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*Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.*

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# FFBCH NEWS

June 2016

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!**  
**The June meeting is scheduled for**  
**Thursday, June 23, 2016.**



**750 W Main Street, Inverness**  
**Dinner 5:30-7:00 business meeting at 7:00 p.m.**



**Lt. Chris Evans, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Citrus County Sheriff's Office will speak to us about hurricane preparedness: what to do, when to do it and if you plan to evacuate how far in advance you need to leave among other considerations. As horse owners we have lots of issues to deal with during storm season. There will be lots of great information no matter how many storms you've been through. Hope to see you there!**

May 2016 FFBCH General Meeting  
5/25/2016  
Angelotti's Restaurant

Meeting called to order by Sally McDavid at 6:58 PM

Guests: Peter and Nancy Broost and Al Kline

Group approved the April minutes. Gary Reynolds gave treasurer's report and group approved.

Sally will order more trail maps in June and replacement signs. Lillian Baner questioned the accuracy of the mileage on the maps and Virgil Oliver mentioned that the maps don't hold up after they have been in your pocket for a while and it was suggested that he put his map in plastic or laminate it.

The group is looking into making more mounting blocks with forestry's approval. Janet Day had put out some stumps for mounting blocks and we are looking into some alternative materials. We need to know where you would like to have them located. Tillis only has one so maybe another one there.

We had great turn out for our trash pickup days. Next time we may focus more on the actual trails vs the roads.

The new barn is done at Tillis Hill.

We are planning a potluck dinner at Tillis Hill for the November meeting as an appreciation function. Club to provide the meat and everyone bring a dish to share. Al Kline asked if the other Chapters would be invited. Ans: Everyone is welcome but the function is focused on the FFBCH Group. The Shindig is for all the Chapters to come together.

If you have new articles for the newsletter, please send to Sally by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month for inclusion in newsletter.

Meeting days: We have tried some different days other than Thursday. Is there a preference? Lillian Baner said that Wednesdays are easier for her.

Lillian Baner mentioned that close to her place there were 2 new Adopt-a highway signs. The Nature Coast Ramblers and the Lecanto Show Stoppers 4-H. She would like to thank them for adopting that portion of the highway.

Jean Damron mentioned that the buggy club had a recent outing at Tillis Hill and the turn-out was very low due to the No Dog rule. It deters people from attending functions because most horse people have dogs and won't leave them home alone. This topic come up from time to time with not much response from Forestry.

Fred Fulcher won the 50/50 of \$37.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

## **We need your input!**

Very low tech response requested: Send an email to **ffbch.org@gmail.com** and reference No. 1, No. 2 & No. 3 and your type your answer(s).

Answer one question or all, but help us out!

**Question No. 1:** If we had approval from forestry, where in the Citrus Tract would you like to see mounting blocks?

**Question No. 2:** What is your suggestion for a project for FFBCH to undertake in the Citrus Tract?

**Question No. 3:** Speakers. In the past, we had a variety of speakers: Crime Prevention; Trailer Maintenance; Truck Maintenance; Tires - Buying and Maintaining; Creeping Indigo (Colleen Werner); Toxic Pasture Weeds (Dr. Stacy Strickland) ; Certified Farrier; Farm Insurance (and what it means to own horses) just to name the most current. Who would you like to see as a repeat (if any) and who or what topic would you like to see covered.

## Volunteers Needed

The Oxbow trail head (hiking) is having some issues with trash. The trail head is located about three miles west of SR 200 on CR 39. Anyone who might be interested in helping forestry with this issue should contact Lita Hart, Recreation Director via email at [lita.hart@freshfromflorida.com](mailto:lita.hart@freshfromflorida.com).


## Trail Issues

Report any and all trail issues in the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest to Fred Fulcher at 352-341-2461 or email at [rafulche@aol.com](mailto:rafulche@aol.com). Fred will get the word out to the appropriate people

**Please  
Respect Other  
User's Trails**

**Stay OFF  
Hiking Trails**






Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$25 and Family memberships = \$30. Or, make a donation! 100% of a donation goes to the club.

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area. Don't forget Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen serving Hernando, west Sumter and northeast Pasco Counties and Southeast Ocala Back Country Horsemen.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



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