



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: 03/12/25 (Zoom)

The following members were in attendance:

Ian Montgelas	Martin County	President
Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade	Advisor
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Rick Hinkson	Sarasota	
Mark Fichtner	Lantana Beach	
Dave Greenwood	Gulf Shores	
John Meskiel	Palm Beach County	
James McCrady	Hallandale Beach	
Mike Brown	Deerfield Beach	
Jason Casanova	Miami Beach	
Michael Patterson	Manatee County	
Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach (Retired)	
Gio Serrano		

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

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

The following guests were in attendance:

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Call to order at 1102. Motion to approve minutes made by Ian Montgelas, seconded by Sparling. **MPU**

Pensacola Not struggling. Update minutes

Communications

None to report

Officer Reports

Ian Montgelas President-

- Still working on banquet location
- Advertisements ongoing for banquet program
 - Look for local vendors
- Raffle items needed
- Billboards
 - A few billboards and baggage claims active
 - South Florida Airport



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Matt Sparling Advisor: (Miami Dade)

- Previous vendors seem to be pulling back on sponsorships in general
 - Very important to bring in new vendors
- Agencies are worried about Desantis' proposed property taxes

Phil Wotton Treasurer:

- Statement Balance February 28, 2025 \$22,998.41 \$7,018.97
\$5,001.36
- IRS
 - Annual filing has been completed

February Income

City of Pompano Beach	\$225.00
St John's County	\$125.00
Miami Dade County	\$150.00
Miami Beach	\$200.00
Town of Lantana	\$125.00

- February Expenses

Florida Department of State	\$61.25
Clear Channel	\$146,361.64
Clear Channel	\$10,978.00
Pak it Tight	\$5.58
- New Business USLA Training Officer Academy

A.J. Miller: Secretary –

- Hinkson emailed
- Requested earlier vote from SER

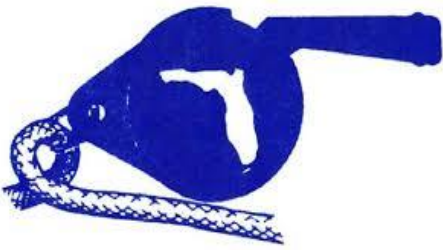
SOUTH

Matt Sparling: Miami-Dade County-

- Currently has 17 vacancies
 - Will be open competitive
- Looking at budget cuts
 - Starting exercises in cuts

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach, South VP –

- Plans on contacting region chiefs prior to next meeting
- Going into 3rd and 4th week
- Just hired 4 PTE
- Flu hitting agency



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- Spoke with city about property tax
 - Has new protocol from the city for ordering
- Jumping between meetings
 - “Reality Check” media campaign is working
 - There was a shooting last week but it was not on the beach

Gerry Falconer: City Miami Beach-

Joel Fernandez: City of Miami – Not in Attendance

Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Unable to Attend

Gio Serrano: Fort Lauderdale –

- Been able to staff towers
 - Utilizing extra FD and PD for calls
- Applied for public education grant from USLA
- Ordered flags from the state
- In the process of building a new HQ
 - Began preparing 3 weeks ago
- Hall of Fame Pool in the process of purchasing and setting display for Ocean Rescue
- Every child swim foundation is looking to sponsor up to 10 children for JGs
 - If the child does not pass the requirements, swim lesson sponsorships are available
- Spring Break in is full swing
- Chief Bagwell returning at the end of March
- Actively recruiting lifeguard paramedics for EMS instructors

Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

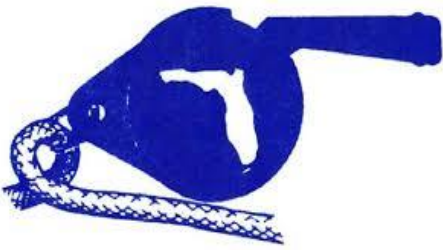
- Having difficulty filling towers
- Just moved to 4-10s
- Have open positions
 - April 3rd water test

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance

Mike Huck: Dania Beach –

Doug Yoakum: Lake Worth –

Pete McGinnis: Pompano –



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Justin Halloway, Katherine Arroyo and James Gray: Pompano Beach:

Mike Brown: Deerfield-

Gained 4 FTE and transitioned to 10-hour shifts
Receiving new towers making 10 total
Just had mayoral election

Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

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

CENTRAL

Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach, Central VP-

Just hired 4th FTE
Fully staffed
Just returned from CTE training (Advance EMS situation)
New councilman elected
Ran on restoring the beach platform
Looking at converting back to ALS agency next year
Working on Rob Caldwell Competition
Working with PD on Dive

John Meskiel: Palm Beach County-

Offering to host ATV training
Extended personnel to help with Rob Caldwell Competition
Looking at demoing N2 boards
Hiring 2 LT positions
10 applicants
Ran ICS scenario for missing swimmer
Milani Park getting a lifeguard tower with a LT
Discovered they need 8 more LT positions through metrics
Received ATV fleet and club cars
Rectuir training
8 of 9 trainees passed
USLA PWC course will be held at Riviera Beach (Phil Foster Park)
USAFE rescue buoy demo
Beach test for 4 FTE in April
No luck with converting PTE to FTE

Phil Wotton: Delray Beach-



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- March 9th returned to Daylight Savings Schedule
- Budget meeting held on March 11th for FY 25/26
- March 26th - Competition series race # 2
- April 30th - Competition series race # 3
- May 10th – Annual Ocean Mile Swim
- May 30th - 34th Annual Lifeguard Competition

