

Space Coast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2009

Location: Tuscany Grill Restaurant; Melbourne, Florida

Time Meeting Began: 6:30 p.m.

in Attendance: 14

Anti-Trust Statement: 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.

Guest Speaker: Kathy Thrash with Sunshine One-Call made a presentation on Chapter 556 Florida Statutes. The presentation lasted just over one hour and informed the membership of some of the proper procedures when calling in tickets. A key point was made that Sunshine One-call is not a utility locator, but rather compiles the 'ticket' for the entity requesting the service and contacts the utility companies that have sub-surface lines in the project area. **It is up to the entity requesting the locations to make sure the utility companies mark their facilities.**

Secretary's Report: President David Silon began by informing the membership that the January minutes were posted on the Space Coast Chapter Website and asked if there were any items that we wanted to discuss. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kurt Stafflinger, second by Chris Bower; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:	General Account	Income	<u>\$3,638.84</u>
		Expense	<u>\$0.00</u>
		Balance	<u>\$4,070.28</u>
	Scholarship Account	Income	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
		Expense	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
		Balance	<u>\$1,567.94</u>

Directors Report: The Board of Directors has decided to pursue moving to the Department of Agriculture. Donald gave a couple of examples of how the D.O.A. has been successful enforcing policy for other professions. This does not mean that the issue has been decided. At this time we are still under the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Donald then informed the members of the status of several issues being looked at by the Board. It has been decided that due to the slumping economy not to fill the Recruiter position for F.S.M.S. Membership dues are down nearly 30% from last year. The proponents for the Hometown Democracy Act may have enough signatures to get the act on the 2010 ballot. As an effort to help surveyors obtain their C.E.C.s since their employers are no longer supporting many, the price for e-learning has been lowered.

Old Business: Kay Gargis, Chairperson of the **Ways and Means Committee**, stated that both she and John Gargis attended the Education Conference with the intention of selling calendars. While only a few were sold many members in attendance picked up flyers for the 2009 Florida Surveyor's Festival and informed us they plan to attend. Depending on the level of sponsorship, calendars will be given to those who sponsor the festival. At this time we still have not decided to lower the prize of the calendars, but this issue may be brought up at a Festival Committee meeting. The hope is that we will sell many of the calendars at the souvenir shop at the festival. All other fundraising efforts will occur at the 2009 Surveyor's Festival.

Susan Jackson, Chairperson of the **2009 Florida Surveyor's Festival**, announced that she plans to meet couple of times before the next chapter meeting to continue planning for the festival. We have an estimate that the festival will cost approximately \$13,200. It is expected that we will need at least \$7000.00 from sponsors. President David Silon will email not only Space Coast Chapter members, but also all Chapter Presidents requesting sponsors and volunteers. Director, Donald Lanthorne, informed the membership that he is working with officials at N.A.S.A. to make a formal declaration, in conjunction with National Surveyor's Week, honoring the surveyors' role in building Kennedy Space Center.

President David Silon announced that we have awarded three scholarships. Timothy Myers, a local student at Brevard County Community College, who works locally for a Surveyor, received \$400.00. Robert Loane, a student at Florida Atlantic University, received \$300.00. The final recipient was Kenneth Bryant, a student at the University of Florida, received \$300.00.

A discussion was made concerning altering the application guidelines, but it was decided that we not make any changes at this time. President David Silon then informed the membership that he intends wait to advertise the scholarship for the Spring term until after we see the amount of money we raise at the festival.

Andrew Powshok, who was named to the Brevard County Landscape Committee, was not in attendance. Andrew prepared a formal letter on the chapter's behalf helping to rewrite a portion of the Ordinance that would protect the best interest of surveyors and developers. This letter was forwarded to members for review and comments. President David Silon would then forward the comments to Andrew who would prepare a final draft on the chapter's behalf.

New Business: President David Silon then informed the membership that due to scheduling problems he would not be able to meet with the Brevard County High School Drafting teachers on February 16th. The purpose of the meeting was to present the teachers several surveying drafting assignments for students to complete as part of their curriculum. David then requested that if permitted by the drafting committee, another member take his place at that meeting. Several members expressed an interest in attending the meeting. ***This became a non-issue later in the week when David was informed that we were the only profession that committed to attend the meeting. Once again Surveyors are leading other professions in promoting what we do to the public.***

Paul Schlube, a reptile expert with Enchanted Forrest of Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, has tentatively agreed to make a 1-1.5 hour presentation on poisonous and non-poisonous snakes. President David Silon expressed Paul's desire to bring in some live snakes, but realized that most restaurants will not allow that. Susan Jackson suggested that we see if we could have the meeting at the Agricultural Center in Cocoa. Vice-President Donald Richter will check to see if a room at the center could be made available to us.

Both Kurt Stafflinger and Susan Jackson had the matching tickets for the 50/50 Raffle, though neither pulled the blue marble. The jackpot for the raffle now stands at \$337.

Adjournment: At 8:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Director Donald Richter, second by Chris Bowers, the motion passed unanimously.