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Meeting Minutes

October 25th, 2017- Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 13 club members were present

Minutes: Doug Flood requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting which were sent to everyone on 10/18/2017. A motion was made by Bill Olexa and Seconded by Dean Curry.

Treasurer Report: Chris Worthen- gave the treasury report because Heather couldn't make the meeting. Robert Anderson motion to accept the treasury Report, it was seconded by Dean Curry.

Old Business:

50/50- This month's winner was Robin Curry winning \$26.00. Robin donated her money back to the club. Thank You Robin!

Fellsmere Day- Chris discussed Fellsmere day with the beautification committee and they were on board with our club having a Beer Tent (proceeds to come to the club). We will also work on getting some vendors @ 25.00 per vendor and those proceeds will go to the beautification committee. They would also like to do a Swamp Cabbage or a Tamale cook-off! We also need lots of Airboats to pull in the parade around town.

Benefit for Jeff Wilson- JP will get the exact date for us, we told him the club would help with anything he needed help with.

Events attended since the last meeting

FAA Quarterly Meeting- Doug said that KRUSA is also building a Raffle 540 Airboat by Diamondback. He was not sure when they were doing to start selling tickets on it. Topics that were discussed are below.

1. **KRVSA Freedom Ride-** Will be on February 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2018.
2. **Unity Weekend-** Will be on July 14, 15th, 19th, 2018 and the plates will now be \$35.00 per person.
3. **R3 Clay Shoot-** This will be at the Sebastian Shooting Range on January 27, 2018. Our club will be in charge of cooking for the event.
4. **Doug Flood-** Was voted as a board member for FAA
 - ✚ **HuntMaster Meeting-** We had 3 club members who attended and became hunt masters. Sarah Flood, Chris Worthen and Randy McNeal all became hunt masters. Our club was also in charge of cooking for the event (Paige, Robert and Buck) were the cooks. Our Club won Club of the Year for the 2nd year in a row and Robert Anderson won Volunteer of the Year. Congrats to everyone!
 - ✚ **Road Cleanup-** Because the clean-up had to be postponed due to the hurricane we had it on Thursday October 19th night after work. We had 23 people show up to help and collected 20 bags of trash. We provided hamburgers, hotdogs and Chips to all the volunteers.
 - ✚ **Wrac Meeting-** Paul gave the highlights from the meeting
 1. Road @ Sweet Waters was closed due to the water level.
 2. The Saw Grass & Willow Shelters were both damaged due to the storm.
 3. They are opening the walk-in area @ end of Malabar next year.
 4. 12,000 acres @ Blue Cypress to Garcia's was burning due to a wild fire but ended up being a controlled burn up to 192.
 5. All Marsh Construction projects are completed
 6. FJV Boat Launch will be ready by 2019. The park is going to be set up with 20-30 parking places with an overflow parking area.
 7. Airboat Jumps- they are working on replacing the jumps with concrete blocks because the current material isn't working.
 8. Boat Ramp Surveys- it was broken up into People who were there for the tours, People who were there to use the boat ramp. Their research was very thorough and the outcome was that 93% of traffic was for the tour boats. Their study was done June-July they recorded 950 vehicles and 5961 people using Garcia's boat ramp, so they determined it was definitely congested and overused. They will be coming up with a formula to limit the traffic at the ramps.

New Business

- **New Members-** New Club Member(s) this month was Wyatt McDaniel
- **Santa Comes to Town-** We will be holding the Santa Comes to Town on Thursday December 14th, 2017. We will be needing help that day setting up decorations at the Pavillion because of the construction going on at the school house
- **Motion for Christmas Decorations/Lights-** We needed a motion to purchase up to \$300.00 dollars for lights and blow-ups for the santa comes to town event, however

there were not enough voting members at the meeting the vote will have to wait till next month.

➤ **Upcoming Events**

✚ **Fort Pierce Gun Show** – Saturday & Sunday October 28th & 29th. (A lot of the board will not be available to we really need help with this one)

✚ **Sebastian Clam Bake** – Fri, Sat & Sun- November 3, 4, 5th.

✚ **Club Ride North**- Saturday November 11th.

✚ **Vero Beach Boat Show**- November 18th & 19th

➤ **Open Discussion**

- **Doug Flood**- Doug was approached and asked if we had members willing to help out rescue if the Levy @ Okeechobee Lake is breached. He is trying to get with Sheriff's Ken Mascara and Loar so see what is involved with our club getting a rescue team together for disasters. Such as do we need certain insurance, or are we exempt from liability under the "Good Samaritan Law"? He will research and get back with us.

➤ **Club Meeting Pot:**

The meeting pot is @ \$176.00. The winner was Donnie & Kathy Dowling but because they were not there for 2 consecutive meetings the pot will roll over to 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 Monday November 20th, 2017 (due to Thanksgiving) from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Marsh Landing. We hope to see everyone there!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

*****We have several club members and club members families going through some hard times with illnesses so please keep them in your thoughts! *****

STAY STRONG "The heartiest plants survive because they weather the storms and never stop reaching for the light". Robert Clancy