



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES:

08/22/23

The following members were in attendance (Zoom Meeting):

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade County	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Joe Westerman	Retired Manatee County	Advisor
Ian Montgelas	Martin County	VP Central
Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach	
Jerry Falconer	Miami Beach	
Andrea Moreira	Pinellas County	
Jason Casanova	Mamia Beach	
Marc Fichtner	Lantana Beach	
Derick Brown	Martin County	

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

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

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Matt Sparling at 1106 hours. Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining.

Motion made to approve minutes from August meeting made by Phil Wotton, seconded by Matthew Sparling.

Communications

Scheduling. St. Johns September 13th.
October joint meeting October 13 Panama Beach
Marsch Landing November 15th
December 8th in Deerfield

Falconer- Commented nice representation from USLA and FBPCA at Rob Caldwell's memorial.
Breck Ballou- Attended paddle out. Planted a tree in Lantana Park and will have a plaque.



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Officer Reports

Matt Sparling President-

- Schedule worked out. Encourages participation at Pan Handle meeting. Remember it is Central time for Panama Beach. 10-1 for FPBCA. 1-5 for USLA SER meeting.
- Miami-Dade County manager forgot to renew gas tax. 50 million dollar deficit.
- Myrtle Beach trained with them for a week. Fire department taking over lifeguard responsibilities.
- Flags approved through grants (same amount approved).
- Movie theaters axed.
- 15 billboards in the panhandle approved.
- 17 throughout the rest of the state.
- Billboards for 1 month.
- 8 baggage claims approved.
- Looking to get Ron Jon to match contributions of license plates again. Hopefully over \$300,000.
- Working to get select location for billboards year-round.

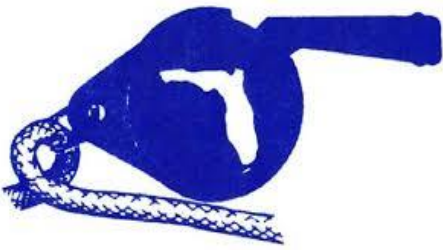
Joe Westerman Advisor –

- Reminder to start looking at BPOTY and LGOTY. Submittal due in November. Voted on in December
- Commended Sparling for continuing work on billboards
- Banquet discussions for location. Tentative date of May 17, 18 or May 24, 25

Phil Wotton: Statement Balance	July 31, 2023	\$1,233.49
• August Income	City of Ft Lauderdale	\$125
• August Expenses	Go Daddy/ Microsoft 365 Email	\$33.48
• Banquet Outstanding		
	Paragon Marine	
	Florida Open Water	
	USLA SER	

Delray Beach-

- One vacant full-time position.
- Successful Regional & Jr Regional event.
- Contract year for Delray. Negotiations still in progress. Possible 8% / 3% / 3%



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A.J. Miller: Secretary – I will be updating the email list.
Please send in your meeting discussion points before or within 1 week after the meeting.

Volusia-

- Gearing up for upcoming hurricane
- Making plans for Labor Day
- Hired 5 FTE
- Will be hiring 6 more in the next few months

SOUTH

Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South –

- DC at Miami Beach
- Great job to Phil and the guys at Regionals
- In contacts with Chief's in Hawaii. Bad situation in Maui.
- Posting on SER page for donations that will go directly to lifeguards affected

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach –

- Finishing up grant process for \$24000 EMS and AEDs
- Digital stats being completed
- New allocation of ATVs
- New Mule in October
- Announcing parttime test open until October 2
- Updating SOGs and training manual
- Testing all lifeguards next year on new protocol under fire

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

Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Not In Attendance

Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

- FT test. 30 applicants
- Fundraising for fulltime Maui guards. Completely wiped out homes. \$50,000 raised so far
- Working on dates for Key West Paddle. Most likely first Monday of November
- Gene Burgman 10-mile row in mid January
- Training Officer Academy most likely in December

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance

Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Not in Attendance

Jo Wagenhals: Pompano Beach- Not in Attendance



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Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

Mike Brown: Deerfield Beach – Not in Attendance

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

CENTRAL

Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in attendance

Phil Wotton: Delray Beach – Gave Report under Treasurers report.

Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance

Ian Montgelas: Martin County –

- Surf right now
- Crowds dropping off
- 2 FT vacancies
- Promoted a new LT
- Lifeguard tower refurbishment project back with Paragon. \$15,000 more than original quote

Derick Brown: Martin County-

- Two weeks of code x with Fire and were able to run IC

Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County – Not in Attendance

Johnathan Billings: Indian River County – Not in Attendance

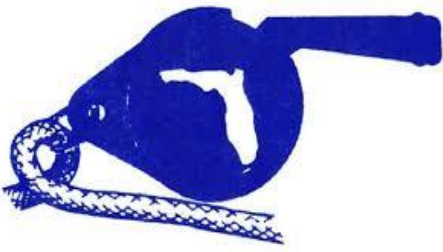
Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance

Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance

Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach

- Fully staffed for first time in three years
- A lot of erosion
- Working with Palm Beach in reference to rescues off the sea wall. Minimal beach

Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance



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North

Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns County VP North–

Stephen Fender: Brevard County – Not in Attendance

Andrew Ethridge: Volusia County – Not in Attendance

- See Secretary report

Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance

Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance

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

West Coast

Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County – Not in Attendance

Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Not in Attendance

Chet Brown: Manatee County –

- Full staffed
- 2 LT and 1 Captain promoted
- Took over in February

Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County –

- Making push to reduce taxes. Forcing closures of towers
- Community pushing for different funding avenues for lifeguards
- \$500,000 budget for personnel
- Pushed for raises for EMT



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- Looking for input to train fire services for water rescues, but not as lifeguards. ARRT suggested.

DISPOSITION OF BILLS

No new items

USLA Update

- ISRC September South Padre
- 90m Beach Sprint should have been at Regionals due to it being passed on the National level.
- Looking for a name for the division 3 trophy. Preferably a small beach and an excelsior athlete.

New Business

- Bob Maler motion made for FBPCA to send \$250 to Maui Lifeguards. Seconded by Westerman. PASSED
- Amended motion for \$250 plus \$37.50 Go Fund Me fee. Totaling \$287.50. Seconded by Westerman
- Falconer wants to turn banquet into Florida Lifesaving Awards Banquet. Creating more than just a BPOTY and LGOTY
- Bob Maler suggested a running list for the banquet duties. Falconer looking at creating policies for production
- Sparling tabling banquet location meeting until October joint meeting

Billboard Update –

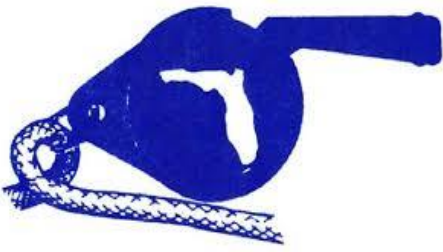
See President's report

Banquet Update-

Potentially moving it to BPOTY locations. On the agenda for August meeting. There will be voting.

Need submit Discuss Disposition of Goals 2023 (if time allows)

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



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Here is a DRAFT Schedule for 2023 – If anyone would like to host a meeting let us know.

2023 Meeting Schedule	
January 13th, 2023	Miami-Dade County - Haulover
February 7 th @11-2	Martin County
March 24th 11-1	Zoom
April 21st 11-2	Manatee County
May 5 ^h and 6 th @1-4pm	Orlando --- 2022 Lifesaving Awards Banquet & Educational Conference
June 14 th 11-2	Ft. Lauderdale
July 18 th 2-4	Delray Beach
August 22 nd 11-2	Zoom
September 13th	St. Johns County
October 13th 11-2	FBPCA 9-12 & USLA Ser 12:30-5 combined. Panama Beach
November 15 th 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 8 th 11-2**	Deerfield Beach

Meeting Adjournment

Big push for Pan handle involvement
Motion to adjourn.

Next meeting

Next meeting September 13th, St. Johns County.