



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: 01/16/24, Miami Beach

The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade County	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
Ian Montgela	Martin County	VP Central
Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach	VP South
Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach	
Tom Fogan	FT. Lauderdale (Retired)	
Jo Wagenhals	Pompano Beach	
Joell Fernandez	City of Miami Beach	
Rick Hinkson	Sarasota	

The following members were in attendance on Zoom:

A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Joe Westerman	Manatee County (Retired)	

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

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

The following members communicated that they were unable to attend:

John Meskiel	Palm Beach County
Andrew Ritchie	St. Lucie County
Huck unable	Dania Beach
Alex Bagwell	Ft. Lauderdale
Mike Brown	Deerfield Beach
Marc Fichtner	Lantana Beach

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Matt Sparling at 1119 hours. Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining.

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



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Communications

- Passing of Gina Siegers. January 28th was the Paddle out at Tower 17 at 7:45. Moment of silence.
 - Lifeguarding history given by McCrady.
- Sparling looking for pictures of Dave Lill for banquet brochure
- Looking for more assistance in getting photos and ads for brochure

Officer Reports

Matt Sparling President-

- Suggested every other month doing individual beach updates. Even months no updates, odd months updates only given by VPs.
- See Banquet and grant updates

Miami-Dade-

- Nothing to update
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Joe Westerman Advisor – Manatee County (Retired)

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

Phil Wotton Treasurer:

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| • Statement Balance | December 29, 2023, | \$4,834.26 |
| • December Expenses | | \$0.00 |
| • December Income | Town of Lantana | \$125 |
| | City of Boca Raton | \$550 |
| | City of Clearwater | \$200 |
| • January Income | Surfing Evolution & Preservation Corp. | \$71,705.00 |
| | Ron Jon Surf Shop | \$71,705.00 |
| | Surfing Evolution & Preservation Corp. | \$25,188.00 |
| | City of Hallandale | \$125 |

- **Banquet Outstanding** **Florida Open Water**



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Delray Beach-

- January 20th towers will start closing at 5:45pm
- Part time beach test was held on January 4th. Two applicants, neither could provide a schedule that would work for the operation.
- Two vacant full-time positions were filled in-house on January 13th. All FT positions are now filled.
- Five part-time vacancies. Open job posting.

A.J. Miller: Secretary –

- Thank you for the help with the minute corrections.
- Please emails talking points to me prior to the meeting

SOUTH

Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South

- Busy, gearing up for food and wine festival
 - Discussed what everyone is doing for ATV training. Atlanta or online training
- Introduced Joell Fernandez. The new operations supervisor that started last year

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance

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

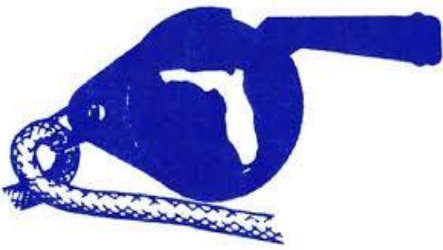
Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Unable to Attend

Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

- Fully staffed
- Just got a raise for PTE
- Working on EMT pay raise from 2.5 to 5
- Looking to go to 4 10s after clocks change
- Sand renourishment project washing away. 50-70 yards of sand previously in front of towers, now gone
- Gene Bergman 10-mile row, surfski, and paddle will now be the row and surfski due to safety issues with the paddleboards and the inlet
- Sending an email looking for paddleboard series dates in January
- 2-mile race at 0730 in the morning with 6 different divisions

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance

Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Unable to Attend



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Jo Wagenhals: Pompano/Deerfield

- 9 registered for PWC class on 2/5-2/9

Mike Brown: Deerfield- Unable to Attend

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 –

- Lost 4 full time to fire. 2 will remain on-call
- Creating a revised a non EMT lifeguard position
 - Get their EMR prior to employment with 1 year to obtain EMT
- 15 applicants. 11 responded for test. 5 no showed, 6 tested, 1 passed, was not hired
- Will be doing two swim practice opportunities for potential hires

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- Unable to Attend

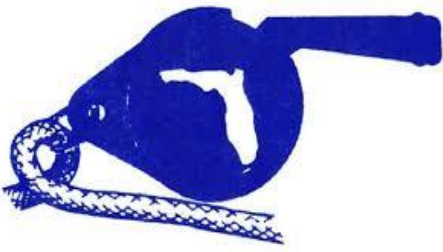
Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance

