

FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Volusia County, January 17, 2017

The following members were in attendance:

Eric Hellstrom	St. John's County	President
Mike Huck	Dania Beach	VP / South
Joe Peloquin	Pal Beach County	VP / Central
Joe Westerman	Manatee County	VP / West
Breck Ballou	Fort Lauderdale	Secretary / Advisor
Brad Beckett	Martin County	
Ray Manchester	Volusia County	

The following guests were in attendance:

Tom Gillin	Flagler Beach
Eisen Witcher	Brevard County

Members who notified absence in advance:

Phil Wotton, Andrew Ritchie, John Frazier, Rob Caldwell, Patrick Brafford, Bob Maler, Luiz Monizot, Luis Andrade, Joe Talyor, Jo Wagenhals, Jim Kehl, Mike Brown, Derrick Brown.,

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

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

Guest Speakers

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Deerfield minutes were discussed and the issue of the Palm Beach County pay increase was not accurately described in the minutes. In fact PBC Commission "will consider" an 11.5% salary increase and Special Risk Retirement benefits for their Ocean Rescue Agency. Approval of the minutes was passed with the change regarding the PBC commission.

Communications & New Business combined.

Officer Reports

Eric Hellstrom - President:

- Eric has been working on a Executive Summary of the FBPCA (attached) Eric would be very interested in any input with regards to this very important informational document regarding our organization. The Executive Summary will give the FBPCA goals and direction.
- Eric discussed the FBPCA membership possibilities in to the Florida Fire Chief's Association. He will be addressing the FFCA this week at the conference in Volusia. Discussion ensued.

Phil Wotton: VP / Central - Treasurer

- Balance: \$4,123.46
- Joe Westerman made a motion to reimburse Phil Wotton \$61 for the Sunbiz annual fee. Ballou second, motion approved.
- Eric Hellstrom made a motion to reimburse Volusia County \$108.58 for today's lunch, Joe Westerman second, motion passed.

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 along with all the other south agencies were very busy over the holidays dealing with rough water and large crowds. Mike described several rescues including a field save of a 9 y/o pulsless Pt, a rescue involving the use of a rescueboard, and one fatality involving a rip current scenario.

Joe Peloquin: VP / Central

- At the most recent Palm Beach County meeting, the Commission voted to reject an agreement between the CWA Union and Management which would have increased salaries by 11.5% for EMT Ocean Lifeguards / Lieutenants and sign the applications for Special Risk Class Membership (FRS) after meeting the specified criteria in the agreement.
- Joe stated that Christina Theiss who will be honored by the FBPCA with an Heroic Act award was also recognized by the Palm Beach Red Cross for her rescue of a 2 y/o boy.

Joe Westerman: VP / West

- Joe stated that the beaches in Manatee County have seen large crowds over the holidays and have logged several rescues.
- Update on the FBPCA web site - If anyone has pictures, they can be added to the site. Please make sure the pictures are taken through a wide angle shot. Joe thanked Luis Andrade for his expertise downloading old FBPCA magazines on to the web site.
- Manatee County is in the process of designing 14 new lifeguards towers with a budget of 1.5 million dollars. He asked for any input towards a great tower design. Many members had suggestions. Fort Lauderdale will be sending Joe information regarding the current public address system Fort Lauderdale has installed on their towers.
- Joe stated that Derrick Brown, Pinellas County Chief , advised that they are rebuilding several Towers.

USLA Report -

- USLA Nationals are in Volusia County August 9th - 12th, 2017
- Phil Wotton is working on a host hotel for the July Regional's in Delray.

FBPCA / USLA Awards Banquet:

- **Palm Beach County, on or around Saturday, April 1st, 2017....Banquet hall to be announced. Exact date to be announced soon.**
- **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.**
- **The April 19th Dania meeting will be moved to September 13th. The April FBPCA meeting will be Friday March 31st in PBC, the day before the banquet.**
- **Please start thinking about and collecting nice door prizes.**

2016 FBPCA AWARDS

Presidents Award: no recipients

Heroic Act:

- **Christina-Gillin Tice**
- **Greg Larson**

Meritorious Act:

- **Mike Rosenberg**

Life Member:

- **Bob Maler**

2016 Lifeguard of The Year:

- **Lawrence Russell** Palm Beach County

2016 Beach Patrol of the Year:

- **Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue.**

2017 Monthly Schedule

- February 17th (Friday) Manatee County
- March - will coincide with USLA Spring Meeting
- March 31st (Friday) PBC (Aprils meeting, day before banquet)- Tentative
- 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 2:00 PM

Next meeting:

Manatee County, February 17 (Friday) @ 11 AM

Directions:

The Marine Rescue HQ
2651 Gulf Drive South
Bradenton Beach, FL 34217

