



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: 05/18/24, Florida Hotel Orlando, Fl

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
Joe Westerman	Manatee County (Retired)	Advisor
Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach	
Ian Montgelas	Martin County	
Andy Ritchie	St. Lucie County	
Luis Andrade	Miami-Dade County	
Dave Greenwood	Pensacola	
Mike Brown	Deerfield	
Tom Gillen	Flager Beach	

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

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

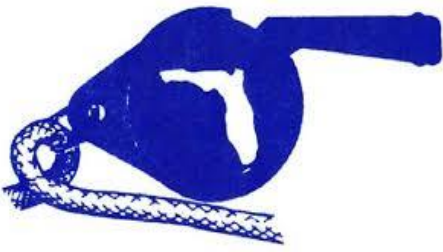
The following members communicated that they were unable to attend:

Alex Bagwell	Fort Lauderdale
Chet Brown	Manatee County

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Matt Sparling at 1305 hours. Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining.

Motion made to approve minutes from March meeting, approved by Sparling.



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Communications

- Falconer was contacted by Stryker AED
 - They would like to come present a meeting, potentially June 21st 11-2 in Martin County
- Water Smart contacted Falconer- trying to learn from our organization
 - Gerry is the USLA rep to them
 - Also looking to attend a meeting, potentially October 18th in Fort Lauderdale or an August meeting in Pompano
- Sparling was contacted by Jackie Young
 - Great time at the meeting
 - Confident to continue to work together
 - Wants to continue with press release and social media campaign Use agency social media to use our reach to share license plate campaign.
- American Lifeguard Magazine is looking to do something similar
- Former Miami-Dade Captain Marcus Reece recently passed away. Was one of the founding members and a former executive board member

Officer Reports

Matt Sparling President-

- Reminder looking at July 16th for next meeting at 4pm, Navarre Beach HQ.
- Concurrent Resolution 41 through USLA
 - A bill through congress to look at open water lifeguards as essential first responders.
 - Go to House.gov to find your congressman and send an email reference the bill.
- Each state is asking their representatives to support a similar bill.
 - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/41/text>
- Westerman motioned to have Sparling draft a letter in support of Concurrent Resolution 41
 - Second from Bob Maler.
 - Discussion-Gerry stated we should all work collectively with our specific representatives.
 - Westerman will put eyes on the letter.

Sparling: Miami-Dade-

- Report given by Luis Andrade

Joe Westerman Advisor – Manatee County (Retired)-

- Commended Sparling's work on the banquet



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Phil Wotton Treasurer:

• Statement Balance	April 30, 2024		\$4,685.76
• April Income			
○ Alumni Sponsorship			\$100.00
• April Expenses			\$0.00
• May Income	Salty Sports		\$500.00
	Bausch Enterprises		\$250.00
• May Expenses	Johnson Printing		\$426.12
	Action Awards		\$280.00
	The Florida Hotel		\$4,277.99
• 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-

- Ocean Mile Swim, May 11, 2024
- Annual Lifeguard Competition, May 15, 2024
- USLA Apex Surfboat Race, June 19th, 24th, July 3rd & 10, 2024

A.J. Miller: Secretary –

- Made correction to Chet Brown from April minutes

Volusia-

- Volusia Flags competition on June 7th
- Daytona Challenge on June 28th
- Mentoring program established to assist new guard's integration into agency
- Researching after hour on call
- Conducting third recruit class for the year
- Hiring 6 PTE to manage parking on the beach
- 80 PTE in some form of hiring/starting shifts



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SOUTH

Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South

- Busy Memorial Weekend with Air and Sea Show coming up
- 24 Stryker AED from grant
- New curriculum for ongoing EMT certification
- The State is now providing condition flags. Limit to 36 flags per agency
- Concurrent resolution 41 also recognizes non-EMT open water lifeguards

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance

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

Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Unable to attend

Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

- Full staff
- 4 10-hour workdays from March until November
- Exploring special risk opportunity
 - Has hit a wall with the state verbiage since the city of Hallandale Beach does not provide ALS
 - They would have to transition under the Sheriff's Office
- Brand new ATV (Can-AM)
 - 2 for the last two years with no rust. Hoping to get two more years out of it.
- Every tower has an ATV with 340 meters between towers
- Lauderdale by the Sea reached out to Hallandale for detail to potentially start an Ocean Rescue
 - They reached out to Deerfield as well.
 - Mike Brown spoke with the Sheriff's office. May be interested in taking Deerfield, Lauderdale by the Sea, and Hallandale

