

**General Membership Meeting  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
(Gator Club, Sarasota, FL)**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

*Moment of Silence*

**Members Self Introduction:**

**Ritual of "The Can":** Chris Kelly passed The "Can" to Jentzen Barton

**Agenda Presented:** Accepted

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Accepted

**President's Report:** Welcome to all FOOLS and Guests including honored guest, Chief Rick Lasky (Lewisville, TX) who did our FOOLS training seminar. Great Training opportunity was provided by Chief Lasky on Friday and Saturday. We will be looking at providing future training opportunities in the near future!

**Vice President's Report:**

- A. There is a new process to apply to be a member of the Sun Coast FOOLS; all applicants to the Sun Coast FOOLS must be present at a meeting to apply for membership due to our recent Bylaws Amendments. An applicant must be sponsored by a current member in good standing and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to acce the member must be made prior to being allowed membership into the Sun Coast FOOLS.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- B. All Annual Dues will now only be accepted in person at a FOOLS gathering.
- A. The I.R.S has the 501(c)(3) application and we are awaiting their response. The State of Florida had approved the Not-for-Profit Application and views the FOOLS as a Not-for-Profit.
- B. Currently there is \$1771 in checking.

**Trustee's Report(s):** None

**Old Business:**

- A. Pipes & Drums
- B. Lasky Seminar

**New Business:**

- A. Introduction of Chief Lasky and making Chief Rick Lasky an Honorary Sun Coast FOOLS member.
- B. Special Presentation of plaque to Past President Leigh Hollins for all of his hard work over the past 10 years with the Sun Coast FOOLS.

**Other Business:**

- A. Don't forget Orlando Fire Conference is upcoming at the end of the month where there will also be a FOOLS gathering.

**Committee Reports;** None

**FOOL of the Month:** TBA

**Final Thoughts:** Great Seminar Weekend with Chief Lasky, and we look forward to providing new training seminars in the near future.

*Adjournment*

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