

Space Coast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2009

Location: Mighty Mushroom Restaurant Melbourne, Florida

Time Meeting Began: 6:30 p.m.

in Attendance: 21

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.

Announcements: After reading the Anti-Trust Statement, President David Silon led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership was informed that we had \$406.00 in the 50/50 raffle, with tickets being available for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

Guest Speaker: Lamar Evers, with the Department of Environmental Protection Agency, gave a 1.0-hour seminar on *The Restoration of Lost Corners*. This seminar was worth 1 C.E.C. free of charge for those members in attendance.

The seminar detailed the history of the Restoration of Public Land Corners mandated by the state in the 1970's. Lamar also explained the creation and the proper information to be included on the Certified Corner Record form. At the conclusion of his presentation Lamar did visit the LABINS website to show the members the several different options of ways you can retrieve information from the site.

Secretary's Report: President David Silon began by informing the membership that several members suggested at the March meeting that we return to the practice of reading the minutes from the previous meeting as most members were not reading them when they were being sent by email. To keep the Secretary's report from lasting too long, David asked that the members allow him to read the entire report then we would open the floor for discussion. Joe Hale, Kay and John Gargis did find some grammar errors, but there was no discussion on the general content. Treasurer John Gargis made a motion to accept the report with the corrections, second by Vice-President Donald Richter. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: By John Gargis

General Account	Income	<u>\$5,730.00</u>
	Expense	<u>\$9,183.45</u>
	Balance	<u>\$2,516.83</u>
Scholarship Account	Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Expense	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	Balance	<u>\$567.94</u>

John did explain to the membership that the \$1000 expense for the Scholarship Account was for the scholarships awarded at the 2009 Florida Surveyor's Festival. He also explained that the General Account still has deposits and bills generated from the festival that are not reflected in his report.

Directors Report: This was the first time in several years that Donald Lanthorne was not present at a chapter meeting. Susan Jackson then informed the membership that Donald was recovering from surgery and wanted the members to know he is doing well.

Old Business: Kay Gargis, Chairperson of the **Ways and Means Committee**, stated that she did not have any fundraisers planned at this time.

Susan Jackson, Chairperson of the **2009 Florida Surveyor's Festival**, thanked all of the volunteers in attendance for their help with the festival. While an exact number of attendees were not determined, we estimate that 300 people attended. One of the main sources of revenue in the past, the Festival Auction, only generated \$360. She did state that Tom Snow agreed to have David Silon bring some of the best items that were not auctioned at the festival to the Central Florida Chapter's auction at Vendor's Night. As a show of our gratitude for the sponsorship and volunteers from their chapter, membership agreed to split the proceeds from that auction with the Central Florida Chapter. Tom Croonquist made a motion, to auction some of these items at the conclusion of our meeting, second by William Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan noted that Pablo Ferrari and Marilyn Evers were very impressed with the Festival and has pledged assistance in future festivals. Unfortunately the Festival was not a success financially and the chapter will visit the topic of how the festival will need to be modified in the future to help raise scholarship and general funds for the chapter.

With the assistance of Brevard County Survey employees Sam Vanderwarker and Ryan Rincones, David Silon attended career day at Hoover Middle School in Indialantic. We had a Leica 1200 G.P.S. Base Station and Rover, a Trimbal Digital Level and a Topcon Total Station with a TDS Recon data collector. The three of us demonstrated how the equipment worked. Students visited in groups determined by the school and asked several questions concerning the profession.

We still had not heard from Ann Birch with the Nature Conservancy concerning the chapter's participation in the Oyster Mat Deployment at Mosquito Lagoon. David plans to contact Ann within the next week to see if they still need volunteers.

New Business: David Silon informed the membership that the state is requesting all members to nominate those individuals who would like to become Directors or state officers for F.S.M.S. David brought several copies of the forms for those who were interested.

David Silon requested that a motion be made to have the chapter sponsor a hole at the Indian River Chapter's Golf Tournament in May. He reminded the membership that the Indian River Chapter donated \$500 for the Festival. Some discussion followed as several members expressed the desire to participate in the tournament. A motion was made by Kurt Stafflinger to donate \$200 to the Indian River Chapter, second by John Gargis. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Jackson stated that her staff will be participating in Brevard County's Touch a Truck public outreach program on May 9th at Wickham Park. The event will run from 11 am to 2pm and simply put is a program designed to educate the public about the various types of blue-collar work being done throughout Brevard County. Susan encouraged other companies to participate, as this is also a way to attract potential employees. **Once again Susan and her staff are giving the extra effort necessary to promote and educate the public about the Surveying Profession.**

David Silon, a Technical Advisor to Brevard County Schools, will represent the chapter at the Career & Technical Advisory Summit for Brevard Community College. The purpose of the summit is for the school to

learn how they can best prepare their students for a career after they graduate. David will once again offer to furnish their drafting program Surveying projects, as the students currently have very little knowledge about what we do.

David announced that Brian Morse, president of Advanced Surveying Technology would conduct a 45-minute presentation on *Civil 3D for Surveyors* at the May meeting. Members were strongly encourage not to miss this meeting as AutoCAD will no longer support Land Desktop once they release 2010 Civil 3D.

Susan Jackson and Kurt Stafflinger had the winning tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Neither pulled the blue marble. The jackpot now stands at \$406.00, with 74 white marbles and 1 blue one (the winning marble).

Adjournment: At 8:35 p.m. a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Tom Croonquist, second by Donald Richter, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was then followed by an auction of items not auctioned at the festival. Joe Hale had the winning bid for a Trimble Juno ST Handheld GPS Unit. John Gargis had the winning bid for the 'With Compass and Chain Book' by Silvio Bedini. Kay Gargis had the winning bids for 'Lasting Impressions' and Abraham Lincoln 'The Boy and the Man' books. All totaled \$400 was raised to pay off the Festival debt, with the remainder of the money to go towards the Space Coast Chapter's Scholarship.