

Space Coast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2009

Location: Duffy's Sports Grill Melbourne, Florida

Time Meeting Began: 6:30 p.m.

in Attendance: 9

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: President David Silon informed membership that we had \$474.00 in the 50/50 raffle, with tickets being available for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Unfortunately, John and Kay Gargis had an emergency at home and had to cancel at the last minute. Since they had the tickets and cash collected for the raffle we did not have a drawing this month.

Membership was informed that the chapter would give a F.S.M.S. mouse pad to any member (sponsor) that would bring a potential member to a meeting. If that person decides to become a member the sponsor would receive a \$50 gift card from Allen Precision Equipment. Anyone who sponsors an Associate Member would receive \$20 in festival Merchandise.

On a somber note, membership was informed that Michael Kane, a local surveyor, lost his battle with brain cancer. Several members in attendance noted that they have worked with Michael in the past and many surveyors in the area will miss him.

Guest Speaker: District 3 Director Donnie Lanthorne, gave a presentation on the Hometown Democracy Act. He gave several examples of how this act would harm the surveying community. This sparked a lengthy discussion as some members noted that the handouts he presented did not present how those who are proposing this are convincing voters that this is good for Florida's residents. While most members are in agreement that this is a bad bill, all were encouraged to research this issue and inform their friends, family and colleagues about the effects this bill will have on our economy and lifestyle.

Secretary's Report: David Silon recited the minutes from the April meeting. Membership was asked if there were any topics that we wanted to revisit. After nobody responded Donnie Lanthorne made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Kurt Stafflinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: As noted above an emergency prevented both John and Kay Gargis from attending this months meeting. We did not have a Treasurer's Report. However, the report was forwarded to David prior to the completion of the minutes.

General Account	Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Expense	<u>\$1,275.00</u>
	Balance	<u>\$2,451.80</u>
Scholarship Account	Income	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	Expense	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Balance	<u>\$1,567.94</u>

Old Business: On July 6th, Kay Gargis, Chairperson of the **Ways and Means Committee**, resigned. David made a request for filling the position. After nobody volunteered David suggested that we allow all members to present ideas for our future fundraising endeavors. The person presenting the idea will work with chapter officers in organizing the event.

Susan Jackson noted that she has created a template for the Chapter of the Year Presentation and would like input from other members on the content. David Silon suggested that she summarize the 2008-2009 Space Coast Chapter Activities report that he was preparing for the F.S.M.S. administrative office. Susan also noted that she desired to make a video rather than a PowerPoint Presentation in order for us to stand out. Donnie suggested that no matter what format that we decide to use, the highlight of our presentation should be the 2009 Florida Surveyors' Festival.

On the morning of June 13th, the Space Coast Chapter joined the Nature Conservancy, Dr. Walthers and a small group of environmentalist with the Oyster Reef Restoration at the Indian River Lagoon. We departed from New Smyrna Beach at 9:00 am. On the way to the reef that we restored Dr. Walthers showed us several other reefs that they have done in the past and there was no visible differences between artificial reefs and the natural ones. During the restoration the Nature Conservancy deployed the 10,000th mat since the project began. We arrived back at shore around 1:30 pm. and proceeded to a much-needed lunch at JB's Seafood Grill.

The chapter now has participated in both phases of the project, as we created mats at a chapter meeting last year. Of course deploying the mats was much harder work but at least we had our feet wet during a hot summer day. Once again I would like to thank Vice-President Donald Richter, Susan Jackson, Kay Gargis, Kurt and Ricci Stafflinger, Mike Hazelwood, Brian Dolan and Cynthia Lieberman for donating there time and muscle to help our environment. The Nature conservancy was very pleased with our effort and plans to invite us again.

David reminded members that we did not award a local scholarship for the spring term and requested that we instead donate to the F.S.M.S. scholarship. Members were okay with doing this for the spring/summer session, but it was noted that we have two local students that will be attending the University of Florida this fall. We decided to table the discussion on the future of the local scholarship and fundraising efforts until the August meeting.

Members were notified that we still have 4 seats available at the S.C.C. table for the Awards Banquet at the Conference. David Irwin and his wife reserved two of the seats leaving two remaining.

New Business: At the July meeting the following members accepted nominations for chapter officer positions:

- **Secretary** - Susan Jackson (Nominated by David Irwin)
- **Treasurer** - Sarah Williams (Nominated by Susan Jackson)
- **Vice-President** - Joe Hale (Nominated by Kay Gargis)

All three were unopposed and a vote was taken which confirmed these new officers. Unfortunately both candidates for president declined the nomination. After David notified Vice-President Elect Joe Hale that he would have to assume this duty until a president could be found, Susan Jackson nominated David Irwin. David accepted the nomination and was voted in by the members in attendance. Congratulations to all of our future officers as the chapter's future are in good hands.

After some discussion Kurt Stafflinger made a motion that the S.C.C. make the following contributions to F.S.M.S. at or prior to the 2009 Annual Conference: \$500 for the Scholarship Fund, \$500 for the Political Action Committee and \$250 towards the cost of the conference. Donnie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

We would like to request that preference for the Scholarship funds be given to a Brevard County resident, as we are aware of local two students that plan to attend U.F. this fall. David will check with Marilyn to see if this stipulation can be put on the donation as that may determine the fate of the local scholarship fund. **This is the first time in many years that the S.C.C. has been able to contribute to any of these funds, which all members feel very fortunate to do so.**

Susan Jackson made a motion that the chapter purchase a 3-1/2" bronze disk to be used in a poured in place concrete monument honoring Michael Kane. The disk will be a Brevard County Vertical Control Mark, which her staff will establish. Michael's name and PSM No. will be stamped on the disk. Susan will coordinate with Michael's colleagues to find a place whether it is his office or another location to place the monument. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment: At 9:05 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kurt Stafflinger, seconded by Donald Lanthorne, the motion passed unanimously.