

September 2017 FF BCH

General Meeting

9/21/2017

Sonny's BBQ

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 PM

We had a good turnout for this meeting. 23 people.

A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Dorothy Michele and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Ramey and group approved.

Gary Reynolds gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Fred Fulcher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Fowler and group approved.

There is a lot of dead fall in the forest since hurricane Irma. There is a big tree down on 8. Jerry and Mavis Hardy have a big tractor to help with the removal of trees on the West side of the forest. Anyone who wants to help volunteer to clear the trails, please do so. Our first concern is trails that are blocked by trees. If you can step over or go around it's not as bad as total blockage. Also, trash is of little concern at this point. Call Sally, Gary or Fred if you see areas that need some work.

Becky Fulcher announced that Connie Cordill needs to board her QH until she can find a home find a home for him. Doug Ramey said they could take him. Dianne McDonald also expressed interest.

Lillian Baner announced that the Triple M Ranch next door to her is for sale and she could answer any questions about the property.

Guest speaker: Frank Peters, Floral City Heritage Museum Director

Topic: The History of transportation on the Withlacoochee River.

Frank announced that they have a new exhibit in the museum. It is called "Another day, Another Dollar".

They try to change the main exhibit once a year. The exhibit is open Fri and Sat from 10-2.

Frank gave an interesting talk about transportation on the river using small utilitarian steam boats to transport commerce up and down the river to the rail roads. Eventually the railroads expanded and made the steam boats obsolete due to their greater efficiency. Then river ferries were utilized for horse drawn vehicles to cross. Use of the ferries ended in the 1930's.

50/50 won by Sue Jamison \$41

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM