



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: 06/21/24, Martin County

The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade County	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach	VP South
Ian Montgelas	Martin County	
Andy Ritchie	St. Lucie County	
Tom Fogan	FT. Lauderdale (Retired)	
Derick Brown	Martin County	
Chris Montoya	Martin County	
Michael Damato	Martin County	

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

Breck Ballou	FT. Lauderdale (Retired) (Zoom)
Bob Maler	Miami-Dade (Retired) (Zoom)

The following members attended through Zoom:

Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach
Marc Fichtner	Lantana Beach
Chris Brown	Sarasota

The following members communicated that they were unable to attend:

Eisen Wicher	Brevard County
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Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Matt Sparling at 1105 hours. Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining.

Spelling correction of former Miami-Dade Captain Marcus Breece and Hollywood representative Rian Cline. Motion made to approve minutes from May meeting, approved by Sparling.



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Communications

- Discussion for August meeting dates
- Brittany Pence from Stryker was introduced.
- Discussed partnerships with lifesaving agencies and fire.
- Described benefits of Stryker AEDs with analyzation.
- AED has communication capabilities to interface updates on device status.
- Lucas devices in use throughout the state.
- Stryker has a program called Forward Hearts.
 - A donation program for families that were saved by the device.
 - Device is given to the family for a donation of their choice. Pads and battery are good for 4 years.

Officer Reports

Matt Sparling President-

- Sparling drafted a letter expressing support for Resolution 41
- Will send a letter to each of the 28 congressional delegates in the state and the two senators
- We will also be sending out a list of congressional delegates by zip code
- Sparling read the letter
- Maler sent materials representing lifeguard's work during Covid supporting local communities
 - Suggests adding information to the letter
 - Sparling suggests adding extra duties performed that take lifeguards off the beach during times of emergency
 - Needs to be submitted by July
- Information also available on USLA.org

- Falconer motioned to, with the addition of the one line, to approve the letter to be set out. Discussion. PU

Sparling: Miami-Dade-

- No update to give

Joe Westerman Advisor – Manatee County (Retired)- Not in Attendance



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Phil Wotton Treasurer:

• Statement Balance	May 31, 2024		\$901.65
• May Income	Salty Sports		\$500.00
	Bausch Enterprises		\$250.00
	Gerry Falconer / Challenge Coins		\$110.00
• May Expenses	Johnson Printing		\$426.12
	Action Awards		\$280.00
	The Florida Hotel		\$4,277.99
	Go Daddy		\$23.17
• Banquet Outstanding	USLA SER Cost		
	The Florida Hotel Deposit	\$500.00	\$250
	Johnson Printing	\$426.12	\$213.06
	The Florida Hotel Baquet	\$4,277.99	<u>\$2,139.00</u>
			\$2,602.06
	Sponsorships	\$350	<u>\$175.00</u>
			\$2,427.06

Delray Beach-

- USLA Apex Surfboat Race, June 19th, 24th, July 3rd & 10, 2024
- Abandoned beach sailboat since December 15, 2023, was removed by FWC grant funding on June 11th.
- Delray Beach 2025 Competition Schedule

A.J. Miller: Secretary –

- Spelling correction of former Miami-Dade Captain Marcus Breece and Hollywood representative Rian Cline

Volusia-

- Looking for information on what agencies are transitioning away from PTE to more FTE
- What yearly fulltime agency stats look like in the winter



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SOUTH

Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South

- Miami-Beach and Lauderdale both had successful Air and Sea shows
- Year breakdown of visitors
 - West Palm Beach south is year-round for crowds
 - Winter is snowbirds
 - Right into 8–10-week spring break
- Summer is evolving into a large amount of South America
- PTE compared to FTE does not permit for reliable scheduling

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance

Marcos Fernandez: City of Miami (not Miami Beach) – Not in Attendance

Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Not in Attendance

Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

- Running swimmingly
- Fully staffed
- Has had more rescues
- Same cliental year round.
- Can-Am ATVs are doing great
 - Little rust after one year
 - Pull jetski great

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance

Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Not in Attendance

Jo Wagenhals: Pompano/Deerfield – Not in Attendance

Mike Brown: Deerfield- Not in Attendance

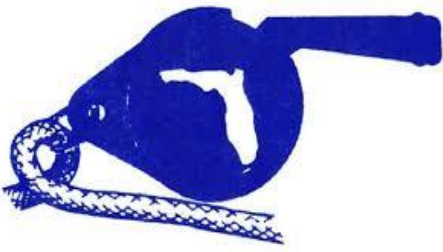
Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

Luis Andrade: – Miami-Dade County – Not in Attendance

CENTRAL

Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in Attendance

Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance



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Ian Montgelas: Martin County –