North

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

Stephen Fender: Brevard County – Not in Attendance

Andrew Ethridge: Volusia County – Not in Attendance



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Aaron Jenkins: Volusia County-Not in Attendance

Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance

Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance

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

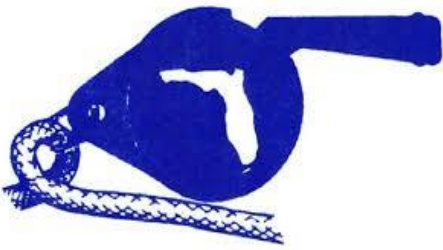
Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance

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.
- 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.



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Pinellas – Contacted, nothing new to share.

Clearwater – Contacted, nothing new to share.

Manatee – Messaged, no response, might be at meeting?

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

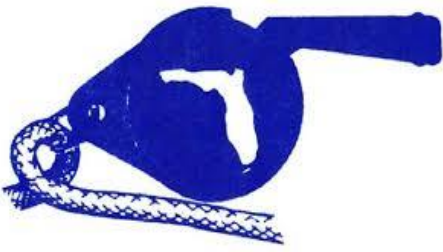
USLA Update

- Regionals should be decided by the end of the month
- National Meeting at the end of April
- Surfski series starts in February. Looking for location submittals

New Business

Billboard Update –

- Money has come in from Endless Summer. Next year looking at purchasing signs instead of flags
- Now running billboards for 3 months instead of 1 month. 3 months baggage claim
- Billboard in Orlando going south will be year-round
- Endless Summer campaign is interested in funding lifeguard training next year.
- We will be looking at options on where to dedicate those funds
- Bob Maler suggested distribution to Junior Programs
 - Falconer noted that the programs are teaching the future Florida lifeguards- Discussion
 - Program must be associated with registered agency
 - Bob Maler suggested justification from agency on how the money will be utilized
 - Another suggestion from Maler was to print materials for employees to take into school talks
 - Wags suggested magnet condition flags



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Banquet Update-

- Board having issues finding speakers for the educational portion
- Cover photo suggested to use founding members of Beach Chiefs photo. Discussion on getting photos collected and placing whistle with photos for 40th anniversary.
- Bob Maler suggested reaching out to invite and recognize the founding members at the banquet
- May 17th Beach Chief's Meeting. May 18th educational portion. Evening banquet

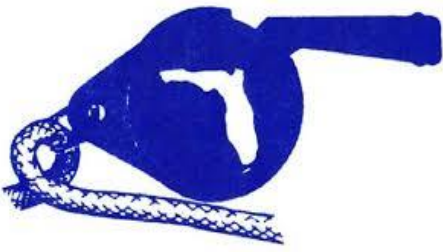
- Looking for 25-50 in 5 year increments years of service for banquet
 - Bob Maler asked if you must be a lifeguard or are you eligible working with the department. Gerry- what criteria to you use. Suggestions of what type of employee would qualify and if any official affiliation would be needed.
- Looking for awards in time for spring meeting, to deliver at the banquet.
- Bob Maler asked if any agency has special exemption to move assets during turtle nesting season. General consensus is agencies work with FWC and their local permit holder

- Position statement for Operation Drown Zero. Mayor of India Atlantic reached out to Sparling for position statement against placing buoys. Questions from Sparling-Should we come out on a position for this. McCrady suggested we give a general statement referencing the importance of having lifeguards. Discussion
 - Sparling read position statement
 - Motion to vote on acceptance of position statement by Sparling, seconded by A.J.
 - Voted and passed

- Wags- Pub Ed campaign, Blood Bus, school talks

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 17 th and May 18 th	Orlando --- 2023 Lifesaving Awards Banquet & Educational Conference
June 14 th 11-2	Martin County
July TBD	Regional Competition location
August 14 th 11-2	Zoom
September* 13	Lantana
October 18 th 11-2	Panama City Beach (Potentially Pompano pending Regionals location)
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 A.J., seconded by Gerry Falconer, meeting adjourned at 1320
hrs

Next meeting

BPOTY Presentation (9am)
123 W. Indiana Ave,
DeLand, FL 32720
Meeting to Follow (11am)
515 S. Atlantic Ave,
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Zoom option

When: Feb 6, 2024 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErd--hqTlvHtQVYpPQm--DJZ_iv4mamWcx