Ian Montgelas -Martin County

- 11 applicants, 9 passed swim
 - Hiring 1

Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in Attendance

Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance

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

Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance

North

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

Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns– Not in Attendance

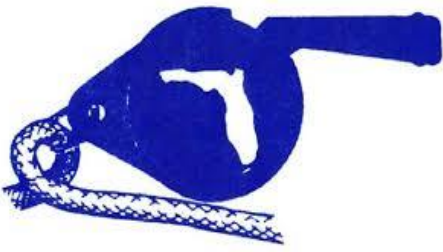
Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance

Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance

Sam Swor: Brevard County- Not in Attendance

Eisen Witcher: Brevard County – Not in Attendance

Tamra Malphurs: Volusia County– Unable to Attend



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A.J. Miller: Volusia-

- Interviewing for a Captain
- Currently have 4 FTE vacancies
- Looking at Bobcat UTV for civilian position
- Spring recruit class currently in process
- Working on growing our social media presence
- Preparing for Code X demonstration for Saudi Arabian group developing a coastal tourist destination
- Planning mass casualty scenario with the Medical Examiner's Office and surrounding emergency response agencies

Panhandle

Austin Turnbull: Navarre Beach VP Panhandle – Not in Attendance

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: Pensacola –

- Working on adding 15th truck to fleet
- Just finished training 10 new hires to total 70 seasonal
- Adding another FTE to the current 4
- Spring Break in full swing
- Working for funding to replace the current Bosch Towers through sales tax
- Coordinating with Navarre Beach for Saturday trainings
- Towers open 10am-6pm
- National Parks Service did not receive funding for lifeguards
 - Contract cancelled for public bathing beaches

Daryl Paul: Panama City Beach- Not in Attendance

Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance

Colin Perlaky: South Walton- Not in Attendance



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West Coast

Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County VP-

- Received one of four towers that has been placed at North Jetty Park

Chet Brown: Manatee – (Mike Patterson)

- Has been invited to compete in the Sarasota Spring Sprint Series
 - Has been able to send a team on the clock
- Just received F250 to tow vessel
- Getting a HW vehicle
- Receiving two enclosed Gators for unguarded north end
- Just started squad shifts
 - Two lifeguards each day from 9am-9pm

Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Unable to Attend

- Waiting on insurance for two towers lost during the storm

Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County – Unable to attend

- Still working on getting shift to year rounds
 - Denied
- Just lost staffing for one of their beaches
- Hopefully receiving other 3 by the end of March
- Still have 2 LT and 1 FTE vacancies
- Sending up to 11 to EMT school in October
- Hosting a competition in May
- LT. Patterson has been coming down from Manatee with a team to race
- Using Gators on the beach
 - Have landed at fleet
- Is working on succession planning with fire administration
- Extended weekend hours from 5pm to 7pm
- Still working on switching to 10-hour shifts

DISPOSITION OF BILLS

Concurrent Resolution 41

- <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/41>
- Please still contact your congress person in support of the bill

USLA Update

- Looking at a Puerto Rico National Meeting
- Regionals code for Nationals \$188 Tuesday through Saturday
- March 1st, stats needed to be submitted
 - Any issues contact Gerry Falconer



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- Kay Smiley stepped down
 - Karissa Flemming is the new Executive member
- USLA memberships coming up
- USLA SER Spring Meeting March

Old Business

- Marc looking at quotes for new website platform
 - Will get three quotes
 - \$14.50-\$22.00 a month
- Ian will contact Westerman for original creator of the website for admin release
 - Gave Fichtner admin access
- Proposed language added into bylaws for alumni nominations during election periods.
 - **Article 7 - Elections. Proposed language:**
 - *“All members, including alumni, in good standing with the organization shall have the right to nominate candidates for positions on the Executive Board.” MPU*
- Ian proposed a change to the existing billboard campaign artwork
 - Artwork will not replace current billboards, only new MPU
- Officer Training Academy sponsorship discussion **Pushed to June Meeting**
- Committee to establish Policy and Procedure
 - Ongoing

New Business

Received Dave Greenwood's resume. Voted in as member

Bob Maler

- Tried the EMILY automated rescue tool previously
 - Did not make it through the surf
- Inquired about sponsorships from Water Safety Products
 - They contribute the LGOTY jacket



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Banquet Update-

Working with Marriott World Center for a possible banquet location

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

Here is a DRAFT Schedule for 2025 – If anyone would like to host a meeting let us know.

2025 Meeting Schedule	
January 6 th @ 11-2	Navarre Beach
February 12 th @11-2	Miami-Dade County (Haulover)
March 12 th 11-2	Zoom – Spring Break
April 18 th 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 17 th	Orlando --- 2025 Lifesaving Awards Banquet & Chief's Meeting
June 20 th 11-2	Martin County
July 22 nd (Tentative)	USLA Regionals – Volusia
August 20 th 11-2	Fort Lauderdale
September 12 th 11-2	Lantana
October 17 th 11-2	Manatee County/Sarasota
November 12 th 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 12 th 11-2	Deerfield Beach

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by A.J., seconded by Sparling. Adjourned at 1231

Next Meeting

Water Safety Products
2330 Commerce Park Dr NE #4, Palm Bay, FL 32905
April 18th, 11-2

Zoom Option

Topic: FBPCA Meeting
Time: Apr 18, 2025 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93386557383?pwd=g1e3ptjgqV7M6kgVbNE56pM4eZuXtO.1>

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