

Surfrider Foundation- Cocoa Beach Chapter

Monthly Meeting Minutes 01/21/15

New Executive Committee-

Chairperson: Sallie Lopez

Vice Chair: Sandy Beach

Volunteer Coordinator: Bruce Moeller

Secretary: Jackie Beatty

Operation Surf-

Krista Small came to the meeting to talk to us about Operation Surf. It is a non-profit that helps disabled soldiers learn to surf. This rehabilitative event helps active duty wounded soldiers overcome mental and physical limitations. To donate or volunteer go to operationsurf.com. The event is scheduled for March 19-25 at Lori Wilson Park.

Chapter Business-

Thank you to The Surfinista who helped us to sell most of our remaining calendars. They are now \$10.

Surf Expo was fun. There were 3 pages of email addresses from people interested in receiving more information about our chapter. New sand anchors were purchased to hold down the tent at events on the beach. Bruce and Larry won ukuleles.

Campaigns-

We would like to set up committees for different campaigns. Volunteers are needed for all campaigns. They are as follows:

Sea Oat Planting with Joanie Regan (City of Cocoa Beach): Meet at Minutemen on the beach February 7 from 9-12. There will be 700 plants to be planted at various locations on the beach.

Seismic Airgun Testing: There was a Satellite Beach Rally at Pelican Beach on January 14. This event was sponsored by Oceana in recognition of Indian Harbor Beach filing their Letter of Opposition to legislators.

Hold On To Your Butts: Bill Haussman collects cigarette butts and sends them to be recycled. We will have our 2nd Annual Hold On To Your Butts day at Coconuts to raise awareness. This event will be in the summer.

Ban the Bag: We would like to create a campaign to help get a resolution passed in Cocoa Beach.

Surf Impact Study with Dr. John Hearin PhD: If you have not done so, please send or upload any data and observations. Once all the data is received Dr. Hearin can process the data and see what impact the beach fill had on the surf.

Past Events-

Surf Expo: We will be receiving a board donated from the shape off to raffle. The board is provided by Paul Eaton of US Blanks and glassed at Ricky Carroll's. It comes with a board bag, leash, and fins. Thank you Biff Branagan for sending a thank you letter to US Blanks.

Upcoming Events-

February

- 6: Cape Canaveral Street Fest, Taylor Ave. 6-10 p.m., volunteers needed
- 7: Sea Oat Planting, Meet at Minutemen on the beach, 9 a.m., volunteers needed
- 18: Monthly Chapter Meeting, The Surfinista, 6 p.m.
- 20: CB Friday Fest, DTCCB 6-10, volunteers needed
- 21: U.S. Rodeo Queen Beach Clean Up, Minutemen CSWY, 10 a.m.-noon

March

- 6: Cape Canaveral Street Fest, Taylor Ave. 6-10 p.m., volunteers needed
- 14: St. Baldrick's, join in or support Biff at the Avenues of Viera
- 18: Monthly Chapter Meeting, The Surfinista, 6 p.m.
- 20: CB Friday Fest, DTCCB 6-10, volunteers needed
- 21: Quarterly Beach Clean Up w/BBQ/surf sesh@Tables, volunteers needed
- 25: Oceans Day at the Florida Capitol, Tallahassee

April

- 3-5: 51st Annual Easter Surf Fest, volunteers needed
- 18: Trash Bash with KBB

Lawrence's Last Word-

With starting the new year, let's keep all of our yearly events going and highlight the campaigns we have been working on to continue their success.