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Reminder for SEPTEMBER 27th Meeting:

**Fat Cat Tavern – 16080 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater, FL 33764
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[GOOGLE MAPS LINK](#)

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MEETING INFORMATION:

The Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27th, 2012

Social/Happy Hour – 5:30-6:30 Meeting - 6:30 pm

Please make your reservations early for great conversation and dinner!

RSVP (email preferred) to Chris McLaughlin chris@macsurvey.com (561) 234-0760

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It is my great pleasure to greet you as this year's President of the Tampa Bay Chapter of FSMS. With this being my first letter as President, I look forward to serving this year and want to thank last year's officers for a job well done.

Our Executive Committee met for the first time on September 6th, and we have plans for some exciting events for the upcoming year. We are planning to have guest speakers with topics related to our profession, a vendor's night, community services events, and fun activities for your entire family such as bowling and miniature golf. By working together we can make this a great and rewarding year.

I know with the economic conditions many of us are working longer hours and finding it more difficult to make time for activities outside the workplace; however it is very important that we continue to support our profession by attending local chapter meetings. In our attempts to make it more convenient for many of you to attend, we are expanding our list of meeting places to include more locations. Please check your newsletter each month for the current location of the meeting.

See you at the next meeting!

Respectfully,
Jim Godfrey

MEETING SCHEDULE/LOCATION

9/27/12 – Fat Cats, Clearwater	10/25/12 – Beef O'Brady's, Temple Terrace
11/15/12 – TBD	12/??/12 - Christmas Party
1/24/13 – TBD	2/??/12 - Dual Chapter – TBC hosting
3/28/13 – TBD	4/25/13 – TBD
6/27/13 – TBD	5/23/13 – TBD
	7/25/13 - TBD

***Florida Surveying & Mapping Society, Tampa Bay Chapter
Thursday, August 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes***

Location: Beef O' Brady's, 9311 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Meeting Start: 6:32 PM

Persons in Attendance: 17

The meeting was called to order with Outgoing President Dianne Collins reading of the anti-trust statement. It was noted that Leon Hampton is a grandfather again.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: All guests were welcomed. Chris Wild of DRMP, Inc. was especially welcomed as our newest attending Tampa Bay Chapter member. He is transferring from the Central Florida Chapter. State Society incoming President-Elect Russell Hyatt was also in attendance. The food was blessed by Mr. Hampton.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Motion #1 - A **motion** was made by Dan Ferrans to accept the minutes as published in the Tampa Bay Field Book. Discussion ensued about whether Incoming President Jim Godfrey truly had the top score at the July bowling tournament. Upon consensus of a legit bowling victory by Mr. Godfrey, the motion was **seconded** by outgoing Director Joel McGee and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Motion #2** - Treasurer Justin Ferrans noted that the amount for FSMPAC as shown in the Tampa Bay Field Book needed to be amended by \$200. A **motion** was made by Jeff Kohler to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended. The motion was **seconded** by Bill Newkirk and passed unanimously.

2012-2013 CHAPTER OFFICER INITIATION

- The 2011-2012 Chapter Officers were given awards for their service by President Collins. Former officers are:
 - President – Ms. Collins
 - President-Elect – Mr. Godfrey
 - Vice-President – Judith Ferguson
 - Treasurer – Justin Ferrans
 - Secretary – Suana Schoen
 - Director – Mr. McGee
- The 2012-2013 Chapter Officers were given their oath of office by Mr. Hyatt. New officers are:
 - President – Mr. Godfrey
 - President-Elect – Mr. Hampton
 - Vice-President – Mark West
 - Treasurer – Justin Ferrans
 - Secretary – Chris McLaughlin
 - Director – Ms. Collins

