

# FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES: 07/22/25 Volusia County

### The following members were in attendance:

Ian Montgelas	Martin County	President
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Austin Turnbull	Navarre Beach	VP North
Jonathon Billings	Indian River County	
Fichtner		

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

Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
Jason Casanova	City of Miami Beach	
Mark Beaudreau	City of Pompano Beach	
Chet Brown	Manatee County	

### The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

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

### The following guests were in attendance:

Joethan Phillips	Orange Beach
Mark Beaudreau	Pompano Beach
Don May	Palm Beach (Retired)
Morgan Harmon	

### Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Call to order at 1605. Motion to approve June minutes by Montgelas, seconded by Billings. Minutes approved.

### Communications

Malcom Jamal Warner drowned in a "current" in Costa Rica  
Ian sent out the new bill HB 1221 reference TDC monies

### Officer Reports

#### Ian Montgelas President-

- Sent the Executive Board the selection options for the USLA Officer Training Academy criteria
- Working with Florida marketing companies reference geofencing and digital ads
  - Cost is based on the amount of reach desired

**Matt Sparling Advisor: Unable to Attend**



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## **Phil Wotton Treasurer: Unable to Attend**

• Statement Balance	June 30, 2025	\$9,508.97
• June Income	St Lucie County	\$125.00
• June Expenses	Go Daddy	\$23.17
Action Awards		\$131.74
USLA SER		\$5,000.00
WIX.Com		\$174.00
Go Daddy		\$203.76

## **A.J. Miller: Secretary –**

- Nothing to report

## **SOUTH**

### **Jason Casanova: Miami Beach, South VP–**

- Lost 1 lifeguard for military duty
- Had an employee take in a vile of urine for urinalysis and was terminated

### **Joel Fernandez: Miami – Not in Attendance**

### **Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Not in Attendance**

### **Gio Serrano: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance**

### **Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –**

- New LT, Robert Ormston
- First Shark bite this morning, 07/22
- Fully staffed after adding two FTE
- Survey from FIU student coming out soon

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

### **Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Not in Attendance**

### **Mark Beaudreau: Pompano –**

- New Captain
- 30 years with the city

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

### **Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance**



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

## **CENTRAL**

**Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach, Central VP-**

- Website incomplete
- Met with Ocean Reef Alliance for possible art reef to bring in tourism

**John Meskiel: Palm Beach County- Not in Attendance**

**Doug Yoakum: Lake Worth – Not in Attendance**

**Phil Wotton: Delray Beach-**

- Division Chief still working from Fire Rescue Headquarters
- Job offers have been made to one FT & one PT applicants.
- FT job posting is still open.

**Ian Montgelas -Martin County**

- New hire starting on 08/11, will be fully staffed

**Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in Attendance**

**Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Morgan Harmon: St. Lucie County –**

- Everything going well

**Jonathn Billings: Indian River County –**

- Losing 1 PTE, filling position next week

**Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance**

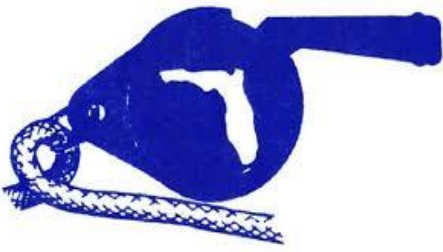
**Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance**

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

## **North**

**Jessica Earl: St. Johns County VP North- Not in Attendance**

**Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns– Not in Attendance**



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

**Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Sam Swor: Brevard County- No in Attendance**

**Eisen Witcher: Brevard County – Not in Attendance**

**Tamra Malphurs: Volusia County–**

- 19 teams registered for Regionals
- Just hired 5 FTE
- Good numbers for towers open Memorial Weekend
  - Double from last year
  - Scheduling change
- Over 900 rescues, one drowning, 4 shark bites
- Lulu's Law
  - Shark bite notification system passed in Alabama
  - Being taken to the national level

**A.J. Miller: Volusia-**

**Aaron Jenkins: Volusia County- Unable to Attend**

## **Panhandle**

**Austin Turnbull: Navarre Beach VP Panhandle –**

- Emerald Coast race series moving along
  - Last one was at Pensacola
- Goal of 75 members
  - Are now over 100
- Pensacola had Blue Angels Weekend

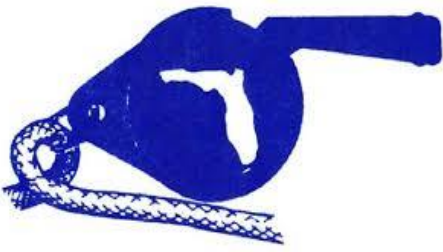
**Joethan Phillips: Gulf Shores- Not in Attendance**

**Joe D'Agostino: Destin Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Rich Huffnegale: Okaloosa County – Not in Attendance**

**David Vaughan: South Walton Fire District – Not in Attendance**

**Dave Greenwood: Escambia County – Not in Attendance**



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

**Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Unable to Attend**

- Concerns with sharing of TDC money between county and city
  - County has untrained police officers entering the water for rescues

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

- Four new contracts with private beaches creating four new towers

## **West Coast**

**Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County VP- Unable to Attend**

**Chet Brown: Manatee –**

- Sent a team to regionals for the first time in his recollection

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

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

## **DISPOSITION OF BILLS**

Concurrent Resolution 41

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/41/all-info>

Please see attached the recently passed **House Bill 7031** for the state of Florida. This is now state law. I have highlighted the important section of note below, but for reference, see pages 8 and 9 on the attached document.

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

(5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.—

(a) All tax revenues received pursuant to this section by a county imposing the tourist development tax shall be used by that county for the following purposes only:

7. To employ, train, equip, insure, or otherwise fund the provision of lifeguards certified by the American Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., or an equivalent nationally recognized aquatic training program, for beaches on the Gulf of America or the Atlantic Ocean



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## USLA Update

Talked about regionals

## Old Business

## New Business

- Check email for quote on challenge coins
- Ian, motion to purchase challenge coins, seconded by me MPU

Looking at targeting people going to the beach through geofencing

- Shopping different media groups
- Working within parameters set by Surfing's Evolution and Preservation
- Still doing a few billboards and baggage claims
- Proposal needs to be in by September 1
- Training Officer Academy
  - 12 students (\$400 registration fee)
  - 5k from grant
  - Tentatively 12/15-12/19
  - Recommendation must come from Beach Chief
  - Recommendations will be voted on by the executive board
- Motion by Ian for Austin to rebuild the BPOTY Award, seconded by Wagenhals MPU

## Banquet Update-

How do we increase our numbers?

## Need Submit/Discuss Disposition of Goals 2025 (if time allows)

## Open Forum

Novelty Ocean Rescue license plates

Here is a DRAFT Schedule for 2025 –

2025 Meeting Schedule	
January 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 11-2	Navarre Beach
February 12 <sup>th</sup> @11-2	Miami-Dade County (Haulover)
March 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Zoom – Spring Break
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay



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May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm	Florida Hotel, Orlando --- 2025 Lifesaving Awards Banquet & Chief's Meeting
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Martin County
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4-6	Volusia. Hardrock Hotel (918 N Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach)
August 20 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Fort Lauderdale
September 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Lantana
October 17 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Manatee County/Sarasota
November 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Deerfield Beach

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by McCrady, seconded by Turnbull. Adjourned at 1736.

## **Next Meeting**

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 11-2

Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center Conference Room

501 Seabreeze Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

11:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/94216287100?pwd=pLKT8oEk2cg1KQ7VJsJiTAyD31PjbC.1>