



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES:

05/05/23

The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade County	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Joe Westerman	Manatee County (Retired)	Advisor
Ian Montgela	Martin County	VP Central
Jeremy Watkins	St. Johns County	VP North
Andrew Ritchie	St. Lucie County	
Julia Leo	Palm Beach County	
Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach	
Luis Andrade	Miami-Dade County	

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

Don May	Palm Beach County (Retired)
Bob Maler	Miami-Dade (Retired)

The following members attended through Zoom:

No Zoom

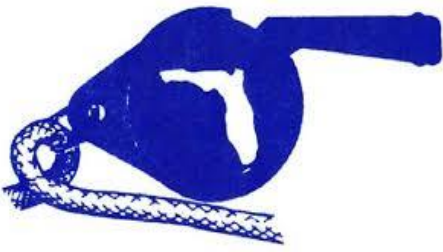
Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Matt Sparling at 1516 hours. Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining.

Motion made to approve minutes from April meeting – Motion made by Phil Wotton
Seconded by Joe Westerman. PASSED

Communications

Gerry Flaconer reached out stating he was unable to attend.
Breck Ballou stated he was unable to attend.
Jo Wagenhals unable to attend.
Rob Caldwell emailed he was unable to attend.
Austin Turnbull text he was unable to attend.



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Officer Reports

Matt Sparling President-

- Discussed the banquet.
- Assigned presentors, food, and banquet attendance.

Miami-Dade-

- Approval for 13 PTE to FTE.
- Doing one day of interviews after 20 applicants swam.
- Miami-Dade went from 30-45 PTE on the aquatics side, beach dropped PTE to 80.

Joe Westerman Advisor –

- Joe has retired from Manatee County.
- He will stay in the advisor role.
- Our website needs to be updated.
- The GoDaddy email destination needs to be changed.

Manatee County- Nothing to report. He has retired. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Phil Wotton: Statement Balance	April 28, 2023	\$5,555.50
• Balance	May 4, 2023	\$4,520.50
• Banquet Income	Salty Sports Society(waiting on payment)	\$250
	P2P Rescue	\$250
	Original Waterman	\$500
	DBOR Chapter	\$250
	Bausch Enterprises	\$250
	Alumni	
	Paragon Marine (waiting on payment)	
	Florida Open Water	
• Banquet Expenses	FBPCA / Hotel Deposit	\$500
	Action Awards	\$45.00
	4 Imprint	\$2,127.43 / Grant Funded
	Amazon/Projector	\$229.39 / Grant Funded
	Action Awards	\$1,035.00
	Florida Hotel Banquet Fees	\$3,000 estimate
	Two hotel rooms for speakers	\$260 estimate



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Delray Beach-

- Three vacant full-time positions.
- Four replacement ATV's have been ordered. Expected delivery date now May/June
- Two emergency purchase ATV's. Payment was made to fraudulent email account. No discussions of these two coming currently.
- Delray Beach Awarded Blue Flag Award. One of two beaches in the US. Presentation on May 19th
- May 20th – Delray Beach Ocean Mile Swim
- May 24th – Delray Beach Annual Competition
- USLA SER Competition – Event posted on USLA website w/ hotel information. Second hotel link in the works.

A.J. Miller: Secretary – Send an email to me with any changes once the minutes are sent out.

Please type out any bullet points from your update and email them prior to or within one week of the meeting so I can complete the minutes.

Volusia County –

- The legislature giving authority of law enforcement to unincorporated areas of the counties will have a signature any day.
- We are working hard to keep the pay of those that are staying with the loss in law enforcement responsibilities.
- County management has assured us there will not be any reduction in pay.
- We have lost over 30 percent of our full time staff so far (20 FTE).
- Coastal construction is continuing during turtle nesting season. As long as their permit is already approved, they can work during normal beach operations hours.

SOUTH

Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South – Unable to attend.

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance

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

Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

- Fully staffed.
- They are waiting on the results of the Evergreen study.
- A potential pay increase.
- New ski delivered. They now have two.
- They are changing their logo and name.
- EMR must now be backed by a nationally accredited program and have an expiration date.

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance



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Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Not in Attendance

Alexandra Bagwell: Ft. Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

Jo Wagenhals: Pompano Beach – Unable to attend.

Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

Mike Brown: Deerfield Beach – Not in Attendance

Luis Andrade: – Miami-Dade County –

- Still busy

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

Matt Botts and Doug Yoakum: Lake Worth Beach – Not in Attendance

Julia Leo: Palm Beach County –

- Training Officer position opened.
- 3 FTE positions coming available in the near future.
- They had a recent cardiac event where the patient collapsed in the water.
- Currently testing seven applicants.
- Kelly McConchie is Palm Beach County's new south district captain.

