

Tampa Bay Field Book

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Next Tampa Bay Chapter Meeting: **Thursday, March 27th, 2014**

Sea Dog Brewing Company

26200 U.S. Highway 19 N, Clearwater, FL 33761

GUEST SPEAKER: Lamar Evers, PSM, Florida DEP

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Happy Hour at 5:30 pm – Meeting/dinner at 6:30 pm - \$20 for members

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." - Albert Einstein

Greetings and Happy Spring. Though I'm an opponent of the Spring Forward change to our clocks, I do enjoy the longer hours of daylight. I'm just of the opinion that the change in season will provide for more daylight and we don't need the government to help. There are still only 24 hours in a day no matter how many times we move the clocks.

Spring is the time of rebirth and inspiration. So on to more important issues, like March Madness. As if watching all those games wasn't driving my wife to madness already, we have another incentive, a Billion Dollars! Well any lucky person stands as good a chance as the most educated of ESPN anchors. I will fill my bracket out with my favorite team winning it all but I sure don't have any false illusion of winning the Billion Dollars. ;)

Our next meeting will be on March 27th in Clearwater at the Sea Dog Brewing Company with Lamar Evers as our guest speaker. And yes, the Sweet Sixteen play that night, but do plan to attend as it should be very interesting and worth a CEC. Better than last time. I promise. We can get caught up on the scores after.

And I will repeat from last month, some good news for those of you that have to stop last minute before coming to a meeting to pull out cash, we now accept credit cards. That's right, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Of course there is a small fee of 3% +/- for this convenience but we think this is going to be well worth it. We'll be the first chapter to accept credit cards and we hope we can be a shining example for others to follow.

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

Attend the chapter meetings and events. It's what professionals do. Also please visit the website – www.fsms-tbc.org for all of the latest information on current events.

See you there

Thanks,

Leon Hampton, PSM

FSMS website:

www.fsms.org

Tampa Bay Chapter website:

www.fsms-tbc.org

***Florida Surveying & Mapping Society, Tampa Bay Chapter
Thursday, February 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes***

Location: Walden Lake Golf & Country Club, 2001 Clubhouse Drive, Plant City, FL 33566

Meeting Start: 6:50 pm

Persons in Attendance: 41 members and guests

Ridge Chapter President Sherry Grymko called the meeting to order with the reading of the anti-trust statement:

This meeting shall be conducted in strict compliance with all Federal and State Anti-Trust rules and regulations. Members of this Chapter and all others present are not here to violate any Anti-Trust laws.

Larry Sharp gave the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tampa Bay Chapter to accept credit/debit cards starting with next meeting
- Ridge Chapter holding trap shoot on Friday, March 14, 2014 to raise money for PAC and scholarship funds
- Surveyors Week is March 16-22, 2014
- Ridge Chapter hosting Boy Scouts for surveying merit badge and Girl Scouts for geocaching
- TBSMSF golf tournament is April 26, 2014 – sponsors, teams and promo items all needed
- FSMS Board meeting in Lakeland on Friday, February 28, 2014 at Terrace Hotel

GUEST SPEAKER

FSMS President Russell Hyatt spoke and provided updates on a number of topics, including:

- Blood drive for Jerry Huntsman
- Manasota Chapter gun raffle
- Chapter 472.027 changes were stopped for being too broad by the attorneys for the Speaker
- Education conference in March – MTS seminar will be debate style
- Annual conference is in Ponte Vedra Beach in August
- Next Board of Directors meeting will be in Lakeland
- FSMS invoices are due
- Support the PAC
- NSPS newsletters and emails will be coming soon
- National Surveyors Week
- FSMS creating geocaching coins for the chapters

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tampa Bay Chapter Secretary Chris Wild.

FEBRUARY 2014 Treasurer's Report

Tampa Bay Chapter - Florida Surveying & Mapping Society
 Treasurer's Report - FEBRUARY 2014
 Submitted by: David Lechner

Beginning Balance FEBRUARY 1, 2014	\$1,836.90
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Income:

Total Income:	\$0.00	\$1,836.90
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Expenses:

2/10/2014	JERRY HUNTSMAN DONATION	\$625.00	✓
2/28/2014	CHECK ENCLOSURE FEE	\$5.00	✓
2/28/2014	BANK MAINTENANCE FEE	\$12.00	✓

Total Expenses:	\$642.00	\$1,194.90
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Balance as of FEBRUARY 28, 2014 **\$1,194.90**

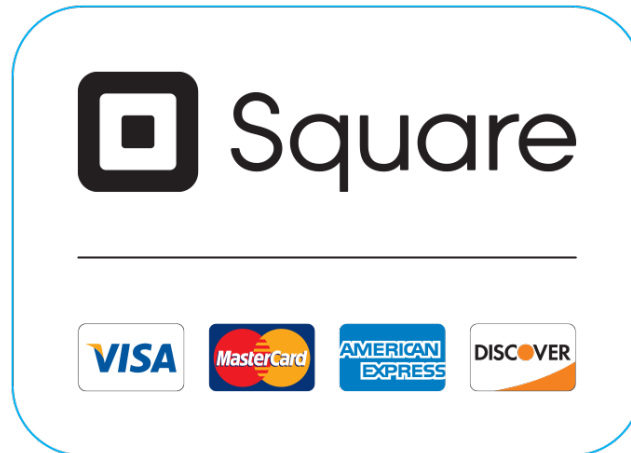
✓ - cleared in Bank Statement

Dedicated Funds:

TKF Fund	AS OF 01-01-2014	\$30.00	
PAC FUND		\$64.00	
GALLONS FOR GI'S		\$0.00	
Net Cash:		\$1,100.90	

Announcements

The Tampa Bay Chapter is pleased to announce that starting with the March meeting, all major credit/debit cards will be accepted using square:



A small processing fee will be added to the total. For a \$20 meeting, the price comes to \$20.55.

Conference Drawing

The Tampa Bay Chapter is giving away one *full conference registration* with one night's hotel stay to one member.

To be eligible to win, you must:

- Be a full member at time of drawing
- Attend a minimum of 50% of chapter events

Earn an **additional entry** in the drawing for every event attended beyond the required 50%.