

**RIDGE CHAPTER OF THE
FLORIDA SURVEYING AND MAPPING SOCIETY**

**MONTHLY MEETING
January 12, 2010**

PRESIDENT
Sherry Kopec

VICE PRESIDENT
Craig Emrick

SECRETARY
Sam Thomas

TREASURER
Stephen Whitaker

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT: 11:30am at the Peace River
Country Club in Bartow, Fl.**

Anti-Trust Avoidance Statement was read

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The December 2009 minutes were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer reported a chapter balance of \$211.56

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: On the legal front, Jack Breed reported that USDA is trying to circumvent the Brookes Act in obtaining services for nationwide aerial mapping. FSMS is joining the fight to correct the situation.

Regarding the Collier County CCNA issue, a new approach is being pursued. Since it is the responsibility of the Clerk of each county to make payments for services, and to do so legally, the Clerks are being advised that is illegal to make payments on contracts that violate the CCNA laws.

LEGAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: see directors report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sherry Kopec reported no news on the future Surveying Merit Badge courses for the Boy Scouts. She has ordered the items need for the four (4) additional bags needed by Ken Thompson for the course. The miniature golf tournament will be moved to a later date.

Greg Prather reported on Trig-Star. Bartow High School has been contacted and he is waiting to hear from Winter Haven. If he doesn't get a response soon, we may not be able to participate this year. Surveyor's Week is March 21-27, 2010. We usually have the Polk County BOCC issue a proclamation, but they do not meet that week. We should be able to do it the week before on Wednesday 3/17. Craig Emrick reported on the Tri-Chapter meeting. He looked into the Red Rose Inn, but members agreed it was too expensive. Craig will find another place.

Sherry reported that the BLM is taking orders online for the Manual of Instructions 2009 at the ACSM bookstore. It was questioned whether the text of the book was also available online, as with past manuals. Sherry announced the upcoming Education Conference in Ocala on March 11-13, 2010. She also reminded members to check their CEU credits to ensure they are getting credits for the meetings. Sherry reported she was unable to get an announcement of our Toys for Tots participation put into the paper. She also requested any ideas for 1 or 2-hour seminars.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 1:00 pm