



# FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES: 02/06/24, Volusia County

### The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade County	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Ian Montgelas	Martin County	VP Central
Tom Fogan	FT. Lauderdale (Retired)	
Mick Huck	Dania Beach	
Jessica Earl	St. Johns County	
Chet Brown	Manatee County	
Andrew Ritchie	St. Lucie County	
Tom Gillan	Flagler Beach	
Aaron Jenkins	Volusia County	
Tammy Malphurs	Volusia County	

### The following members were in attendance on Zoom:

Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach	VP South
Jason Casanova	Miami Beach	

### The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

Breck Ballou	FT. Lauderdale (Retired) (Zoom)
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### The following members communicated that they were unable to attend:

Alex Bagwell	Ft. Lauderdale
Marc Fichtner	Lantana Beach
Rick Hinkson	Sarasota Beach

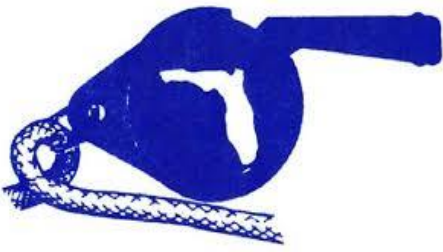
### Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

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

Motion made to approve minutes from January meeting approved by Sparling.

### Communications

- None noted



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## Officer Reports

### **Matt Sparling President-**

- Banquet discussion for pricing
- Received picture and bio for from Julia Leo
- Waiting for Westerman
- Still need speakers for education portion. Need three speakers for the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Banquet that evening. Chiefs Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Budget for the speaker- Room and banquet comp
- Water safety Palm Bay adjusted and Zoom changed
- Down to two locations for regionals. Navarre and Daytona.
  - Navarre awarded
- Flags were paid at Water Safety on the 19<sup>th</sup> in Palm Bay
- Billboard spoke with Clear Channel. Payin gout 148k
- 17 billboards up for 3 months. May, June, July
- Beachline Billboard from Orland to Brevard year round
- Baggage claim in airports for 3 months
- Tallahassee, Destin, Melbourne, Palm Beach, Lauderdale to a cost of 30k
- Press release in reference to baggage claims and billboards
- Endless Summer campaign wants to get involved with funding training (PWC, potentially moving more money into the pan handle for advertising)
- Looking at needing more detail moving forward with Endless Summer. Quotes in the grant instead of just asking for the overall price.

### **South Region provided by Falconer-**

#### **Miami-Dade-**

- Nothing to update

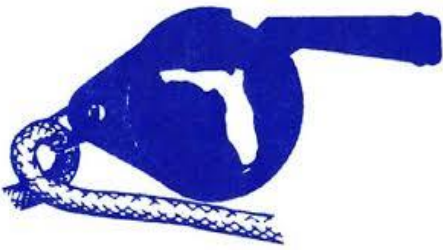
#### **Miami Beach-**

- Gearing up for busy month. Food and Wine festival
- Boat show
- Partnered with PD for de-escalation training for lifeguards
- Trying to gear up to be fully prepared for spring break
- Getting a new fleet of vehicles (potentially gators and ATVs)
- Congratulations Volusia on BPOTY

### **Joe Westerman Advisor – Manatee County (Retired)**

- Commended Sparling on the grant money procurement and his opposition statement to Project Drown Zero





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**Jason Casanova: Miami Beach –**

- Education from de-escalation training very beneficial
  - Compiling a PowerPoint to send to Sparling for review

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

**Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Unable to Attend**

**Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Mike Huck: Dania Beach –**

- Nothing to update

**Jo Wagenhals: Pompano/Deerfield – Unable to Attend**

**Mike Brown: Deerfield- Not in Attendance**

**Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Nothing to discuss**

**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**

**Ian Montgelas: Martin County –**

- 4 vacancies, 7 applicants, LT position

**Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County – Not in Attendance**

- Newest FTE moved out of state prior to end of probation
- One FTE
- Closed one beach in Fort Pierce
  - Moved that tower over to north beach
- Working on getting side by sides
- Trying to open other beaches utilizing Munroe v. Miami Beach.
  - County attorney stated that there has been new legislation overriding that law



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**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**

**Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance**

## North

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

**Jessica Earl: St. Johns County**

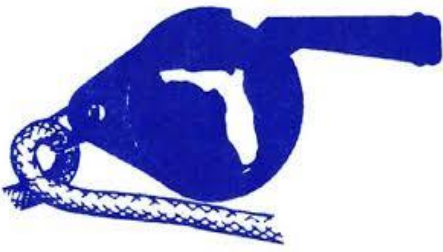
- No updates from other beaches
- Have 4 FTE
- Looking for help getting proper job description for new positions to satisfy county administration
  - Pay rates were approved without job description.
    - Categorized as low risk
- First round of seasonal in March
- Have already had two drownings this year

**Stephen Fender: Brevard County – Not in Attendance**

**Andrew Ethridge: Volusia County –**

- Fully staffed for the first time in years
- Lost 37% of fulltime staff last May
- Had to rewrite job description
  - Kept EMT as a component
- Hot and heavy with recruiting
  - Working with Embry Riddle ROTC for employment
    - 80 potential employees being swim tested for PTE
- Restructured sign on bonus and hourly requirements for incentive bonus.

**Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance**



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## **Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach –**

- Going to be a giant construction this year
  - 5 major projects happening this summer
- New Margaritaville hotel in field near pier July 5<sup>th</sup>, DOT coming in and improving A1A (seawalls)
  - Same time as a beach renourishment, going along entire beach line pumping from 10 miles out, 18 month finish
- Pier demo starting in August
  - Building a truss alongside of the pier to take down the old pier, then rebuild the new pier

**Sam Swor: Brevard County- 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: Not in Attendance**

**Dave Greenwood: Pensacola – Not in Attendance**

**Joe Earl: Gulf Shores- Not in Attendance**

**Daryl Paul: Panama City Beach- Not in Attendance**

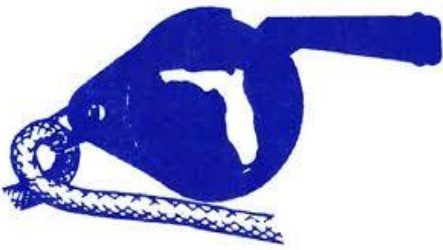
**Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance**

**Colin Perlaky: South Fort Walton- Not in Attendance**

### **West Coast**

**Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County –**

- Promoted two FTEs to LT positions, began 1/13/24.
- 6 FTE openings.
- 2 towers being built with TDT funds, TDT funds available for tower repairs.
- EVOC/UTV train the trainer with SCFD Jan/Feb.
- Working on LGII EMT position for completion in FY24.



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- Prepping for EMT students for Aug 2024.
- Funds available for travel/training, able to send a pair to Officer Training and PRWC.
- Physio AEDs on two beaches, streamline w/ FD. Completion FY25.

**Pinellas** – Contacted, nothing new to share.

**Clearwater** – Contacted, nothing new to share.

**Chet Brown: Manatee** –

- A lot of training. Marine and Emergency Response Training to prepare for further training with the Coast Guard

**Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Chet Brown: Manatee County – Not in Attendance**

**Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County – Not in Attendance**

## DISPOSITION OF BILLS

No new items

## USLA Update

- Regionals in Navarre Beach

## New Business

Billboard Update –

See President's Brief

## Banquet Update-

- P2P and Bosch doing full pages in brochure
- Last year we raised \$2850
- Expensive were just shy of 8k
- Operating budget is lower than last year. Need members to get sponsorships for help cover the cost to attendees
- The intent is to absorb the cost of the banquet for the individual
- Suggestions for the use of Endless Summer monies flags, flag signs, or rip current marking flags
- Grant proposal due in September





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- Looking to get into a BLS competition series after USLA Nationals in September
  - 3 person teams for competition. Awards for top three teams.
    - Volusia expressed interest
    - Miami expressed interest in hosting
- Only BLS skills. Discussion on allowing medics
- Sparling to send out rules and score sheets
- Florida State Standards
- Looking at state standards for what to do during High Bacteria levels
  
- State Lifeguard Certification to be held at colleges
- California, Jersey, Rhode Island have a state certification classes in schools
  
- State Certification- Falconer
  - Cautious. Needs to be looked at in very close detail before getting the state involved - Discussion
- Wotton in support of removing State Certification from new business, seconded by A.J.- Discussion
- Initial idea for state license was to support lifeguards not working in high risk agency
  
- Ian asked who still flies green flags since ULSA no longer supports green
  - St. Lucie county still does
- Asked if there is a collective effort to stop flying green flags
- Delray does not fly green with purple
  
- Florida wanted a uniform flag system. They used to be numbered
  - Flags designate surf conditions. Purple designate marine life
  - Agencies internally are to be uniform
- USLA based flag system of ISLA, Florida based it off uniformity
- Falconer suggested to change verbiage on signs so better relate to practical use
  
- Question is are we as a state be consistent with the use of our flags
  
- Salary surveys getting pumped out
- Miami-Dade still working on contract
- Please fill out the operation's hours spreadsheet





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

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

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 <sup>th</sup> @ 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 13th 11-2	Zoom
April 19th 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 17 <sup>th</sup> and May 18th	Orlando --- 2023 Lifesaving Awards Banquet & Educational Conference
June 14 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Martin County
July TBD	Regional Competition location
August 14 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Zoom
September* 13	Lantana
October 18th 11-2	Panama City Beach (Potentially Pompano pending Regionals location)
November 15 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 11-2**	Deerfield Beach (looking at moving the meeting to the first week of December

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn A.J. Miller, seconded by Andrew Ritchie, meeting adjourned at 1256 hrs

### **Next meeting**

Zoom

### **Zoom option**

<https://zoom.us/j/94160110314?pwd=WTNKVW9LSTBjK3JYL1ZYaUQ4Qm5ZUT09>

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