Ian Montgelas: Martin County –

- We terminated one probationary lifeguard only 3 weeks in.
- Down 2 full-time lifeguards, losing 3 more to Fire Departments in mid-May.
- Swim tests and interviews completed on May 2nd. We have 3 candidates that passed the swim test.
- 4-day, 10-hour shifts continue while Bathtub Beach is closed.
- We have a bid for a lifeguard tower refurbishment project ongoing – this is to replace a fiberglass tower that is deteriorating.
- We lost another side-by-side due to corrosion and falling behind in our Fleet of vehicles for the beach. Don't have enough money this fiscal year for another side-by-side to replace.

Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County –

- Filled one PTE.
- Beach renourishment complete.
- North bridge started construction.



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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

North

Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns County VP North–

- Looks like 15 rookies to be participating in the upcoming academy at end of month.
- Still awaiting beach patrol assigned side-by-side.
- Just conducted a multi-agency SAR drill with the local marine sheriff's office and fire department.
- Currently testing alternate PWC sled configuration and reverse trailering set up.
- The Union is currently negotiating promotions for fire rescue, including changes made to Marine Rescue Lieutenant positions.
- Fire rescue has voiced tabling missing Capt. position for a year. Anticipating possible 4th LT.
- Interim period for Fire Rescue administrative staff is ending, anticipating new/permanent fire chief position to be announce soon and accompanying staff.

Stephen Fender: Brevard County – Not in Attendance

Andrew Ethridge: Volusia County – Not in Attendance

Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance Passed intention to transition to Southeast Region of USLA.

Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance

Panhandle

Will Spivey: Panama City Beach VP Panhandle – Not in Attendance

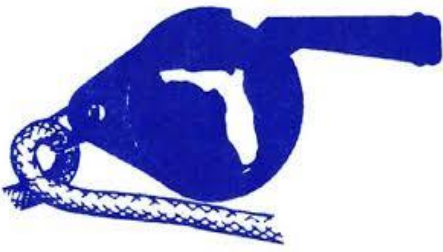
Joe DAgostino: Destin Beach – Not in Attendance

Rich Huffnegale: Okaloosa County – Not in Attendance

David Vaughan: South Walton Fire District – Not in Attendance

Austin Turnbull: Navaree – Unable to attend

Dave Greenwood: Pensacola – Not in Attendance



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West Coast

Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County – Not in Attendance

Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Not in Attendance

Joe Westerman: Manatee County – Not in Attendance

Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County – Technical issues.

DISPOSITION OF BILLS

No new items

USLA Update

- Landline finish, victim and one rescuer must cross the line with or without the buoy.
- Eliminated the rule of remove an event to add on.
- Added women's open single row.
- Division B trophy named after Erik Jerksted.
- Gender specific landline.
- Co-ed row added for points.

New Business

Billboard Update –

23 billboards.

8 Electronic signs in baggage claim.

Bob Maler suggested we submit a higher grant next year. Suggested we try and save one of the billboard graphics after the time runs out. Hellstrom suggested we just purchase one to save. Hellstrom advised that we partnered Clear Channel Media due because they have the most billboards.

Westerman suggested we work with Clear Channel for the top three most viewed billboards in the state, find out what those cost year round, then ask for that additional on next year's grant.

2023 Banquet Preparation –

Three guest speakers have confirmed.

Dr. Clifford will be going over prehospital care.

Dr. Smith will be presenting a powerpoint.

Casey McGovern on drowning prevention in children.

Swag for the banquet includes pens, hats, moleskin notebooks, and coffee cups.

Meritorious Acts Nominations-

Meritorious Act- Mike Mammen, Steve Calhoun, Justin Rogge

Meritorious Act- Carlos Reyes, Jonathon Price, Mark Rodrick

Meritorious Act- Miami Beach Ocean Rescue



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*** A beach patron took the banquet brochure photo, not Phil Wotton*** (He wanted to make that clear)

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

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

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

2022 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 19 th	Regional Competition location Delray Beach
August 19 th 11-2	Panhandle
September* 16	FBPCA 9-12 & USLA Ser 12:30-5 combined meeting location
October 21st 11-2	St Johns County
November 15 th 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 8 th 11-2**	Deerfield Beach

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Andy Ritchie, seconded by A.J. Miller.
Meeting adjourned at 1643.

Next meeting

June 14, 2023, 11pm-2pm
International Swimming Hall of Fame
501 Seabreeze Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL