

AIR BOAT OWNERS & OPERATORS

A meeting of thirty-one (31) boat owners & operators held at the Elks Club on December 22nd, 1953 at 8:00PM to discuss and qualify air boats to participate in the Schenley Air Boat Races to be run at Tampa, Miami and West Palm Beach Florida during January 1954.

It was discussed and decided among the 31 men present to organize an air boat association.

(Woodie) Woodrow Upthegrove was elected temporary chairman S. Ray Rotenberger, John Underhill, David E. Crow, Johnnie Lee, Harry Higbee, Earnest A. Palmer, Sr. & Earnest Palmer Jr., were appointed on a committee to call a meeting of all Air Boat Owners to gather for the purpose of organizing. The Chairman Woodie Upthegrove called a meeting to meet at Johnnie Lee's residence on West Lake Worth Rd. Said meeting to be at 8:00 P. M. Sunday, December 27th, 1953. By motion, seconded and duly carried the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

DeWitt Upthegrove acting temporary secretary.

APPROVED DEC. 27, 1953

Johnnies Lees' Residence December 27th, 1953 8:30PM

Meeting called to order by (Woodie) Woodrow Upthegrove. Those present were Woodie Upthegrove 1209 Eliz. St., West Palm Beach --- Phone 2-2303

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|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Johnnie Lee, Sr.     | - 3521 Lucerne Ave.          | Lake Worth      | Phone 3120    |
| Johnnie Lee, Jr.     | " " "                        | " "             | " "           |
| Edward Hall          | - R#1 Box 1901               | " "             | 51084W        |
| Claud E. Hall        | " " "                        | " "             | " "           |
| Jim Ramsey           | -- 130 SE 1st Ave.           | Delray Beach    | Phone 4758    |
| Earl Wellman         | --- RT#1 Box 818             | Lake Worth      | Phone 5828 LW |
| Willman Thompson     | --- 5214 Parker Ave.         | West Palm Beach | # 33810       |
| Chester Powell       | ----- 2834 Okeechobee Rd.    | " " "           | " 35386       |
| Coy Jones            | ----- 1142 El Prado          | " " "           | " "           |
| Harry A. Higbee      | --- PO Box 8111              | Northwood Sta.  | WPB " 6701    |
| Ernest A. Palmer Sr. | - 203 East View              | Mangonia Park   | " 8893        |
| Gordon Palmer        | " " "                        | " "             | " "           |
| Ernest A. Palmer Jr. | " " "                        | " "             | " "           |
| Robert A. Palmer     | " " "                        | " "             | " "           |
| Norman Padgett       | --- General Delivery         | Greenacres      | " 9559 LW     |
| S. Ray Rotenberger   | -- S. Congress Ave.          | West Palm Beach | " 23358       |
| John E. Underhill    | -- RT#1 Box 585              | LW              | " 6868        |
| Porter Yaun          | ----- 3431 N. Lake Worth Rd. |                 | " 5946        |
| Leonard R. Sombret   | -- 624 Highland Ave.         | LW              | " 3470        |
| David E. Crowe       | ----- 529 39th St.           | West Palm Beach | " 3-2843      |
| Alfred G. Henschel   | -- RT#3 Box 449              | " " "           | " 3-4057      |
| Albert Windham       | --- RT#2 Box 814             | " " "           | " "           |
| Paul Wellman         | --- RT#1 Box 818             | LW Rd           | " 5828 LW     |
| Edwin Upthegrove     | -- Davis Rd.                 | LW              | " 3006 LW     |
| DeWitt Upthegrove    | --- County Court House       | WPB             | " 2-3954      |

Twenty-Six (26) present.

DeWitt Upthegrove acting temporary secretary.

Open Discussion followed and it was decided by all to form an organization.

Motion made, seconded and duly carried to elect a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) directors, for a term of three (3) months.

Nomination for the officers was accepted in their respective form and by secret ballot the following were elected for a term of three (3) months.

President ----- Leonard Sombret

1st Vice-President -- Alfred G. Henschel  
 2nd Vice-President -- S. Ray Rotenberger  
 Secretary -- DeWitt Upthegrove  
 Treasurer -- Jim Ramsey

Directors:

Earl Wellman  
Johnnie Lee

Directors Cont:

Porter Yaun  
Norman Padgett  
Ernie Palmer Sr.  
Tillman Thompson  
David E. Crow

After the officers were duly elected, discussions followed and President Leonard Sombret called a meeting of all officers & directors to meet at Ray C. Rotenberger's house at the Farmer's Market on South Congress ave., to be held at 3:00 P.M. Saturday January 16thth, 1954, at which time a tentative charter is to be drawn for the approval of the majority of members assembled.

By Motion duly made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

DeWitt Upthegrove, Secretary

APPROVED JAN. 16, 1954