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Minutes of 4 March 2010 Meeting

Call to order: The March Tri-Chapter meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Charlotte Harbor Chapter President Derek Miller. There were 32 people in attendance (CHC-10, CLC-6, MSC-9, Guests-7).

Derek Miller read the anti-trust statement and introduced the distinguished guests and attendees including FSMS President Steve Stintson, Executive Director Marilyn Evers, State Secretary David Hyatt, NSPS Governor Mike Maxwell, District 5 Directors Russell Hyatt and Rick Ritz, Manasota Chapter President Don Steeves, and Collier-Lee Chapter President Andy Johnson.

A motion to table normal chapter business was made by Steve Ford, seconded by David Miller and unanimously carried.

New Business:

Derek Miller reminded all of the upcoming Annual Canoe Trip Scholarship Fund Raiser scheduled for 24 April 2010, all are welcome to attend the trip and bar-b-que that follows. Charlotte County Commissioners will be presenting a Proclamation for Surveyors week on 9 March 2010. If you plan to attend, let Derek know in advance so your name can be recognized at the ceremony. Andy Johnson reported that both Collier and Lee Counties were scheduled for similar events and Don Steeves announced that Sarasota County was participating and the Manasota Chapter was working on Manatee County's participation.

Derek then introduced the evening's speaker, FSMS President Steve Stintson. Mr. Stintson reported on recent DoACS activities including the inclusion of rectified aerials being recognized as surveys, Boards interest in prosecuting unlicensed activities, and the special assessment. Other topics covered included Amendment 4, resurgence in equipment theft, and new recruiting effort implemented. Mr. Stintson congratulated the Chapters for their involvement and participation in area proclamations of National Surveyors Week and the state and local Officers for their involvement in FSMS. We were reminded of the upcoming education conference in Ocala and that locals Greg Rieth and Russell Hyatt that are both presenting programs. It was reported that the majority of the societies income is generated by continuing education classes presented by FSMS. Please keep this in mind when choosing a provider (look for the logo).

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Ms. Evers reported that membership renewals are also below average. FSMS now has a payment plan available to make this more affordable. Mike Maxwell stated that when the economy is down people's attitudes turn uglier and issues more strained; the need for our Lobbyists is more important now than ever. Please keep this in mind when you receive your request for PAC donations. There was a short discussion on the legality regarding board members presenting education classes as well as the new Boards more critical and conservative approach to issues before it. If you are called before the Board, it is recommended that you have an attorney present.

Our guests were thanked for their attendance and participation. Derek Miller next introduced Erin Martin. Ms. Martin reported that this was our 4th year pooling pop tabs in support of Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers and thanked all for their participation. No scales were available for an actual weigh-in, but based on the volumes collected Ms. Martin declared Charlotte Harbor Chapter the clear and obvious leader followed by the Collier-Lee Chapter and the Manasota Chapter respectively.

Meeting closed at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Pahutski,
Charlotte Harbor Chapter Secretary