

## **Surfrider Foundation: Cocoa Beach Chapter**

### **Meeting Minutes for February 21st, 2012**

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#### **PAST EVENTS**

January Beach Clean Up – Great turn out! 31 volunteers and 20 + bags of trash.

Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting – Discussed having a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Green Living Festival this year, participants from last year stated they would do it again. JoAnn volunteered to head up this event if everyone is still on board.

We will be using the national Surfrider logo on everything from now on, except for our t-shirts and chapter emails.

Need to increase CB Chapter's media/public relations, we will be submitting articles/pictures to "Making Waves" magazine.

Sea Oat Planting – We had 18 volunteers on Saturday, 768 plants, oats were planted on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> South and on 9<sup>th</sup> St. South extended fence. Prior to tonight's meeting, we had 16 volunteers show up at 4<sup>th</sup> St. South and planted approximately 300 plants.

#### **CHAPTER BUSINESS**

February Beach Clean Up – Since we had Sea Oat Planting this month, is there enough interest for our monthly beach clean up? Positive response for this so there will be one on Saturday.

Beach Water Testing – Due to fund cuts, Brevard County has reduced water testing but will resume in March. An email was sent out to subscribers regarding the defunding of the Beach Grant Program please go to [change.org](http://change.org) and sign a petition to urge Obama Administration to restore water quality monitoring.

Parking Decals - \$10 for residents, \$60 for non residents (up from \$25). Need to find out what these funds go to and if it goes to taking "care" of the beach, maybe Surfrider could benefit from this to cover some costs for what we use. John volunteered to look into this.

Pocket Ashtrays – Hold On To Your Butts Campaign (San Diego) had extra pocket ashtrays to offer for other chapters to purchase. We have put in an order and will pass out at events (beach). This bought up subject of smoking ban becoming an issue again, member suggested that we need to come with a "mission statement" if it does.

Surfboard Raffle – Wood board is finished, was unveiled for all attendees to see. Kudos to Chad Stone for making this for us and also to Biff for arranging and following it through. Raffle tickets are for sale at \$10 each, only 300 tickets available. Winning ticket will be drawn at luau on Waterman’s Challenge Weekend. The Expo board raffle will begin after the wood board has been given away.

New Website – is up and running <http://cocoabeach.surfrider.org/>

CBSF future officers – If anyone is interested in becoming an officer in our chapter, let us know and we can fill you in on what is involved along with that position.

### **CHAPTER CAMPAIGNS**

Stop the Oil Drilling Petition – We have our article in the February Beachside Resident with petition to fill out and send off. March 2012 deadline.

Rise Against Plastics – Log onto Surfrider.org and sign petition needs 5000 signatures, almost halfway there. This is a heavy campaign, need to start hitting it hard.

School Clubs – laying low this month due to FCAT testing.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 25<sup>th</sup> 9-11am – Monthly Beach Clean Up, Minuteman Causeway to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. South
- March 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm – Rip Pics Surf Contest and Monthly Beach Clean Up, Lori Wilson Park
- March 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm - CB Chapter monthly meeting, Surfinista Cafe
- April 6-8<sup>th</sup> All day - Easter Surf Contest (will need tent set up on April 5<sup>th</sup>), CB Pier/Shepard Park
- April 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm - CB Chapter monthly meeting, Surfinista Café
- Late April John’s presentation, approximately 1 hour long. Time and location to be announced.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> 9-11am – Monthly Beach Clean Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N to 4<sup>th</sup> St. N
- May 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm – EC quarterly meeting, location TBD
- Surf Flicks 5-10pm – Every Wednesday at Coconuts On The Beach

**Recruit a friend!!!**

