

**Florida Whips Annual Spring Meeting
May 11, 2013**

The spring meeting of the Florida Whips was called to order at 12:15 pm by President Mary de Greef. Mary welcomed those in attendance and thanked Grand Oaks for providing us with the excellent meeting venue. She touched briefly on the tailgate held at Little Everglades and offered the keychains made for that event to anyone who cared to have one. Mary also read the treasurers report in the absence of Nelie Boehle. The club is currently in a healthy financial position.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Linda Bennett gave the membership report. Linda stated that the club currently has just over 300 members and states that this is an all time high for the club. She reported many new memberships have come from the Steeplechase continuous drives.

Linda Evans gave the Northern region report. She mentioned the Doe Lake camp out and whether or not the club would like to do in again. Linda E. also brought up the topic of volunteer development and Mary de Greef said we would discuss it under new business. Linda said the north region would decide the date for it's planning meeting after the other regions have met.

The Southwest region report was given by alternate John Porter. He mentioned the upcoming schooling HDT at Cypress Keep and thanked Grand Oaks for their hospitality. The date for the SW planning meeting is Sunday, May 26th at the Cypress Keep HDT.

Representing the SE region was alternate Jan Petri. Jan discussed the cancellation of the Port Mayaca HDT due to excess rain. He stated the Planning meeting for his region would be June 15th at Jupiter Farms Park. Jan stated their region is looking to develop more venues in their area. He also mentioned a new member who drives a 4 in-hand.

Lauchlin Waldoch was introduced as the Panhandle alternate director. Lauchlin read the regional report prepared by Cynthia Perkins. She also said they have 16 members now and that they had their planning meeting at their last clinic. They hope to continue to be able to have clinics and a recreational drive the upcoming year.

There was no old business.

Under new business:

Mary Beth Miklos and Nelie Boehle were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Mary de Greef asked for ideas for the upcoming fall membership meeting and Linda Evans suggested Camp Black Prong as a date and time. The idea was accepted and will be finalized at the summer board meeting.

Mary de Greef reminded everyone that the newsletter editor welcomes photos and articles.

The subject of the passing of Dr. Bill Hunt was discussed. Pam Knisley will talk to Marilyn Hunt and when more details are forthcoming the Whips will make an appropriate gesture of sympathy or a donation in Dr. Hunt's name. Additionally a motion was made, seconded and passed to name the Florida State Pleasure Championships in his honor. It was also hoped that an tribute might be written for the ADS magazine, The Whip.

John Porter presented the Florida Pleasure show Championships. They were as follows;

VSE Champion – Janey Randlett
VSE Reserve – Judi Tinterra
Small Pony Champion – Margaret Mayer
Small Pony Reserve – Judith Martin
Pony Champion – Linda Fritschle
Pony Reserve – Audrey Kitchens
Horse Champion – Margy Cox
Horse Reserve – Bob Giles
Utility Carriage Champion – Bob Giles

Francine Arrington was awarded an “Outstanding Service to the Club” award for her tireless work on the Workshop and as membership chair. Francine was unable to attend but her award will be sent to her.

An extensive discussion on the development of volunteers was held. Many ideas were presented culminating in the formation of a committee consisting at this time of Linda Evans and Kathi Beeson, to put the ideas together and explore others.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30