



NORTH FLORIDA AMS GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008 – 7:30 PM
LOVE BUILDING, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FL

Members Present: Joseph Bauer, Kim Bradbury, James Carpenter, Matthew Cullen, Steven DiNapoli, Ron Doel, Benton Farmer, Robert Garcia, Cameron Gauthier, Mel Griffin, Kristine Harper, Heather Holbach, Evan Kalina, Max Marchand, J.P. Michael, Christopher Mulcahy, Max Perron, Bradly Schaaf, Peggy Schwerdt, Richie Schwerdt, John Sisak, John Smith, Ashley Stroman, Jimmy Taeger, Zak Tamurian, Kelsie Timpe, Ryan Truehelut, Jim Waller, Rachel Weihs, Bryan Williams, Linden Wolf

Proceedings:

- The meeting was brought to order by President Kim Bradbury.
- President Kim Bradbury conducted the following business:
 - It was announced that WeatherFest would occur January 17, 2009 from 10am-5pm. More details would be given by Jimmy Taeger.
 - Members were reminded about the AMS Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ. Early applications are due by December 1st.
 - The members were informed that there are a few AMS t-shirts left. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis. If there is enough demand, a second order may be placed.
- Vice-president Evan Kalina conducted the following business:
 - There will be a banquet committee meeting on January 8th. An interest sheet was passed around.
 - Members were reminded of the laser tag event at the Fun Station on November 21st at 7:30pm.
 - Members were informed that a bowling event will be held on the last week of January.
- Treasurer John Sisak conducted the following business:
 - The current state of the North Florida AMS account was disclosed.
 - There was a \$199.25 profit from t-shirt sales.
 - There was a \$61 profit from the golf tournament.
 - Golf Tournament winners were congratulated:
 - Overall Winners – Pat Taylor and Scott Rudlosky
 - Longest Drive – Benton Farmer
 - Closest to the Pin – John Sisak
- Secretary John Smith conducted the following business:
 - There will be a bake sale during WeatherFest. A signup sheet was passed around.
 - Members were asked for assistance in publicizing the AMS banquet. Anyone interested should signup on the banquet committee sheet.

- Science and Education chair Jimmy Taeger conducted the following business:
 - It was announced that a food and clothing drive for the homeless will be held in the spring.
 - Details on WeatherFest were disclosed. It is a joint effort between the North Florida AMS, the NWS office in Tallahassee, and FSU department of meteorology. The NWS office will be open for tours, a balloon launch will be conducted, the FSU Weather Show studio will be open for tours, and there will be activities such as weather jeopardy.
- Dr. Kristine Harper of the Florida State University history department was introduced by vice-president Evan Kalina.
- Dr. Harper spoke about the challenges faced by the pioneers of numerical forecast modeling. The largest challenges were by skeptics of numerical modeling. Nearly the entire professional meteorological community of the early 20th century considered numerical modeling a waste of time. She also gave a brief historical viewpoint of the advances in numerical forecast modeling with the advancement of computers.
- The meeting was adjourned by president Kim Bradbury.

Next General Meeting: The next general meeting will be held on January 20, 2008 at the Love Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Dr. James J. O'Brian, emeritus faculty member of the Florida State University meteorology department and founder of COAPS (Center for Oceanic-Atmospheric Prediction Studies), will be the speaker.

Respectfully Submitted,



John R. Smith
Secretary, North Florida AMS