

FSMS - Space Coast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2010
Location: Viera Pizza Gallery
Time Meeting Began: 6:03pm
In Attendance: 13

President Dave Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and began by reading the Anti-Trust Statement as follows: *“This meeting shall be conducted in strict compliance with all Federal and State Anti-Trust rules and regulations. Members of this chapter and all others present are not here to violate any Anti-Trust laws.”*

Secretary’s Report:

The November, December and January minutes shall be distributed to the members and accepted at the February chapter meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:	General Account	Income	<u>\$660.00</u>
		Expense	<u>\$908.08</u>
		Balance	\$2103.72
	Scholarship Account	Income	<u>0</u>
		Expense	<u>0</u>
		Balance	\$1067.94

The 50/50 Raffle is currently at \$639.00 (\$319.50 to the Chapter and \$319.50 to the winner) 64 white and 1 blue marble remain. The raffle was held after the Treasurer’s report but no winner at the January meeting.

Old Business:

Scholarships: Thomas Walker, FAU Geomatics student, has submitted an application and is requesting tuition money for the Spring term. Mr. Walker resides in St. Lucie County. David Silon recommends \$600.00. A motion was made to table until February’s Chapter meeting – passed unanimously.

Florida Surveyors’ Festival: Members discussed Marilyn Evers’ email to the FSMS Directors. President Irwin said he would contact the Chapter presidents and Directors to ask that they distribute the email from Marilyn Evers to their membership. The email from Marilyn was very informative and encouraging, yet no chapter has come forward to volunteer to host the festival in 2010.

Fundraising Events: Over the past few months there has been much discussion on hosting a Space Coast golf tournament. Dave Travers provided us with a bounty of information and recommended that we use the premier Suntree Golf Course. He explained that the Suntree golf coordinator would handle most of the organizing and details. The Chapter would be responsible for the funding, teams (need 75 players), sponsors,

advertising and cash awards. The golf course is available to us on March 21st only. A motion was made by Donald Lanthorne for President Irwin to send out an email to all FSMS chapters asking for a return reply on interest in participating in the golf tournament. The motion also included our chapter members getting the word out to our friends, family and colleagues and report back to the chapter in February – passed unanimously. John Gargis ended the discussion by saying he would make lots of phone calls over the forthcoming weeks.

Due to time constraints, President Irwin tabled the discussion on developing a fundraising committee and electing a chairperson – he also tabled discussion on the matter of conducting chapter business during lunch sessions and guest speakers during night sessions – discussions on these issues will resume in February.

Chapter Shirts: Kay Gargis reported on the logo for our Chapter shirts – she presented the art work generated by the shirt vendor. Some members wanted a more updated logo that excluded the shuttle; others wanted to keep it for its historical significance. A motion was made by Susan Jackson that we table the decision on the logo until February and that in the interim any member is free to create a more updated logo and present it to the membership in February. If a new logo is not presented at the February meeting, we will approve the vendor’s logo – motion passed unanimously.

Kay reminded the membership that all those who committed to buying shirts, please send your check to our treasurer, Sarah Williams so the vendor can be paid upon receipt of the invoice.

New Business:

Plat Affidavits and the Recordation of Plats: Members discussed the frustration that the local surveying community is experiencing in trying to record a plat at the Clerk’s office. The Clerk’s front line employees are delaying the process by checking plat items such as the legal description, making comments on the plat easement notes and other matters that are outside the Clerk’s responsible charge.

Equally frustrating and disconcerting are the reports that the Clerk’s office is still not placing the recording information on the record plat when a plat error affidavit is filed. Some members commented that they believe the Clerk’s office is overlooking the affidavits because there is not a standardize format for surveyors to use. Some affidavits do not note that it is a **PLAT** AFFIDAVIT thereby making it difficult for the Clerk’s office to discern between all the other types of affidavits being filed.

A motion was made by Susan Jackson for President Irwin and a member of the surveying community to schedule a meeting with the Clerk to discuss these two critical issues and report back to the chapter at the March meeting – motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Guest Speakers/CEUs: There was discussion on helping the local surveyors with continuing education credits by conducting a 6 hour free seminar. Since the surveying community is one of the hardest hit professions in this economic downturn, we need to be looking for creative ways to help our colleagues and further our profession – education is always a winner. Members acknowledged that we must first contact FSMS to seek their guidance and approval in this matter.

Tom Croonquist made a motion for Dave Silon, education chairman, to look into sponsoring a Saturday member free Seminar for in Brevard County (FSMS approved 6 CEU seminar). Bob Doer seconded – motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Donnie Lanthorne discussed with the membership his visit to Tallahassee and shared the photographs at the Florida Prime Meridian Marker. The marker will be destroyed due to park infrastructure expansion. The Prime Meridian Marker will be showcased in a tiled plaza area and a commemorative garden will recall Centennial Field.

Director Lanthorne discussed our official move to from Department Of Business And Professional Regulation to Department Of Agriculture And Consumer Services – he invited members to go to the new web site that is now operational.

<http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/> **or** <http://www.800helpfla.com/psm/psm.html>

He also reminded members to complete and return the FSMS questionnaire for scholarships and modifications to our Constitution.

Adjournment:

Joe Hale made a motion to adjourn at 7:53pm, and Donnie Lanthorne seconded the motion – passed unanimously.

Meeting Notes:

Taken by Susan Jackson.