

Space Coast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2009

Location: Mighty Mushroom Restaurant Melbourne, Florida

Time Meeting Began: 6:45 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. As an added bonus the two ticket holders to have their numbers drawn would receive a gift cards donated to the chapter. The first winning ticket holder would have a choice of a \$25 gift card from Bass Pro Shop or two \$10 cards from Block Buster.

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 F.S.M.S. cooler and a festival tee shirt.

David Silon informed the membership those exams for all Levels of the Certified Survey Technician program will be offered at the Annual Conference on Saturday, August 22nd. He then gave a brief explanation of the exams contents and how becoming a Level 3 – Boundary C.S.T. helped his career.

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 Treasurer John Gargis made a motion to accept the report, second by District 3 Director Donald Lanthorne. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: By John Gargis

General Account	Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Expense	<u>\$3,666.03</u>
	Balance	<u>\$2,726.80</u>
Scholarship Account	Income	<u>\$1000.00</u>
	Expense	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Balance	<u>\$1567.94</u>

John informed he membership that the report did not reflect the transfer of \$1000 from General fund to the Scholarship Fund. This money borrowed from the scholarship account in November to pay for the production of the 2009 Florida Surveyor Calendars. The intent was that once we made enough money to cover the cost of the calendars that money would be returned to the Scholarship Account.

A detailed discussion followed explaining the festival revenue and expenses. At this time the chapter made a profit of \$158.00. It was noted that we still have a few of framed posters and festival tee shirts that we will make a request to sell at the Annual Conference.

An explanation of the calendar cost was made as we sold less than 200. This resulted in a loss for the chapter. Due to the slumping economy we will not have a calendar for 2010. We did discuss how we could better plan the calendar having advertisers pay for the production cost, which will allow us to reduce the cost of the calendar in the future (2011). We decided to table this discussion until November of 2009.

A motion has made by Donald Lanthorne to accept the Secretary's Report, second by Susan Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors Report: Donald Lanthorne informed membership that during the June 5th Board of Directors meeting we were informed that SB17-44 had been sent to the State Legislators for approval. This is the bill outlining our move from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the Department of Agriculture. Donald believes all but two legislators approved the bill and it has been forwarded to Governor Crist for approval. The governor would have 15 days after receiving the bill to sign-off or forfeit his write to overrule the legislators.

One provision that many Directors were not previously aware of was that Chapter 455 would be included in the bill. Many of the directors opposed to this as Chapter 455 includes a statute that would allow surveyors licensed in Cuba, who are Cuban exiles to sit for the state exam. However, our legal council has informed us that the bill can be revised once approved.

Donald also had a brief discussion concerning the following topics: Dues for those members who are part of the Political Action Committee need to be submitted as soon as possible. We were encouraged to attend the Annual Conference as F.S.M.S. has reserved a block of rooms that must be filled or F.S.M.S. will be billed for the empty rooms. Collier County has passed an ordinance that supersedes C.C.N.A. This is a violation of state law and our attorneys are working to convince them to repeal the ordinance.

Old Business: Kay Gargis, Chairperson of the **Ways and Means Committee**, brought up the fact that many other chapters are raising a lot of money with their Golf Tournaments. As during past meetings several members voiced concerns as many Space Coast Chapter members and Brevard County residents as a whole are not avid golfers like you find in other parts of the state. David Silon did point out that we should consider many people who golf on a regular basis would love the opportunity to spend the day on the links, regardless of their involvement with F.S.M.S.

David Irwin, Kurt Stafflinger, Tom Croonquist and Brian Curl represented the chapter at the Indian River Chapter's Golf Tournament. This was a best ball tournament. David reported that although we did not win (we did not have any mulligans), a great time was had by all. In fact, Brian (one of those non-F.S.M.S. members I mentioned in the previous paragraph) was quite good and kept us from finishing last.

David Silon made one final request for alternates for the Oyster Reef Restoration with the Nature Conservancy. We would be departing from New Smyrna Beach, Saturday morning on the date of June 13th. After we had no additional volunteers, Susan Jackson informed those volunteers in attendance that she has made arrangements for us to car pool up there.

David Silon requested that we donate \$1000 to the F.S.M.S. Scholarship Fund during the Annual Conference. While the members in attendance felt that it would be a good idea, we have tabled the discussion until July as we have other funds we would like to donate to and would revisit this at that time.

New Business: Before beginning nominations for chapter officers David Silon informed members that we should not just simply nominate members who are not in attendance as the chapter would be best served by having officers who are passionate serving the Society. He did express the desire for different members to step up for these positions as we are best served with new ideas on what the chapter's direction should be. The following members have been nominated for office:

- **Secretary** - Susan Jackson (Nominated by David Irwin)
- **Treasurer** - Sarah Williams (Nominated by Susan Jackson)
- **Vice-President** - Joe Hale (Nominated by Kay Gargis)
- **President** - William Suiter (Nominated by Susan Jackson) and Donald Richter (Nominated by David Silon)

Elections will be held at the July Chapter Meeting.

Susan Jackson, Chairperson of the **2009 Florida Surveyor's Festival**, has spoken with Marilyn Evers that the state would like to encourage three or four chapters to combine their efforts and hold festivals regionally. The members all agreed that this would be best from a financial and planning standpoint we have learned that without the help of volunteers from the Central Florida and Volusia Chapters, hosting the event could have been overwhelming for one chapter. A regional event would also better serve F.S.M.S. members throughout the state due to the time and expense of traveling to the event. We plan to work with Marilyn once the Annual Conference is complete to discuss the logistics for next year's event(s).

Donald Lanthorne encouraged the members that our chapter is should consider making a submittal for Chapter of the Year. After a brief discussion, a committee was formed to create a PowerPoint presentation of report outlining the chapter's achievements. The following members are on the committee: Donald Lanthorne, Susan Jackson, Kay Gargis and Sarah Williams.

Donald made a motion that the Space Coast Chapter reserves a table at the banquet for the Annual Conference. The motion was second by John Gargis and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Sarah Williams drew the first winning ticket and Donald Lanthorne the second for the 50/50 raffle. Neither pulled the blue marble but both were awarded the gift cards mentioned in the announcements above. The jackpot now stands at \$474.00, with 70 white marbles and 1 blue one (the winning marble).

Donald informed the members that he would be the quest speaker at the July meeting. One of the main topics of discussion would be the proposed Hometown Democracy Act.

At 8:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Gargis, second by Donald Lanthorne, the motion passed unanimously.