

FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Delray Beach September 14th, 2016

FBPCA Web Site Committee meeting 10:00 Am to 11:10 AM

Eric Hellstrom, Joe Westerman, Phil Wotton, Bob Maler, Luis Andrade, Luiz Morizot, met as a FBPCA Web Site Committee. Each tab was examined and discussed. Members are requested to send Joe Westerman their City Links, Wed Cam info, and any agency photos.

The following members were in attendance:

Eric Hellstrom	St. John's County	President
Breck Ballou	Fort Lauderdale	Advisor / Secretary
Joe Westerman	Manatee County	VP / West Coast
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	VP / Central / Treasurer
Joe Peloquin	Palm Beach County	
Mike Huck	Dania Beach	
Tom Fogan	Fort Lauderdale	Retired / Life Member
Rob Caldwell	Lantana	Retire / Life Member
Bob Maler	Miami-Dade County	Retired / Alumni
Jim Kehl	Pompano Beach	Retired / Life Member

The following guests were in attendance:

Jo Wagenhals	Pompano Beach
Luiz Morizot	Miami-Dade County
Luis Andrade	Miami-Dade County

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM. President Eric Hellstrom thanked Phil Wotton for hosting the meeting. Eric also thanked Joe Westerman for all the work he has accomplished with the FBPCA web site. Eric summarized what the FBPCA Web Site Committee discussed at the earlier meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Eric Hellstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from the August Vero Beach meeting, Phil Wotton seconded, motion carried to approve minutes.

Communications

- Rob Caldwell circulated several beach safety articles from around the State. Rob also stated to the Members that his Mom had recently passed. the Members expressed their condolences to Rob.
- Phil Wotton circulated an article regarding lifeguards working long weekends and holidays.
- Eric Hellstrom circulated article regarding new research on the dynamics of a rip current. Article suggests the new way to handle being caught in a rip is to stay calm and float until the rip circulates and brings swimmer back to the shore.

Officer Reports

Eric Hellstrom: President - Deferred

Breck Ballou: Advisor / Secretary

- Stated that John Fletemyer will be hosting Peter Kaou, head lifeguard from South Korea. If Members would like to meet Mr Kaou, Ballou will let them know when and where there will be that opportunity. He is due to arrive in the USA in about two weeks or the beginning of October..

Joe Taylor: VP / South

My apologies for missing the summer meetings. I had all intentions of being there today. Fire staff meeting ran over and I was assigned to spend a certain amount of money by the end of the day. So, I can just report two things from south. Miami Beach is replacing all towers, building the on site at a lot on 62nd st. They put them out 4 at a time colorful. Hallandale Beach will initiate first time junior program next summer. Once again sorry for the no communications. Busy summer, bit off more than I can chew. One last and sad thing. If you have not seen it on face book, Marine Safety Officer Brian Ferguson of Hollywood was found dead of a self-inflicted gun wound. Hollywood staff and Lifeguards in surrounding community are saddened. Counselors met with the staff this morning and it seemed to give some relief to the division.

Joe Westerman: VP / West Coast

- Stated that Hurricane Hermine was a three day event for agencies in the panhandle and that the lifeguards were busy dealing with rough water that caused many rescues in the area.
- Manatee County has shifted to the winter schedule of 5 X 8 weekly shifts.

Phil Wotton: VP / Central / Treasurer

- **Balance: \$3,468.56**
- The Go Daddy account is on schedule to be paid as the renewal date occurs
- The membership is updated and will be attached to the minutes.
- Sent out flyer announcing lifeguard position opening at Delray Beach.
- Made a motion for reimbursement of \$95.86 for lunch. Ballou seconded. Motion passed to reimburse Phil Wotton \$95.86 for lunch expenses.

Jo Wagenhals: USLA SER Report:

- The Fall USLA SER meeting will be on October 22nd in Volusia County.
- The Fall USLA National meeting will be in Denver Colorado
- Jo discussed the SER competition in Siesta Key and noted that the distribution on awards had some issues, mainly that there were not enough ordered.

New Business:

- Bob Maler Reminded everyone that they should be thinking about nominations for the FBPCA awards...Meritorious Act and Heroic Act among the others
- Eric Hellstrom reminded members that nominations for Lifeguard of the Year and Beach Patrol of the Year are due on or before the November 16th Indian River meeting. One hard copy is all that is needed at the November 16th Indian River meeting. It will need to be submitted electronically as well so it can be distributed to the voting members.
- Eric Hellstrom asked the Members for their input regarding the FBPCA joining the Florida Fire Chief's Association (FFCA). A lively discussion ensued. A vote will be taken at the December 14th Deerfield Beach meeting regarding our organization joining the FFCA.
- Eric Hellstrom made a motion to cancel the October 2016 FBPCA meeting. Breck Ballou seconded the motion and the motion to cancel the October 2016 FBPCA meeting carried.
- Eric Hellstrom read a letter from FBPCA to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection formulated by Tom Fogan and

Joe Westerman regarding the changing of wording on the Beach Warning signs. The proposal will ask that the words describing the purple flag be changed from "Dangerous Marine Life" to "Stinging Marine Life" with "Man-o-War, Jelly Fish, Sting Rays" written in smaller letters underneath. A motion to send the letter to the DEP was made by Eric Hellstrom, Joe Westerman seconded the motion and the motion carried to send the letter requesting the DEP to change the purple flag description to "Stinging Marine Life"...."Man-o-War, Jelly Fish, Sting Ray"

- Joe Peloquin asked the Members to fill out a survey regarding their agencies policy on alcohol consumption on the beach. He asked the members to send him their policies regarding alcohol consumption electronically. A discussion ensued about enforcement.
- Rob Caldwell discussed the importance of the FBPCA contact list and the dissemination of information to the Members.

2016 - Monthly Meeting Schedule:

- November 16 Indian River County
- December 14 Deerfield Beach

2017- Monthly Meeting Schedule: Several tentative dates

- January 17th (Tues) Volusia County
- February 17th (Fri) Manatee County
- March (USLA Spring Meeting TBA) Volusia County
- April 19th Dania Beach
- May 17th St Lucie County
- June 14th Miami-Dade
- July 17th (Mon) Delray Beach
- August 8th (Tues) Volusia County
- September 13th Palm Beach County
- October 13th (Fri) St John's County
- November 15th Indian River
- December 13th Deerfield beach

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Eric Hellstrom, Jo Wagenhals seconded, Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next meeting: November 16th Indian River County @ 11 AM

Directions:

Marsh Landing Restaurant 44 Broadway Fellsmere, FL.

- From the North and South:
I-95 Exit 156. Head west about 3.1 miles (don't speed, they will get you) go to Broadway turn right, go about ¼ mile and it's on the left.

<http://www.marshlandingrestaurant.com/index.html>

MapQuest as necessary