

AIR BOAT OWNERS & OPERATORS

A meeting of thirty-one (31) boat owners & operators held at the Elks Club on December 22nd, 1953 at 8:00PM to discuss and qualify air boats to participate in the Schenley Air Boat Races to be run at Tampa, Miami and West Palm Beach Florida during January 1954.

It was discussed and decided among the 31 men present to organize an air boat association.

(Woodie) Woodrow Upthegrove was elected temporary chairman S. Ray Rotenberger, John Underhill, David E. Crow, Johnnie Lee, Harry Higbee, Earnest A. Palmer, Sr. & Earnest Palmer Jr., were appointed on a committee to call a meeting of all Air Boat Owners to gather for the purpose of organizing. The Chairman Woodie Upthegrove called a meeting to meet at Johnnie Lee's residence on West Lake Worth Rd. Said meeting to be at 8:00 P. M. Sunday, December 27th, 1953. By motion, seconded and duly carried the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

DeWitt Upthegrove acting temporary secretary.

APPROVED DEC. 27, 1953

Johnnies Lees' Residence December 27th, 1953 8:30PM

Meeting called to order by (Woodie) Woodrow Upthegrove. Those present were Woodie Upthegrove 1209 Eliz. St., West Palm Beach --- Phone 2-2303

Johnnie Lee, Sr.	- 3521 Lucerne Ave.	Lake Worth	Phone 3120
Johnnie Lee, Jr.	" " "	" "	" "
Edward Hall	- R#1 Box 1901	" "	51084W
Claud E. Hall	" " "	" "	" "
Jim Ramsey	-- 130 SE 1st Ave.	Delray Beach	Phone 4758
Earl Wellman	--- RT#1 Box 818	Lake Worth	Phone 5828 LW
Willman Thompson	--- 5214 Parker Ave.	West Palm Beach	# 33810
Chester Powell	----- 2834 Okeechobee Rd.	" " "	" 35386
Coy Jones	----- 1142 El Prado	" " "	" "
Harry A. Higbee	--- PO Box 8111	Northwood Sta.	WPB " 6701
Ernest A. Palmer Sr.	- 203 East View	Mangonia Park	" 8893
Gordon Palmer	" " "	" "	" "
Ernest A. Palmer Jr.	" " "	" "	" "
Robert A. Palmer	" " "	" "	" "
Norman Padgett	--- General Delivery	Greenacres	" 9559 LW
S. Ray Rotenberger	-- S. Congress Ave.	West Palm Beach	" 23358
John E. Underhill	-- RT#1 Box 585	LW	" 6868
Porter Yaun	----- 3431 N. Lake Worth Rd.		" 5946
Leonard R. Sombret	-- 624 Highland Ave.	LW	" 3470
David E. Crowe	----- 529 39th St.	West Palm Beach	" 3-2843
Alfred G. Henschel	-- RT#3 Box 449	" " "	" 3-4057
Albert Windham	--- RT#2 Box 814	" " "	" "
Paul Wellman	--- RT#1 Box 818	LW Rd	" 5828 LW
Edwin Upthegrove	-- Davis Rd.	LW	" 3006 LW
DeWitt Upthegrove	--- County Court House	WPB	" 2-3954

Twenty-Six (26) present.

DeWitt Upthegrove acting temporary secretary.

Open Discussion followed and it was decided by all to form an organization.

Motion made, seconded and duly carried to elect a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) directors, for a term of three (3) months.

Nomination for the officers was accepted in their respective form and by secret ballot the following were elected for a term of three (3) months.

President ----- Leonard Sombret

1st Vice-President -- Alfred G. Henschel
 2nd Vice-President -- S. Ray Rotenberger
 Secretary -- DeWitt Upthegrove
 Treasurer -- Jim Ramsey

Directors:

Earl Wellman
Johnnie Lee

Directors Cont:

Porter Yaun
Norman Padgett
Ernie Palmer Sr.
Tillman Thompson
David E. Crow

After the officers were duly elected, discussions followed and President Leonard Sombret called a meeting of all officers & directors to meet at Ray C. Rotenberger's house at the Farmer's Market on South Congress ave., to be held at 3:00 P.M. Saturday January 16thth, 1954, at which time a tentative charter is to be drawn for the approval of the majority of members assembled.

By Motion duly made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

DeWitt Upthegrove, Secretary

APPROVED JAN. 16, 1954