

FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Manatee County February 17, 2017

The following members were in attendance:

Eric Hellstrom	St. John's County	President
Mike Huck	Dania Beach	VP / South
Joe Peloquin	Palm Beach County	VP / Central
Joe Westerman	Manatee County	VP / West
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
Breck Ballou	Fort Lauderdale	Secretary / Advisor
Derick Brown	Pinellas County	
Brad Beckett	Martin County	
Collin Schmidt	Manatee County	
Bob Smith	Manatee County	
Bob Maler	Miami-Dade	Retired / Life Member

The following guests were in attendance:

Jo Wagenhals	Pompano Beach	
Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach	USLA / SER President
Patrick Brafford	Clearwater Beach	

Members who notified absence in advance:

Andrew Ritchie, John Frazier, Rob Caldwell,, Luiz Morizot, Luis Andrade, Joe Taylor, Jim Kehl, Tom Fogan, and Mike Brown.

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM and Eric Hellstrom thanked Joe Westerman for hosting the meeting.

Guest Speakers

Cliff Ray – Prone 2 Paddle (P2P)- Cliff graciously treated the members to lunch and then patiently waited until the end of the meeting to showcase his rescue board products.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

One correction on the spelling of Morizot. Motion made by Joe Westerman, and seconded by Bob Maler. Passed

Communications & New Business combined.

The ten (10) hour workday was discussed and Phil Wotton stated he would send back out the spreadsheet detailing which agencies were on that schedule.

The use of drones for spotting hazardous marine life was discussed. Multiple agencies already have laws that prohibit drone usage on the beach.

Officer Reports

Eric Hellstrom - President:

- Hellstrom stated that they are placing a new Kawasaki Ultra Lx in service. This PWC is equipped with a GPS mount and speakers. The PWC is being equipped with blue tooth and several 800mhz radios are being “flashed” for compatibility. Ultimately when the radio receives it will be broadcast through the speakers. Hellstrom stated he would send an email when everything is complete.
- He also brought up the World Conference on Drowning Prevention (<http://www.wcdp2017.org/>). He recommended that agencies place this event in their budget if possible, but stated that it will require a passport. Discussion ensued regarding if agencies allow individuals to travel out of the country. Gerry stated that the USLA meeting will follow the conference on October 20-21st at the same location in Canada.

Phil Wotton: VP / Central - Treasurer

- Balance: \$4,614.96
- \$1,875 Membership dues have been collected for 2017 so far
- Phil stated that he is working on the FBPCA 2016 tax return

Breck Ballou: Secretary / Advisor

Ballou stated that 2017 Air Show is scheduled for May 6th & 7th. Fort Lauderdale will be sending out fifty additional applications for Event Workers. If you worked last year all you need to do is fill out a background form and email a current CPR card. If you are interested in working the air show in Fort Lauderdale, call us @ 954-828-4595 and leave a current address so we can send you an application.

Mike Huck: VP / South

- Mike stated that Dania Beach was dealing with drones flying over the beach and asked the members how their agencies dealt with them. Many agencies gave their input.

Joe Peloquin: VP / Central

- The Palm Beach County lifeguard tournament date has been moved up from June to April...date to be announced.
- Joe stated the status of PBC Ocean Rescue with regards to the special risk initiative.
- Joe deferred the remaining report to the banquet discussion

Joe Westerman: VP / West

- Joe stated that the beaches in Manatee County have continued to have to deal with red tides but they are not as severe as in the recent past.
- Update on the FBPCA web site - Joe had the site on the wall and went over each drop down with the members in attendance. Joe encouraged anyone with good agency pictures to send them in to him. Joe asked that they are taken through a wide angle shot, 1920 X 500 resolution are best suited. Joe thanked Luis Andrade for his expertise downloading old FBPCA magazines on to the web site.
- Patrick Brafford added information from Clearwater Beach - Clearwater continues to recruit qualified applicants. Clearwater is experiencing a population growth and is asking for two new lifeguard towers along with two additional full time positions and fourteen part time positions. Discussion on salary ensued.

USLA Report -

- USLA SER Lifeguard Competition - July 18 & 19 Delray Beach - Captain's Meeting July 17th at 6 PM (Seagate Beach Club)
- USLA SER Junior Lifeguard Competition - July 15th Delray Beach
- USLA National Lifeguard Competition - August 9th - 12th, 2017 Daytona Beach, with the Juniors being held on August 9th.
- USLA SER Host Hotel - Seagate Beach Club, Delray Beach
- Jo Wagenhals discussed public education endeavors. Jo suggested purchasing water safety pamphlets, book markers or bumper stickers. The billboards were a huge success and sponsorship of new billboards was discussed.
- Jo announced that she will be attending the South Florida Water Safety Symposium, Friday, March 3rd, 2017 at the Sunrise Civic Center - 10610 West Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise, FL 33351

FBPCA / USLA Awards Banquet:

- Palm Beach County, Friday, April 7th, 2017....Banquet will be at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. Cost is \$25 per person. The names and money must be submitted prior to the banquet in order to

ensure there will be enough food for everyone to enjoy. You can contact your Chief to make the reservations.

- Please submit names for 25 & 40 years of service awards.
- Please submit names for 2016 fallen lifeguards for the "In Memory of Moment" at the banquet.
- Please start thinking about and collecting nice door prizes.

2017 Monthly Schedule

- March 10th – University of Miami, Oceanographic Institute, Key Biscayne 10 AM for demonstration, then lunch and a quick FBPCA meeting.
- April 7th - PBC -(conference room location TBA) 10 AM - FBPCA meeting followed by the USLA SER Spring meeting at approximately noon to 3PM.
- May 17th - St Lucie County
- June 14th - Miami-Dade County
- July 17th (Monday) Delray Beach
- August 8th (Tuesday) Daytona Beach
- September 13th - Dania Beach
- October 13th (Friday) St John's County
- November 15th - Indian River County
- December 13th - Deerfield Beach

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Eric Hellstrom, second by Breck Ballou.
Meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM. Prone to paddle began their Demonstration at 2:30.

Next meeting:

**March 10th @ 10 AM - University of Miami Oceanographic Institute
Key Biscayne Florida**