



Florida Cracker Trail Association

Special Notice

September 25, 2014

To All FCTA Members:

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND OCTOBER BOARD MEETING. PLEASE READ!

At the Board Meeting held in March 2014, it was suggested that it was time to review and update FCTA's Bylaws. The original Bylaws were created when the FCTA was formed in October 1994 (over 20 years ago). These Bylaws were designed for a small group of individuals to quickly put together a "Cross State Ride" for the purpose of dedicating the roadway. The roadway has been dedicated, and the "ride" has far exceeded the expectations of the original founding members. The ride has continued for more than 20 years with a membership in the hundreds instead of a few dozen. The present FCTA Board of Directors knew it was time to update the Bylaws for the good of the organization. Special consideration and thought was given to uphold the FCTA's mission statement and promote "Keeping History Alive" and to continue the passion of our founding members. The process took many hours to complete.

The newly revised Bylaws were approved in April 2014 (see the first attachment) and can be compared to the original Bylaws (see second attachment). For the safety and enjoyment of all FCTA Members, please be advised that the **2014 Amended Bylaws** will govern the organization from henceforth and will be strictly adhered to.

As per the Bylaws, a meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in October for the purpose of filling positions on the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. This meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11, at Noon in Sebring*. Only Board members will attend the Board meeting. A guest may attend if invited to attend by the President or Vice President.

Any current member interested in a position on the Executive Board or the Board of Directors should notify a CURRENT Board Member in writing so that a BOARD MEMBER may nominate them (see Article V of the Bylaws). No nominations from the floor shall be accepted. Past elections have been held in violation of the original 1994 Bylaws and future elections will follow the 2014 Amended Bylaws. Any nominations may be forwarded by e-mail to any Officer or by e-mail to FloridaCrackerTrailAssn@gmail.com. The nominated person will be notified by phone call or e-mail and may accept or reject their nomination prior to the Board Meeting.

A General Membership meeting and lunch (to be provided by the FCTA) will follow the Board Meeting on Saturday, October 11, at the same location* in Sebring at 1:00 p.m. The new Executive Board and Board of Directors will be introduced and they will direct the General Membership meeting. The purpose of the General Membership meeting is to begin planning the 2015 Annual Cross State Ride that will be held from February 14-21, 2015. Please plan to attend the General Membership Meeting.

See you all in October!

Susie Randolph, Treasurer

On behalf of the FCTA's Executive Board

*The meeting location will be changed from Hickory Hammock due to the recent wet weather conditions. The date was changed so that members will have the opportunity to attend the Florida Cracker Cattle Association's auction (horse and cattle auction) in Brooksville, FL on October 25, 2014. The location will be determined within the next few days and will be forwarded to you along with a Meeting Agenda. Please note that the FCTA has not pulled permits for overnight camping at Hickory Hammock, so please make your own arrangements if you plan to camp.

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