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Minutes of the Meeting

February 8th, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

Called to order @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: 29 club members were present!

Minutes: Minutes were sent to everyone on January 28th, 2023. Eddie Harmon made a motion to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Paul Shutes.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer report was accepted by Eddie Harmon and seconded by Ed Crocker. 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 \$8,796.12 income \$3,839.28 expenses \$3,432.08 ending balance \$9,203.32

Youth Hunt- starting \$9,480.08, income \$757.13 expenses \$1,849.38 ending balance \$8,387.83.

Savings-3rd Qtr.- Starting \$16,070.89, Income-\$0.00, Expenses-\$0.00 Ending \$16,070.89.

Old Business:

Welcome New Club Members- We had 7 New club members Cara Bresett, Rich Andrews, Mark Treiling, Cameron Williams, Adam Lovell, Dan Dyke, and Tim Smith. Thank you for your support and Welcome!

50/50- Cara Bresett was last month's winner of \$63.00. She donated the money back to the club. Thank you, Cara!

Scholarships- Scholarships are now available. Applications MUST be turned in by May's Meeting. They will be available at meetings and events and are also available online.






Membership Renewals- 2023 memberships are now due so if you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Frogleg Festival- We had a great time at the Frogleg festival. The Live Frog catch was a hit like always. We raised \$740.00 for Airboaters for Autism. The winner of the Liquor Cooler was Scott Smith of Palm Bay, he was thrilled when he picked up cooler.

Skeet Shoot AMMO- We will have to wait till hunting season to purchase the rest of the Ammo for the next skeet shoot. \$2,500.00 was already approved for when we can order them.

Laptop & Printer have been purchased for the new Secretary.

Events attended since the last meeting.

-  **Frogleg Festival-** Great turnout and thank you to everyone who helped work the trailer.
-  **Blackwater Creek Doe Hunt-** All 5 kids harvested deer; it was a great time as always.
-  **Sandlake Hog Hunt-** Sarah Flood was the huntmaster, there were 5 kids and they harvested 7 hogs.
-  **Spec Fishing Tournament-** Chad said there were 30 boats who registered for the 9th Annual Speck Fishing Tournament. It was a great turnout given the strong winds. The Indian River County Sheriff's department came out for most of the day. We thanked them very much for watching out for the club. All the winners were happy with their winnings. All the winners are posted on our facebook page so go check it out.
-  **Istokpoga Hog Hunt-** Paige said it was a total bust they didn't harvest anything, and it rained most of the weekend and it was cold. But everyone had a great time, they were all 1st time hunters.

New Business:

Guest Speaker Fellsmere's City Manager Mark Mathis- Mark talked about the growth taking place in Fellsmere and said that Fellsmere is strong supporters of the Airboat Club and said that we have a partner within the city. He encourages people from the club to attend the monthly city planning meetings. He also said that the city of Fellsmere will also be acquiring Sand lakes (where we have 6 youth hunts a year) and that Fellsmere Farms said they will work with them to still allow access to the property. He said that first they must put a management plan in place. He said we would like to have that drafted with the club at a club meeting.

4H Hog/Citrus Trees- We received 2 buyers' letters so far from Callie Sammons she is raising a Rio Red Grapefruit tree and a hog named "Bacon". The second one was from her sister Brynley Sammons. She is also raising a Rio Red Grapefruit tree and a hog. Eddie Harmon made a motion to budget \$500.00 to be split with all the Buyers letters we receive from the kids. It was seconded by Austin Harp, a show of hands was in favor motion passed.

Blues Festival- We were approached about bringing the Club trailer to the Blue's Festival if we have enough workers. Everyone in the meeting agreed for us to take the trailer there. The sign up sheet went around after it was agreed for us to go but only 4 people signed up to work all weekend.

Raffle Coolers for the Blues Festival and the Firefighters Fair- Ed Crocker made a motion for \$600.00 to purchase coolers & Liquor. It was seconded by Ken Williams , a show of hands were in favor, motion passed.

Lacrosse Sponsorship- Chase Anderson got upfront and asked the club if they would sponsor his Lacrosse team. He said any amount would help and the money would be used for equipment, food and transportation. He told the club that they get an AD in the brochure and on the T-Shirts. Ken Williams made a motion for \$250.00; it was seconded by Ed Crocker. A show of hands 9 for and 3 against so motion passed.

Unity Tables- Tables for unity went on sale for this year's event \$360.00 per table &45.00 per person. The club voted for me to purchase 2 tables so if you plan on going to the event I need your money ASAP. There is room for 16 people (8 per table).

Ideas for Club Events-We need some ideas Rodeos? Clean-ups? Cub Rides?

Upcoming Events for 2023

- **Blackwater Creek Hog Hunt-** February 17th-19th, 2023- Robert Anderson is the HuntMaster
- **Sandlake Hog Hunt-** March 3rd-5th, 2023-
- **Cracker Day Rodeo-** Sunday March 5th, 2023
- **Sandlake Turkey Hunt-** March 10th-12th
- **Freedom Ride-** Saturday March 11th, 2023
- **IRC Firefighters Fair-** March 10-19th, 2023
- **Sandlake Turkey Hunt-** March 24th-26th, 2023
- **LIUB- Airboater for Autism-** Saturday April 1st, 2023
- **STA1 West Gator Hunt-** March 31st- April 2nd, 2023
- **Golf Tournament-** Saturday April 8th, 2023
- **Sandlake Hog Hunt-** April 14th-16th, 2023
- **Istapoka Turkey Hunt-** April 21-23rd, 2023
- **Club Ride –** May 6th, 2023 (Place will depend on water levels)
- **Rocket Launch-** Friday May 19th, 2023
- **Airboat Rodeo- Saturday June 3rd-** East Marsh @ summer camp
- **Unity/ FAA Meeting-** July 14th & 15th @ KOA in Okeechobee, FL
- **Lake George-** July 21-23rd, 2023.
- **2023 Skeet Shoot-** Saturday October 7th

➤ **Open Discussion**

- **Paul Shutes**—He wanted to let the club know that his neighbor has a Diamondback Airboat for sale. He will get pictures and information on it for us to post to the club's Facebook page in case anyone is interested in it.
 - **Eddie Harmon**- He wanted to give an update on the Pavilion. They are getting prices of pouring the Slab and he said they plan on getting the 40Ft Floating Doc built sometime this year.
 - **Eddie Harmon**- He also said that the Stick Marsh drain down has been done and to let everyone know to expect some fish kill. They are NOT closing it so you can still fish it. They are also re-doing the Airboat Launch @ the stick marsh.
 - **Mark Mathis**- Wanted to let the club know that the Fellsmere Exchange Club is having a skeet shoot and asked if the club would like to be a sponsor. Sharpshooter Sponsor- \$250.00; Big Shot Sponsor \$500.00; Top Gun Sponsor \$1,000.00 (Free Shooting Team).
 - **Dan Dyke**- He wanted to let everyone know the Brevard club is having an Airboat Rodeo on Saturday March 4th, 2023 at Moccasin 10am-3pm. \$10.00 per entry and \$5.00 food donation.
- **Club Meeting Pot**- The winner on the meeting pot last month was no one because of all the renewals and non- renewals. The \$304.00 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 8th, 2023.**
- **Chris Worthen made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**