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance

Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Unable to Attend

Jo Wagenhals: Pompano/Deerfield – Not in Attendance

Mike Brown: Deerfield-

- Jeff Noel Promoted to Captain
- Patterson promoted to Lieutenant
- Working on switching to 10-hour days
 - Looking for approval for 4 new FTE and then 10-hour days year round
- Just moved in to 5 new towers this year
- Building 5 remaining towers once turtle season is over



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Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

Luis Andrade: – Miami-Dade County –

- Year-round training to be done by summer
- Hired 5 new lifeguards that went through their new lifeguard academy.
 - All EMTs
- Junior Lifeguard program integrated with FEMA SERT Teen certification. Juniors will graduate with CPR and FEMA disaster training
 - FEMA instructors will come into station and train junior lifeguards on scene
 - Ages for teen participation are 12-17

CENTRAL

Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in Attendance

Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Unable to Attend

Ian Montgelas: Martin County –

- Swim test May 30th
 - 11 confirmations for test, 1 vacancy
- Ian is working on getting EMR instructor certification through HSI

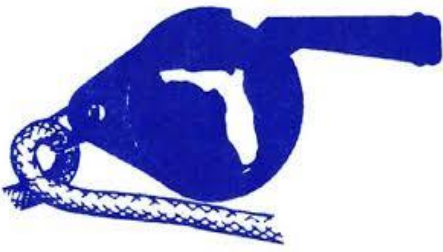
Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County –

- One vacancy
- Mother's Dat ran smooth
 - He got to sit a tower
- Dredging project getting ready to kick off, potentially in November
- Falconer gave shout out to all the lifeguards that are mothers
 - They are king for Miami Beach, they all come into work during the holiday

Johnathan Billings: Indian River County – Not in Attendance

Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance

Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance



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Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach- Unable to Attend

- Competed in the Delray 33rd Annual Lifeguard Competition
 - Our rookie took first place in the 2k.
- We had a big rescue on Sunday May 5th
 - I had three lifeguards on duty that day and all three ended up in the water for 2 people who got caught in a rip current to the south of the tower
 - Both people were saved and a bystander caught the rescue on camera.
 - Fire rescue responded for both victims. It took two lifeguards almost 10 minutes to get the victim in and out of the rip current (we do not have PWC).
 - All three will be receiving the lifesaving award presented by the town council on June 10th. I attached some pictures.
- We plan to compete in Palm Beach County Competition on June 12th.

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

Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach –

- Starting crew up during memorial weekend
- 25 lifeguards this year
- Will have dissected beach patrol during the summer with the pier project.
 - Will not be able to cross over on the beach during the project
- Flagler lifeguards asked why there is no jetski competition (pickup) at regionals
 - Looking to organize a jetski pickup challenge
 - Discussion

Sam Swor: Brevard County- Not in Attendance

Eisen Witcher: Brevard County – Not in Attendance



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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 –

- 62 lifeguards
 - 40 returned, 22 new hires
- 4 FTE
- FTE 10-hour shifts
- Just took delivery of 3 new Bausch, one tower going to Perdido Key
- Need to change from Pensacola Beach to Escambia County
- 3 employees will staff Perdido Key and 2 towers on adjacent beach
- Works under Public Safety with fire, police, and EMS

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 – Unable to Attend

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>

USLA Update

- New membership year starts July 1st. New cost is \$40
 - Can sign up now for 24-25
- Nationals '25 in Huntington State Beach, California
- '26 in discussion to have in Fort Lauderdale

New Business

- Sparling asked for interest in building a FBPCA social media page.
 - Wotton noted that email is still the primary form of communication for the Beach Chiefs
- Bob Maler made a motion for Jim McCrady to be the designated admin for the creation and management of all business of the FBPCA social media
 - Seconded by Gerry Falconer
 - Discussion. Passed unanimously. McCrady accepted.
- Bob Maler discussed beach safety pamphlets from 20 years ago that need to be updated. Suggested bringing the idea for funding pamphlet printing to Jackie Young.
 - Wotton and Maler will help with pamphlet update
 - Grant must be submitted by September

Banquet Update-

- Door prizes
- Original waterman hats
- Publix gift cards

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)	123 W. Indiana Ave, DeLand, FL 32720 Meeting to Follow
Meeting to follow at Beach HQ	515 S. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118
March 13 th 11-2	Zoom
April 19 th 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 18 th 1-3	Orlando --- 2023 Lifesaving Awards 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 18 th 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 by Falconer, seconded by Ritchie. Meeting closed at 1433

Next meeting

Martin County Ocean Rescue
4191 NE Ocean Blvd
Jensen Beach, GL