

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes for April 13, 2010 FSMS Florida Crown Chapter Meeting

The April meeting was held at Cross Creek Barbecue, Jacksonville FL, with twenty five (25) members and guests present. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President-elect Kathy Wade, who was standing in for President Mitch Jarrells and Vice President Tom Smith. Introductions followed for all attendees, including guest speaker W. Lamar Evers, and Dave Newcomer from Tallahassee. A sign-in sheet was passed around to all in attendance.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report - The Secretary's report was published March 16, in the on-line version of The Northeaster newsletter. A motion was made by Keith Bouffard to accept the report as published, the motion was seconded by John Marsh and accepted by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting by Darin Moore. The Treasurer verbally reported that one deposit of \$4,155.00 was made this past month from the March 5, 2010 Golf Tournament. The expenses for the Golf Tournament totaled \$1801.56, resulting in a net contribution of \$2,353.44 to the Scholarship Fund. One last sponsor check in the amount of \$150.00 was delivered and presented at the meeting, which will be deposited as soon as possible. This brings the total contribution to the Scholarship Fund to \$2,503.44.

Director's Report – A verbal Director's Report was presented at the meeting by Dale Bradshaw. Dale offered the following comments:

- The tour of DoACS offices after the board meeting was not attended due to scheduling conflicts, but it was reported to Dale that it went well and most attendees left with a very favorable impression of the facilities and staff.
- Discussion about the biennial licensing fees included the possibility of staggering the deadline for the fees so that each year, one half of the licensing fees would be collected. A practical solution would be to require all registrants with even number licenses pay in even years, and all odd number licensees pay in odd number years.
- Prosecution of unlicensed activity continued to be improving, and some enforcement has begun, although the number of cases have not been reported. The Department has created its own home-based, mobile task force to deal with the many cases under investigation.
- The DoACS is willing to run a deficit until dues renewal time in February, 2011.

Committee Reports/Old Business

Apprenticeship Program Committee –No official Report was presented at the meeting. It was reported that the students had just finished up the semester, and are off until next fall.

Civic Project Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Golf Tournament Committee – As of April 13, the net contribution to the scholarship fund stood at \$2,503.44 (including some late arriving monies presented at the meeting).

Scholarship Committee - No official Report was presented at the meeting. Joe Lek informed us that no activity occurred in the last month.

Website Design Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

CST Coordinator - No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject. Kathy Wade informed us that Florida leads the other states in the number of CST's with 342. Texas, with 147 and Michigan with 136 round out the top three states, according to FSMS "the Florida Surveyor".

Other Old Business - Kathy Wade reminded everyone of the suggestion of a barbecue in June, and asked for any volunteers to contact Tom Smith.

New Business

Political Action Committee (PAC) - Lamar Evers asked the members to support the PAC with a small donation, even as little as \$50. He reported that the PAC was only funded by 10% of the State's membership, and encouraged us to become involved, and help spread the word about Hometown Democracy. Darin Moore suggested PAC send a newsletter to all new members and newly licensed Surveyors and Mappers. A motion was made by Pablo Ferrari to have the Florida Crown Chapter donate \$1000 to the PAC fund, and was seconded by Earl Wallace.

It was reported to the attendees that Ray Niles is the FSMS Liason to the DoACS.

The meeting was temporarily suspended at approximately 7:00 pm and reconvened at 7:45 pm, when Lamar Evers began his presentation of the LABINS website. Lamar concluded at 8:45 and circulated the Certificate of Completion forms and an evaluation forms for the one-hour course.

Next month's meeting location will be at O'Kanes Irish Pub & Eatery in Ferandina Beach. Mike Manzie asked for suggestions for a speaker.

The monthly Scholarship 50-50 raffle was not held due to time constraints.

A motion was made by Tim Schram to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm, the motion was seconded by Rob Gardner and accepted by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Moore, Secretary