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Minutes of the Meeting

February 9th, 2022 - Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 36 club members were present!

Minutes: Ed Harmon requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting that were sent on 2/1/22. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Paul Shutes and seconded by Robert Anderson.

Treasurer Report: Brae Anderson gave the Treasury Report. It was accepted by Chad Smalley and seconded by Ken Williams. No one had any objections to the treasury report. A copy of the treasurer report was available at the meeting for anyone to view.

Operating – Starting \$1,719.01, Income \$13,705.99, Expenses \$5,623.62, Ending \$9,801.38.

Youth Hunt- Starting \$8,053.88, Income \$375.67, Expenses \$1,273.29 Ending \$7,156.26.

Savings-4th Qtr- Starting \$10,052.20, Income-\$0.00, Expenses-\$2000.00 Ending \$8,052.20.

Old Business:

Welcome New Club Members- No New Club members this month.

50/50- Last Month's 50/50 winner of \$45.00 was Buster Hooper. He donated the money back to the club. Thank you, Buster!

Food for Rodeo- Sam Smith made a motion to approve up to \$200.00 for food for the Rodeo, it was seconded by Ed Crocker. A show of hands was in favor, motion passed.

Scholarship- Application are now available and are due by

May 11th, for those of you who are new to the club we give a lucky applicant a \$1,000.00 scholarship. The Scholarships are chosen by Leslie the Indian River State College.

Club Skeet Shoot- Our Skeet shoot is next month so we will need help getting shooting teams and sponsors. Flyers were available at the meeting.

Elections- We just wanted to officially welcome our 2022 board of directors Ed Crocker, Kem Williams, Paige Anderson, Chad Smalley, Robert Anderson and Chris Worthen. All officers remained the same. Eddie Harmon- President, Robert Gardiner- Vice President and Brae Anderson – Treasurer and Secretary.

Spec Fishing Tournament- Now that the Skeet Shoot is out of the way Chad let everyone know that we need Sponsors for the Spec Fishing Tournament, money raised by sponsors goes straight to the winners. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and Jr. Angler. Ken Williams made the trophies, and they look fantastic. Remember entry fee is \$25.00 per person and the Captain's Meeting to sign up and pay is at the Tiki in Sebastian from 5pm-10pm. This is one of the biggest pay-out tournaments in our area so break out those fishing poles and get signed up. Nick Kramer will be doing a Low Country Boil for lunch!!!!

Camp Mack Weekend- We booked June 10th, 11th, 12th, 2022 so if you have not gotten a room, cabin, or camp site you better to so immediately because they are going fast. When you call tell them you are with IRCAA. It's a great time, last year we had 25 boats. This year we would like to see double that. It was a blast we rode about 50 miles that weekend.

Events attended since the last meeting.

- ✚ **Frog Leg Festival**- It was a great time as always. We raised 1,976.00 in club sales for the 4 days and \$738.00 in live frog donations (for airboaters for Autism) for a total of \$2,175.00. Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered to the event. We really appreciate it!
- ✚ **Blackwater Creek Deer/Hog Hunt**- Chris Worthen was the huntmaster for this hunt. We had 5 kids attend and 3 harvested their 1st deer and 2 harvested hogs. It was a great time for everyone involved. If you are interested in getting involved in these youth hunts, please get with Robert or Paige Anderson we always need experienced hunters to help guide the youth and cooks.
- ✚ **Sandlake Hog Hunt**- Steve Hayes was the huntmaster, it was a great hunt, but it was so cold that even the hogs stayed hunkered down. Only 1 of 5 kid were able to harvest a hog.
- ✚ **Skeet Shoot**- We had another sold out event. Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered your time to help. It was a great time even though the weather was crappy. A big thank you to Robert Kirrie who cooked and donated all the food for the skeet shoot. We tried giving him money, but he refused it. We had expenses for the shoot totaling \$11,661.91 we took in \$22,363.00 for a total raised of \$10,701.09. for those of you who are new to the club. This is the money that we use to pay for the

scholarships, youth sponsorships (baseball, football, 4H), club insurance, food for events and supplies for the club. We also sold \$695.00 in club t-shirts and hats that day.

New Business:

