

## SMKA MEETING MINUTES, May 11, 2009

Vice President Dahl called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and introduced our Guest Speaker Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Cameron.

Sheriff Cameron oversees an agency of 630 employees which includes the Jail, the Courts and Law Enforcement. As Sheriff his priority is public safety, traffic safety and drug safety and his jurisdiction includes the entire county with the exception of Punta Gorda which has a police department. There are 1.8 officers for each resident. Budget cuts have not affected the Sheriff Department because of public safety issues but the department is looking for volunteers to help patrol the streets and waterways. He spoke about the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Police Academy which is an 8 week program designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. To learn more about the academy call Deputy Michael Maschmeier at (941) 639-2101. Sheriff Cameron concluded his talk with a question and answer period.

Treasurer's Report:

Minutes: a motion was made to accept the minutes as written; motion was seconded and carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee has a baseball outing is planned for July 26: Stone Crabs vs? Cost \$21 includes game, baseball cap and picnic lunch. Other social events are in the offing and will be advertised in the newsletter.

MASK Advisory Committee: Phil Eason reports that the committee is lobbying EWD to increase water pressure to accommodate 6inch lines for new fire hydrants. Other option is to find the money to add fire plugs which can operate on 4 inch line. There is a vacancy on the committee – contact BJ Galberaith if you are interested.

MSTU: no report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements – May is the beginning of turtle nesting season – remove all beach furniture, fill in holes and reduce lighting. Water conservation remains important – w are still experiencing drought conditions.

Vice President called for a motion to adjourn – motion was made and seconded, meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Dunham-Card, Secretary

