with uniforms, travel expenses, etc. A motion was made by Jim Smalley to give them \$300.00. It was seconded by Eula Helping. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 🚣 **Saturday August 27th** – Airboat Rodeo/Poker Run @ Summer Camp in the East Marsh
 - 🚣 **Saturday September 10th**- Airboating Magazines 10th Anniversary at Loughman Lake. We will have a booth there so please volunteer if you can. We will be short-handed because it's opening weekend for Bow in Georgia and a lot of our board members will be there.
- **Open Discussion:**

Sam Smith- Next WRAC meeting is October 20th, 2016 at the same place as the last one from 6-8pm @ St John's River Management District office " Palm Bay Service Center" in the Blue Cypress Room # 525 Community College Parkway SE Palm Bay FL.
Sam also reminded everyone that FWC has hired the University of Florida to come to Garcia's and do a Survey because of the Tour Boat's which are causing over usage of the boat ramps and waterways. We need to be prepared for what's coming! We need to rally together with the Bass Fisherman, and other outdoor sportsman groups so we do not lose our right to airboat.

Paul Shutes- Said that we really need to put a work shop together to get everyone who is going to be affected on board.

Jeff Lessera- FJV Study- he said we need to campaign and look at other boat ramp accesses by sitting down with St Johns and talking to them. Jeff also said that he has started a Closed Group on Fellsmere Water Management and invited people to like the page. He will be posting the facts and a copy of the draft that was sent to SFWMD. Heather said facebook is all and well but we still need to have a workshop meeting to discuss the issues. Jeff said that's the purpose of the page and once everyone joins the page and is on board he will post information about the date and time of a workshop.

Robert Anderson- Made a motion to purchase a small freezer for the club to keep all the 4H hog meat in because he and Heather don't have room in their own freezers because of it. A motion was made by Bill Olexa to spend up to \$300.00 for a freezer. It was seconded by Josh Jenkins. A show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

Heather- She wanted to let everyone know that HT Emmons Memorial will be on Saturday July 30th @ Summer Camp at 9:00am if anyone is interested in attending.

Club Meeting Pot: We started the pot with \$137.00 plus collected \$26.00 so the total pot was \$163.00. The winner was Kenneth Hamilton 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.

- **Next club meeting:** Next club meeting is on Wednesday August 24th, 2016 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there!

Meeting Adjourned