



FLORIDA CRACKER TRAIL ASSOCIATION

“Keeping History Alive”

MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2019 High Horse Ranch

General Meeting

Mike Harrison called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

The board members present are asked to step away for a time of discussion of the 2019 Annual Ride positives & improvements. Marilyn Whitford & Chelsey Knutowicz remained to coordinate the meeting & take notes. As advised by Mike Harrison this meeting was recorded for detail purposes as well.

Opening

Marilyn opens with an overview of why discussing positives & improvements are for the future of the organization & for the annual rides. 2 Rules: No profanity & no personal up fronts.

Listed below is a summarized conclusion of what was discussed. *For more detailed summary please refer to Secretary notes & recording.

Positives

- Well organized & enjoyed catering
- Lunch points/half days are a great thing
- Good directions, overall knew where to go
- Remind App very helpful
- Riders Meeting helped new riders know “how to”

Improvements & Suggestions

- Outriders ~ Less “hollering,” suggested more outriders, “Captain” of outriders, Outrider horses in back too slow
- Mention pace at Riders Meeting
- Designate Emts/Nurses/Doctors on ride & a way to show on name badge if a rider has a condition.
****This was further discussed at the board meeting as well as having been discussed in the past. Designating medical personal or people’s conditions would cause the FCTA to take on great liability. The police escort is who the FCTA relies on to call for the ambulance as they have a direct line to emergency contacts as well as the liability.
** The Secretary will improve in carrying the emergency contacts more efficiently.
- Whips ~ more careful popping whips in groups, suggested whip popping in the front at Elementary.
- Having Karaoke as part of entertainment



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2:17pm Board returned. 2:23pm Mike continued with General Member Meeting.

“Continue to invite people, we want everyone to fall in love with what we do in Keeping History Alive.” ~Mike Harrison

Financial

Lisa discussed the 2019 budget. *All financial FCTA books are open to the members upon request. 2019 Annual Ride costed \$20,354.17. So that was an income of +\$2,303.24.

Annual Ride ~ Trail Boss

Suzanne discussed this past annual ride; we had a great support team & a great year. Unity this year was a plus! Thank you to those that helped in situations & she thanked the outriders as well. She re-iterated this is not a trail ride. FCTA is out there for the community & to continue the Florida legacy. She had nothing but praise for this year’s ride. Lots of positives from law enforcement & continued strong connections with Sheriff’s offices.

Catering

Lots of positives about Susy Q’s, it being their first year catering for us. Liked that Susy allowed buying one meal & was very accommodating. Luis V. suggested a roasted pig next year before we get started on Saturday. Moving rigs in the AM makes for a more relaxing lunch time.

Committees/Volunteers **Still need volunteers, please let us know if interested

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| - <u>Media</u> {Mariah Rivera, Michaelah & Griffin Shults} | For Annual Ride Only |
| - <u>Website</u> {Michaelah Shults} | - <u>Entertainment</u> |
| - <u>Logo Wagon</u> {Lisa Hamsher, Mariah Rivera, Roberta & Mark Taylor, Candace Shearer} | - <u>Ride Book</u> {Abigail Hamsher, Mariah Rivera, Makayla Harrison} |
| - <u>Scholarship</u> {Griffin Shults} | - <u>Kids</u> {Cheryl Decker, Candace Shearer, Christie Wales, Ardicio Galvao, Roberta Taylor} |
| - <u>Trail Rides</u> {Michele Slaggy, Candace Shearer} | |
| - <u>Historical</u> | |

2020 Annual Ride Dates: February 15 - 22, 2020

Adjournment at 3:00pm {Mike} motions to adjourn the meeting.