

Minutes of the Volusia County FSMS Chapter Meeting – February 9th, 2010

Tuesday February 9th, 2010

Chapter President Anthony Sanzone called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. The meeting was held at El Rancho Mexican in Deland with 15 people in attendance. The antitrust statement was read and everyone introduced themselves.

Secretaries Report:

The minutes summarizing the January meeting were offered for approval and accepted as originally forwarded with no correction. Al checked to ensure everyone had seen the sign in sheet and reminded those present to review their email address noted on it for accuracy.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Cory gave the Treasurer's report detailing funds added and payments made. Last month's income included: \$64 from the marble raffle and \$100 from FSMS dues. Expenditures for the month totaled \$13.00, guest dinner; currently there is a total of \$4518.95 in the treasury, which includes \$1013 committed to the marble fund raffle and \$2070 in the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF); this leaves \$1435.95 usable or uncommitted. Odds for the marble raffle this evening are 1:22. There was a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Jeff Cory had asked for volunteers to manage the Marble drawing should he be unable to make a meeting, and several members stepped forward to assist at need. Pat and Rob accepted the responsibility to manage the next run of the Marble Raffle.

Rick Rice again pointed out that the annual Golf Tournament needed some new blood. Members had been asked to think about it between meetings and come prepared to volunteer at the March meeting if possible; There's a serious chance there won't be a golf tournament this year without additional members stepping forward to assist. It was pointed out that while it is work, it's also a lot of fun. Anthony reiterated the importance of this event to the Chapter.

Al reminded the membership that the Volusia County Council would be presenting on March 18th (Thursday) at 9AM a Proclamation in honor of Surveyor's Week and that the Chapter should plan to show up at that meeting.

New Business:

Jeff raised the fact that the domain name and website hosting bill for the Chapter website was coming due and wondered if the Chapter wanted to pay the \$95? Brief discussion indicated the members felt it was worthwhile to keep it if it was used. There is a link from the FSMS page to the Chapter but we need dedicated local support to maintain the site. Pat May asked what skills were needed and it was pointed out the skills were fairly common, simple html coding or Word, ability to change links, etc. Patrick Phillips pointed out the page needed submissions to make it worth visiting, that it hadn't been utilized for many routine communication tasks. After additional brief discussion, there was a motion and second to keep the domain/hosting contract. Joe Di Benedetto offered to take the website task on. Visit the website at: <http://www.vcfms.com>

Jeff Cory asked whether CEUs would be available from the planned September Central Florida GIS Workshop in Daytona Beach. Al responded that there had been some communication with FSMS in Tallahassee and the FSMS GIS Committee and that several FSMS members were expected to make presentations but nothing definite on CEUs. All participants at the Workshop would however receive documentation indicating they'd had taken advantage of 14 educational contact hours.

District 3 Director's Report

Jim Shannon was unable to attend this evening's meeting but forwarded announcements which were read by

the Secretary to the membership. These included: equipment thefts continue and we should remind to be cognizant of the threat. National Surveyors week was coming (March 14-20). The Education Conference is in March members were urged to take advantage of the opportunity. As always, members with questions or comments for the Board should contact him via email shannosurv@aol.com.

Guest Speaker(s):

Al Hill was the month's guest speaker. He presented the background leading up to the creation of, and need for, the U.S. National Grid initiated by FEMA and the Department for Homeland Security and most recently incorporated into the State's Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan (CERP), He went on to discuss how it (the USNG) worked and could be incorporated into map products designed for emergency management purposes. This was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Raffle:

Lloyd Britt won the chance to draw for the marble with the chance to win \$1013 in the marble pot plus ½ the evenings raffle ticket sales. He unfortunately failed to choose the winning marble (odds were 1 in 22 and decrease to 1 in 20 next time).

The meeting was officially adjourned immediately after the raffle drawing at 8:21 PM.

Next meeting: March 9th, location Daytona Beach Golf and Country Club

Speaker: Lou Espada, Espada Financial Group/Allstate Financial Services

Upcoming activities for the coming quarter:

- March 18th Volusia County Council Proclamation for Surveyor's Week
- April 13th Chapter meeting
- May 11th Chapter meeting

If members are aware of additional things/events to add to the calendar please let the Secretary know.

Approved by the membership 3/9/10