



# Florida Cracker Trail Association

## Minutes and Newsletter

October 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 12:12 p.m. by President Charlie Mercer.

Board Members in Attendance were: Charlie Mercer-President, George Massengale- Vice President, Ida Irwin-Secretary, Jennifer Osterling- Trail Boss, Susie Randolph – Treasurer and Ride Secretary, Julie Hinote, Linda Hoke, Bill Biggers, Debbie Massengale, Dan Word, Bonnie Williamson, Mike Strickland, Mike Harrison.

A discussion and introductions of all those nominated for Executive Board positions was made by president, Charlie Mercer. Each nominee was offered an opportunity to detail their qualifications for the position. Following the nominees presentations, they were excused and a board meeting followed.

The floor was opened to questions from current board members.

Questions were presented regarding the laptop, purchased for Trail Boss, Jennifer Osterling by the FCTA. It was agreed that Jennifer would reimburse the FCTA \$100 and would keep possession of the laptop but would share the FCTA information on the laptop with the new Trail Boss.

**Elections:** The election was carried out by a show of hands.

### I.

#### A. Nominations to the Board of Directors

Sharon Mercer, Lynn Carlson, Slim Landress, Susanne Parks, Corinne Fredrick, Robert Wolfe, Cathy Wolfe.

#### Members Newly Elected to the Board of Directors

Lynn Carlson, Corinne Fredrick, Suzanne Parks, Robert Wolfe, Slim Landress, Courtney Bailey

#### B. Currently Serving Board Members Reelected:

George Massengale, Bonnie Williamson, Dan Word, Linda Hoke, Julie Hinote, Mike Harrison, Jerry Duncan, Mike Strickland, Bill Biggers, Debbie Weigand

#### C. Nominations to Executive Board Positions:

Trail Boss: Lynn Carlson, Suzanne Parks, Slim Landress, Robert Wolfe

Secretary: Corinne Fredrick

President: Lynn Carlson

#### Elected to Fill Vacant Executive Board Positions.

Lynn Carlson, President

Corinne Fredrick – Secretary

Suzanne Parks- Trail Boss

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Susie Randolph and George Mercer were willing to continue in her Executive Board positions and no one was nominated for these positions, they will retain their positions for 2015.

Following additional side talk and grumbling, the Board Meeting was adjourned for lunch and the Annual General Membership Meeting.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE FCTA - Minutes**

#### **At 2:30 PM the Annual Meeting Convened by Past President, Charlie Mercer**

The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Lynn Carlson-President, George Massengale- Vice President, Suzanne Parks- Trail Boss, Susie Randolph – Treasurer and Ride Secretary, Julie Hinote, Linda Hoke, Bill Biggers, Debbie Massengale, Dan Word, Bonnie Williamson, Mike Strickland, Mike Harrison, Slim Landress, Sharon Mercer. Corinne Fredrick- Secretary and Jerry Duncan were absent.

Past President Charlie Mercer made an introduction and shared chairing of the meeting with newly elected president, Lynn Carlson.

The General Membership was introduced to the new slate of Officers and Directors by Past President Charlie Mercer.

#### **The Following Committees were formed to facilitate and plan the 2015 Annual Cross State Ride**

- Awards Committee – Chelsea Hampshire and Jennifer Osterling
- Firewood- George Massengale for Manatee County, Mike Strickland for Hardee County, Jerry Duncan and Bill Biggers for Okeechobee County, Bill Biggers for St. Lucie County.
- Catering Committee – Kathleen Fredrick, Debbie Weigand, Julie Hinote, Bonnie Williamson, Sharon Mercer
- Entertainment Committee – Kristi James and Jennifer Osterling
- 50/50 Raffle – Robert Wolfe
- Logo Wagon – George Massengale and his “gals”
- Pickup Wagon – George Massengale
- Potty Wagon – Grover Johnson
- Water Wagon – Charlie Mercer
- Saddle Raffle – Julie Hinote, Debbie Weigand, Bonnie Williamson, Katie Kenney
- Auction (**I CAN’T READ THE NAME**)
- Cracker School Visit – Kathy Wolfe and the Park’s kids

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- Ride Book – Katie Kenney
- Scholarship – Julie Hinote, Linda Hoke, Mike Harrison, Kim King and Bonnie Williamson
- Transportation – Debbie Weigand and Susie Randolph
- Signs - ?

A general discussion of the Beef Raffle was held. It was decided to try a 50/50 Raffle instead of the Beef Raffle. It is hoped that it will generate more money than the Beef Raffle had in past years.

Kathleen Fredrick brought up that in the FCTA the bad behavior of one member can ruin the entire FCTA. The good will of landowners is of paramount importance. She suggested that at each camp one or two people be assigned to inspect the entire area for trash, cans, glass, dumped black water tanks, etc. Those inspectors would be charged with correcting any problems before considering the property cleared and locking the gate. The problem was recognized by those present and Charlie Mercer accepted responsibility of designing a schedule and committee members to address the problem.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

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