- Introduced Division Chief, Training Captain, and on patrol lifeguard
- Fully staffed
 - One leaving but filling position at the end of July
- Bathtub Beach opened for one week
 - Was closed due to construction
- Drown Zero is speaking at the Martin County rotary club's June meeting
- Attempting to get more life out of vehicles
 - Galvanized dipped all parts and still looks new after 6 months
 - Delray Beach uses salt away at the end of each night
- High profile double drowning at an unguarded section of beach south of Stuart Beach on 06/20
 - Two patrons from the Marriot, a ¼ south off guarded area

Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County –

- Nothing to report

Johnathan Billings: Indian River County – Not in Attendance

Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance

Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance

Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach- Unable to Attend

- Most medicals and rescues that they have had in the past two years
- Had lifeguards spotlighted in the local paper for a rescue
- Great relationship with town and council
 - New restaurant and boardwalk going in
- Looking to host first annual Rob Caldwell competition in June and sprint swim event in April

Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance

North

Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns County VP North– Not in Attendance

Jessica Earl: St. Johns County- Not in Attendance

Stephen Fender: Brevard County – Not in Attendance

Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance



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Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance

Sam Swor: Brevard County- Not in Attendance

Eisen Witcher: Brevard County – Unable to Attend

Panhandle

Will Spivey: Panama City Beach VP Panhandle – Not in Attendance

Joe DAgostino: Destin Beach – Not in Attendance

Rich Huffnegale: Okaloosa County – Not in Attendance

David Vaughan: South Walton Fire District – Not in Attendance

Austin Turnbull: Navarre - Not in Attendance

Dave Greenwood: Pensacola – Not in Attendance

Joe Earl: Gulf Shores- Not in Attendance

Daryl Paul: Panama City Beach- Not in Attendance

Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance

Colin Perlaky: South Fort Walton- Not in Attendance

West Coast

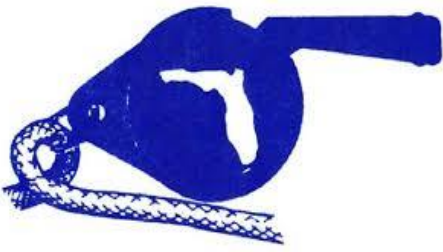
Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County – Nothing to Discuss

Chet Brown: Manatee –

- Live with Watch Tower since March
 - Has been great for documentation and data collection
- Normal Summer
 - Madeira Beach in Pinellas looking to add lifeguards
 - Naples looking to add as well

Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Not in Attendance

Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County – Not in Attendance



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DISPOSITION OF BILLS

Concurrent Resolution 41

- <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/41/text>
- See President's report

USLA Update

- 90-meter beach run being added
 - Second day in the morning
 - 4 members per team
- Don May will not be in attendance
 - Looking for new head official
- New Rules from Nationals
 - Change RSR course to avoid crossover
 - Landline is open men's and open women's
 - All four cross together with victim in contact with buoy
 - Nationally only 10 boats per heat
 - Also two handlers required
- Buzzy Mogck from Cape May is currently in intensive care from effects of stroke
- 2026 Nationals, Fort Lauderdale put in official bid

New Business

Bob Maler-

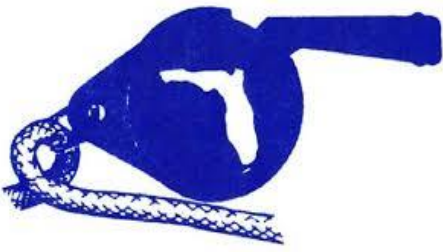
- DeSantis has extra lobster mini season July 14th
- Simrin Law notification most dangerous beaches.
 - Miami number 4
 - Volusia County has 4 in the top 7.
- Passing of George Miller
 - Miller Surfboards has made 5 surf boats

Banquet Update-

- none

Need Submit/Discuss Disposition of Goals 2024 (if time allows)

~~FBPCA Coins are still available to be purchased~~



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Here is a DRAFT Schedule for 2024 – If anyone would like to host a meeting let us know.

2024 Meeting Schedule	
January 19	13731 Collins Ave Miami Beach, FL 33154
February 6 th @ 9am (BPOTY Presentation) Meeting to follow at Beach HQ	123 W. Indiana Ave, DeLand, FL 32720 Meeting to Follow 515 S. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118
March 13th 11-2	Zoom
April 19th 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 18th 1-3	Orlando --- <i>2023 Lifesaving Awards</i> Banquet & Educational Conference. Chief's Meeting at 1pm
June 21 st 11-2	Martin County
July 16 th 4-5	Navarre Beach
August 14 th 11-2	Zoom
September* 13	Lantana
October 18th 11-2	Fort Lauderdale
November 15 th 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 13 th 11-2**	Deerfield Beach (looking at moving the meeting to the first week of December

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Wotton, seconded Miller. Adjourn at 1248

Next meeting

Navarre Beach HQ
July 16th 4-5pm