OLD BUSINESS

- Former Director McGee mentioned that the Tampa Bay Chapter may have donated the most money at the previous week's FSMS annual conference.
- New Director Collins was awarded the Chapter President of the Year (2011-2012) award at the FSMS conference.
- Tom Kaney Fund Update (Mr. Newkirk) – No real changes from last month. Mr. Newkirk gave a brief history of the Fund, it was incorporated in 1998 with a \$10,000 CD and organized to provide financial assistance for medical problems. The Fund uses interest from the principal to meet its goals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Former Director McGee noted that the FSMS annual conference had 125 registered attendees, not including family members. Attendance was down slightly but there were more activities than in previous years.
- The upcoming FSMS Board of Directors meeting will be held in Tallahassee. Members were encouraged to attend.
- New Director Collins was appointed to the Membership and Education Committees. She requested Members to send her suggestions in those categories that she may be able to take to the Board.
- Mr. Dan Ferrans is still sitting on the Finance Committee.
- The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and FSMS are proposing including a membership to NSPS with the next renewal of FSMS dues. Since the dissolution of ACSM, NSPS is now the professional surveyors' national voice to Washington, DC. FSMS is seeking input and approval for raising dues approximately \$40 annually to include this benefit (NSPS annual dues are \$225). The membership will be automatic and not optional should it be approved. Mr. Dan Ferrans performed a straw poll and those in attendance support the idea.
- Scholarships around the state need applicants! FSMS is receiving applications from out-of-state applicants, even some from non-survey/Geomatics degree seeking students. There are six state awards listed at the bottom of each FSMS email notification.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion about speakers for upcoming meetings. One idea was the Tampa Bay Historical Society. Treasurer Ferrans estimated that speakers tend to increase meeting attendance 20-40%.
- Tampa Bay Chapter has around 100 members. The chapter meetings average 15-20 attendees (15-20%), while most chapters only average 10% membership in regular attendance.
- New Director Collins played the Central Florida Chapter's Chapter-of-the-Year award winning presentation on the big screen television. Further discussion was had about ideas the chapter could do to vie for this award next year.
- Mr. Russell Hyatt spoke about several items:
 - Lamar Evers of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently discovered a lighter wood post in a retiring employee's office. Mr. Evers would like to hold a chapter competition to see which chapter can file the most CCRs in a year and make the post the trophy. The winning chapter's name will be placed on a plaque at the post's base and it will be kept in the FDEP Bureau of Surveying and Mapping's offices in Tallahassee.
 - He gave an idea for civic contribution that the Manasota chapter has been doing for years. They have collected thousands of pop can tabs to be used for kidney dialysis, etc.
 - FSMS has a Retracement Camp taught by Milton Denny scheduled in Ocala on October 28th-30th. This is a hands-on field and classroom seminar worth 18 CECS.
 - He gave a raffle idea of a deck of cards where the winner pulls the joker from the deck.
 - He reminded the members to give Director Collins opinions and ideas that she can bring to the FSMS Board.

Motion #3 - A **motion** was made by Mr. Jerry Huntsman to adjourn the meeting at 7:58; the motion was **seconded** by Mr. Wild and passed unanimously.

RAFFLES: TOM KANEY FUND 50/50

The Tom Kaney Fund raised \$90 in the raffle.

August 2012 Treasurer's Report

Tampa Bay Chapter - Florida Surveying & Mapping Society

Treasurer's Report - August 2012

Submitted by: Justin Ferrans

Beginning Balance August 1, 2012	\$6,158.44
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Income:

8/23/2012	TOM KANEY FUND	\$85.00	✓
8/23/2012	DINNER RECEIPT BEEF O'BRADYS	\$315.00	✓
8/28/2012	BANK DEPOSIT	\$60.00	✓

Total Income:	\$460.00	\$6,618.44
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Expenses:

8/14/2012	SAM'S CLUB	\$183.64	✓
8/14/2012	PUBLIX	\$43.89	✓
8/14/2012	PELICAN POINT SEAFOOD	\$18.80	✓
8/14/2012	SAM'S FRESH SEAFOOD	\$26.81	✓
8/15/2012	TOM KANEY FUND CHECK #640	\$425.00	✓
8/15/2012	PHOTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE CHECK #641	\$375.00	✓
8/15/2012	BANQUET DOOR PRIZES CHECK #642	\$1,500.00	✓
8/15/2012	GEOMATIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION CHECK #643	\$700.00	✓
8/15/2012	FSM PAC CHECK #644	\$1,421.00	✓
8/23/2012	DINNER BEEF O'BRADYS	\$243.43	✓
8/31/2012	BANK FEES	\$10.00	✓

Total Expenses:	\$4,947.57	\$1,670.87
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Balance as of August 31, 2012 \$1,670.87

✓ - cleared in Bank Statement

Dedicated Funds:

Marbles:	3/1/2012	\$0.00	
TKF Fund	3/1/2012 THRU 8-31-2012	\$245.00	
PAC FUND		\$0.00	