

COUNTY COMMISSION ROOM - COURT HOUSE

September 9, 1954

President Woody Upthegrove called the meeting of the Air Boat Conservation Club to order at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended and approved.

David Crowe reported on the sale of tickets for the Barbecue, stating that all bills were paid including insurance for one year. He reported that the President and Walter Newberry, Jr., had not paid for their tickets or turned them in and that Frank Post of the Lake Worth Leader had not reported or turned in his cash for the sponsorship of boats in the approximate amount of \$100.00 net. He said there was a net profit on the Barbecue of \$219.00 of monies thus far collected.

Discussion on the Barbecue from the floor and chair followed, with everyone being pleased at the outcome.

At the suggestion of the President, Mr. Crowe was given a rising vote of thanks for his part in the financial arrangements of the barbecue. He was congratulated for his well done, efficient job, receiving a round of applause for which he expressed his thanks.

Treasurer Jim Ramsey arose and congratulated Ray Rotenberger for his fine part in the Boat Show in upturning it and getting it back in running condition within the hour and in time to enter the races. Everyone joined in giving Mr. Rotenberger a round of applause.

Walter M. Taylor's name with the \$5.00 fee was offered for membership, and, in the absence of the membership committee, the President appointed a temporary committee to act on Mr. Taylor's application including R. N. Upthegrove, Cecil Roberts and Ernie

Palmer, Sr. The Committee investigated Mr. Taylor and reported favorably. It was moved by Frank Pole and seconded by Robert Black to accept Mr. Taylor as a member. The motion carried.

Outstanding bills were reported and it was moved by Ray Rotenberger, seconded by Ernie Palmer, Sr., to pay them. Jim Ramsey was instructed to pay DeWitt Upthegrove \$8.95 for Post Cards and Stamps and Jim Ramsey for a Club stamp and material for banking purposes in the amount of \$ ____.

Secretary DeWitt Upthegrove read a letter from M. F. "Buck" Baugher which was ordered filed.

Secretary Upthegrove read several letters from the Florida Wildlife Federation notifying the Club of the Federation meeting at Leesburg, October 8th, 9th, and 10th and a copy of the Federation's program supporting legislation for assessing a \$1.00 fee for fishing licenses for all, including cane pole fishermen. He read a request to sell all members a conservation pledge decal at \$.25 cents each and an appeal to sell advertisements in the Federation year book; the Federation to use these funds for stationary, printing, etc. It was moved by Harry Higbee, seconded by Ray Rotenberger that the Club back and support the Federation in its entire work and that all Club members apply to the Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission for boat numbers because the Federation was working with the Air Boat Clubs for their benefit and had okehed this permit. The motion carried.

It was moved by Bob McLester, seconded by Ernie Palmer, Sr., to send DeWitt, delegate, and Woody Upthegrove, Alternate, to Leesburg, October 8th, 9th and 10th to the meeting that they represent the Club at the Federation meeting. The motion carried.

The President called for the treasurer's report with Mr. Ramsey reporting that with the funds turned over to him by Mr. Crowe, the balance on hand was \$460.96 with all bills paid to date.

Truman Padgett passed the hat for refreshments which he had served and collected \$5.00 more than necessary to pay for the drinks. He was instructed to turn this sum over to the treasurer, which he did.

There being no further business to come before the Club, it was moved by Harry Higbee, seconded by David Crowe that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by the President. There were 24 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

DeWitt Upthegrove
Secretary