- **Sugar Mill Ride-** Chad wanted to let everyone know that we will be doing a Sugar mill ride on Sunday February 27th the day after the Spec Tournament. Everyone is welcome and there will be a grill so bring something to cook.
- **Sponsor Appreciation-** We tabled this till next month so we can figure out details. We are looking at May 21st, 2022. Said just to invite them to our annual banquet instead of doing a separate one.
- **Club Ride-** We have rescheduled the club ride to camp holly for Saturday May 14th. Eddie will call Curt to make sure there is room for us that Saturday. Hopefully the restaurant will be open by then.
- **Cracker Day Rodeo-** Sunday March 6th (day after freedom ride) at the Fellsmere Riding club. We need volunteers to help work the tent selling raffle tickets and club sales. Please let us know if you can help.
- **Eco Printer-** This has been tabled till next month- I am trying to find a less expensive printer for ink (with all the flyers I've been making lately for our events).
- **Brad Weihrauch** – wanted to let everyone know that the FAA Quarterly meeting will be the morning prior to the Airboaters for Autism event at Coleman's Landing.
- **Upcoming Events for 2022**
 - **Blackwater Creek Hunt-** February 11-13th, 2022
 - **Airboat Rodeo-** February 19th, 2022
 - **IRCAA 8th Annual Speck Tournament-** Saturday February 26th, 2022, and the captain's meeting in Friday night at the tiki in Sebastian from 5-10pm.
 - **Sheriff Youth Ranch BBQ-** Wednesday March 2nd from 2pm-7pm
 - **KRVSA Freedom Ride-** Saturday March 5th, 2022, from 9am-1pm
 - **Cracker Day Rodeo-** Sunday March 6th, 2022
 - **Firefighters Fair-** March 11th-20th, 2022 – We will need a lot of help with the booth. We also need someone to get Frogs again for it.
 - **Airboaters for Autism-** Saturday April 2nd, 2022
 - **Youth Hunt Golf Tournament-** Saturday April 9th, 2022- We will need a lot of help getting golfers and sponsors.
 - **Camp Mack Weekend-** June 10th-12th- Dinner will be at the Pavilion Saturday night. Everyone needs to bring a side dish the club will be providing steaks. Please if you are attending let me know by phone or put going on the Facebook event so I can make sure we have enough meat. Brad let everyone know that there is a new General Manager, and she is very airboat friendly and will be making some good changes to come.

○ **Open Discussion**

- **Eddie**– What happened last weekend is Heavy on our hearts, I'm at a loss for words about what happened. He asked that everyone please respect the families as they go through their grief. He would just like for us to be there for them when they need it. He also said that there are 2 FWC officers and Sergeant Luke Keppel are there if anyone has any questions.
- **Robert**- He wanted to let everyone know that Bobby Helpling had passed away and that his celebration on life is going to be on Saturday February 26th @ 2:00pm at Wabasso Baptist Church (now called Costal Community). Reception will be after at the Dubose Building.
- **Sergeant Luke Keppel** – Wanted to let everyone know that he is here if anyone needs anything, and he is willing to work with us on airboat safety. He also said that if we could get a Map of the East Marsh marked out with all the camps areas used, he could get it to all the 1st responders in the area to help with response time. He also said that if there is anything out in the marsh that needs to be addressed, he will be glad to work with St John's on our behalf.
- **FWC officer Dustin Lightsey**- He said that it would be a good idea for everyone to have internal First Aid training in the club and have First aid kits on their airboats with a tourniquet just incase someone is bleeding out. He also wanted to let everyone know that they have noticed trails again on the west side of 512 going into Garcia's and let everyone know to stop it now or they will be caught and ticketed.
- **John Campbell**- He said that the east marsh is not a very big area so maybe we could think about making coming and going lanes so there are no more accidents.
- **Chad Smalley**- He said that the amount of registered airboaters has tripled for the East Marsh, but the land hasn't tripled. That is why they have started making trails 4-5 months ago in the 15,000 acres of the Sugar Mill Marsh on Garcia's side (SR 60/ to Blue Cypress) to ease the traffic in the East Marsh.
- **Clark Taylor from BCAA**- said that they started a Search & Rescue program within their Airboat Club, and we should think of doing it as well with club members willing to be on call for it.
- **Brad Weihrauch**- He said that his club made a map of Lake Kissimmee to give to all first responders with strategic pick-up places. Things to look at, we airboaters need to take care of ourselves, he said believe me it is fixing to be us against them. He suggested that all clubs should be getting involved with each other and to be there for one another. He then said that they are still working hard on the "proposal bill" that Lane Stevens wrote for all registered vessels within 20 feet of vegetation to have an 18 ft tall Orange Flag on them (that never even got read).

He also let everyone know the UNITY Banquet will be on July 9th this year @ the same venue.

- **Michelle Flood & Lindsey Cairns** – They are both RN's and said that they would be willing to get come club members together to do a basic 1st aide training class. If anyone I interested, please let us know!
 - **Paul Shutes**- He wanted to thank everyone for all the support, phone calls, cards, and prayers while he was going through his medical issues.
 - **Michelle Flood**- She said we need to get this dark cloud off our club. She held a healing prayer for family and friends of Mark, Bobby, Speedy's mom, Chad & April's mom and Paul. Also asked the lord to be with Jeanne while she's going through her cancer battle as well as anyone else who is going through medical troubles or losses.
- **Club Meeting Pot**- We did not draw a name because it's the 1st of the year and I had to add new people and take out non-renewals so the \$254.00 will roll over till next month. Remember you MUST attend 2 consecutive meetings and put in your \$1.00.
 - **Next Meeting will be on Wednesday March 9th, 2022.**
 - **Meeting Adjourned**