

Surfrider Foundation- Cocoa Beach Chapter  
Monthly Meeting Minutes 06/17/15

**Executive Committee-**

Chair: Sandy Beach

Volunteer Coordinator: Bruce Moeller

Treasurer: Jo Branagan

Secretary: Jackie Beatty

Holly Parker was here at our meeting to update us on Amendment 1 and Bag Bill.

-Amendment 1-The budget released was no great for Amendment 1. Florida forever asked for their annual budget of 300 million and only received 17 million. Springs preservation only got 34 million, and Everglades only got 75 million. The legislation did not listen to public input and did not distribute the 750 million that 75% of Floridians voted on. The legislative session begins again in early January 2016 and the distribution formula will be debated on how to distribute the 750 million. Senator Altman has been a huge champion for Amendment 1. He deserves a huge Thank You.

-Bag Bill-It will allow local municipalities to adopt a pilot program to reduce the use of single use plastic bags. The current legislation has taken away Home Rule, which doesn't allow municipalities to restrict the use of plastic bags. There will be a Surfrider Lobby Day in Tallahassee in January 2016.

**Past Events-**

- Waterman's Challenge 2015-Cocoa Beach Chapter Team Green won the contest! Other chapters liked the relay format. Thank you Tony Saso for being the MC. We will keep the format and jerseys for next year.

**Chapter Business-**

-Our summer movie is Dr. Diana's documentary on Operation Surf and will be shown on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Surfside Playhouse. Tickets are 5\$ and there will be a board raffle. The board is an 8'6" shaped at the last Surf Expo. Hopefully The Aquanuts will play for Happy Hour and Barefoot Wine will help sponsor.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hold Onto Your Butt Day at the end on Minutemen on the beach. July 19<sup>th</sup>. Need to get permit from the city and have meeting with city manager.

-Brock from Sun Bum came to the meeting and wants to sponsor a clean up and have a BBQ after Butt Day at Sun Bum.

-KBB is getting closer to launching "Pick It up, Pack It Out" to target littering on the beach. KBB is receiving help from the TDC and Waste Management. KBB needs help with marketing and funds for compostable bags.

-Cocoa Beach Women's Club contacted us to help them with their efforts to beautify 1<sup>st</sup> St. North beach and beach access. They would like to put restrooms in. Their meeting is on June 23 at the library.

-September 26-Riverfest at Cocoa Village

-4<sup>th</sup> of July-We need to speak with city about dune protection at Lori Wilson, Fischer Park, and Shepard Park