

February 2018 FFBCB General Meeting
2/21/2018 Angelotti's

Call to order @6:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Mark Lewis Recreation coordinator for the Withlacoochee State Forest which spans 5 counties. He has been in Public Service for 34 Years. He has been with Forestry for 5 ½ years and came from FWC.

Mark keeps the volunteer hour time logs and turns the hours in to Tallahassee . They really appreciate the volunteers and the hours they put in. They couldn't possibly hire enough people to do what we do. We have the best group in the district. 36,000 hours by 120 singles and groups. We are the only ones that host a volunteer appreciation day.

There we a couple of questions about making our trash pickup days public to get more people to help. Public notification has been done on some events with very little response.

As far as misdeeds in the forest, Fish and Wildlife are the only ones that can enforce law and order. If they don't actually see it, nothing happens. Forestry does document and keep logs of happenings and they do have a data base for that.

Mark constantly is out talking to campers and young people about volunteering. We need more young people to get involved. We have more people coming to our forest because of Reserve America.

Mark gave out T-shirts to those volunteers who have 25 or more volunteer hours in the forest.
50/50 \$72.50 won by Darlene Creasman.

Visitors: Martha and Homer from Virginia and Linda and Larry from Illinois.

FFBCB received a plaque for Building the stalls in the new horse barn at Tillis Hill and we also received our 1000 hour recognition.

Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting by Dave Van, 2nd by Sue Brascia and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds: Motion to approve by Dave Van, 2nd by Calvin McDavid and group approved.

We have 3 T-shirts in inventory, XL's.

Fred Fulcher announced that we have elections coming up in March for 2 BOD members, President and Treasurer. All incumbents have agreed to serve again and anyone who would wish to nominate someone for any of these positions may do so up until the election. Be sure to pay your dues before the March election so you can vote.

Janet Day gave a report on the trash day. We had 35 FFBCB people volunteer on one, two or all 3 days of the pickup. Janet went with Fred and Becky and John on day 3 and was so impressed with Fred's luggage rack to stand on behind the truck and the different recycling containers for glass, cans and plastic and paper.

Meeting places: Sally checked out the Seafood Seller and we need to guarantee 30 people for them to open for us on a Monday night. Jean Damron wanted to do Angelotti's for regular meetings and then go to Sonny's during the Summer. Darlene mentioned the Chinese place near McDonalds. Sally mentioned the Chinese place in Brooksville. Vote on Seafood Seller: 28 voted yes so we try it at least once. Tentative date is March 26.

Projects: Mounting blocks and picnic tables. We will put one on El Dorado west of 13. Other locations? Let us know. We have money to do projects, so if you have a project, let us know.

Gloria mentioned that a good way to get young people involved might be through the 4-H groups.

Adjourn @ 7:30 PM