



## CBSF January 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Surfinista 6pm, 18 attendees

### Old Business

- **FL Surf Firm Festival** – Nov 16, well attended
- **Beach Access Path Staking** – Sat, Nov 18 Minutemen beach. Bruce, John, Joanie, Bob and about 10 attendees. Staking survived Surfing Santa – looks good.
- **Ocean Reef Beach Fest** – Sat, Dec 2 Satellite Beach – Sebastian Inlet Surfrider selling the event beer in refillable Surfrider cups. Free beer with membership. Good fundraiser.
- **CB Christmas Street Parade** – Sat, Dec 9 – received most original in parade/threw peanuts again. Minimal effort to put together but still fun/creative.
- **CB Surfrider/FSM Holiday Party** – Wed, Dec 20 Surfinista. Hawaiian shirt contest won by FSM, 2017 party host. Will go back to CB Surfrider in 2018. Sebastian Inlet Surfrider came and Aquanuts were great.
- **Surfing Santa** – major crowd, dune did OK, lots of surfers but more visitors/watchers. FSM fundraiser – had CBSF flag at event.
- **Swells of Interest 2** – Sallie lead; great job. Took in \$1450 online ticket sales; evening sold out and afternoon 104 attendees. ~ \$1750 for the night sales. Waiting line outside for evening show. Maybe do kid BOGO for matinee next year.

### New Business & Upcoming Events

- **Surfrider FL Lobby Day** – Jan 16; Biff/Jo B attended with Sebastian Inlet SF (filmed events) – good training sessions; met with Legislative staff and Rep Fine explained legislative process on bills to law. Key issues – plastic bags, home-rule, beach access (mostly Panhandle public/private debate). Holly will send alert when hot issues arise and need support. Important to have local support shown for issues – not just at State level.
- **Junior ProAm Surf Contest** – Feb 3 Minutemen 8:30-4pm Coconuts/Surfet sponsors – will have sea oat planting, stake painting, tenting. Bruce, Joanie leads. Money raised will be to send CBHS Surf Team to CA – also sponsored by FSM. No vendor event – just contest/NPOs. Goal to raise \$3K for surf team.
- **Surfrider DC Lobby Days** – Feb 15-16. Will be heavily opposing offshore drilling.
- **Surfrider Core Training** – Holly/Jackie will be lead highlighting campaigns and effective action/involvement at CB Library Captain's Room @ 6pm.
- **Easter Surf Contest** – Easter Weekend. Uncertain as to whether CBSF will tent.

- **Membership** – Total membership at this point is 78; 2018 goal of 125. Considering free T-shirt or rashguard with new membership. Can use a CBSF membership registration link to assure that membership is linked to CBSF. Brett will get link so can register via tablet at events.
- **CBSF Campaigns**
  - **Plastic Pollution/RAP** – local bag ordinance, voluntary plan at this point, assure that home-rule is upheld in Tallahassee. Major plastic washing up on our beaches; hurricane/nor'easter storm related perhaps from Caribbean and Atlantic garbage patch gyre. Huge amount of tiny plastic; very difficult to remove/capture – too small for small sieve. Important not to remove large amounts of wrack while removing plastic. Pier is removing the wrack/plastic by hand – this apparently is allowable by State law.
  - **Coastal Preservation** – beach nourishment/dune protection. John's final report on nourishment out soon and will be posted on national Surfrider site. Next nourishment is starting soon – Canaveral Shoal sand/Great Lakes Dredging – all beaches except small section between Lori Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> St N. Mid-Reach opposition is strong; been trucking sand as emergency post-hurricane measure but at this point. Plan is to get sand renourishment and reef mitigation through artificial reef structure.
  - **Ocean Protection** – oil drilling, seismic testing opposition. BOEM/new Administration is pushing expansion.
  - **Clean Water** – water quality testing. Federal funding in jeopardy; need State funding.
- **Other Discussion** – Bob Day mentioned several events: Sustainability Summit in Satellite Beach Thursday, Feb 8 many local governments involved. Lagoon Symposium at Harbor Branch Feb 8-9, Fort Pierce. KBB/CoCB/CBSF Island Trashbash will be in North Thousand Islands in April. Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival is going on at Eastern FL College in Titusville – great presentations and fieldtrips.

**Lawrence's Last Word!** – spoke with CBPD Chief Rosenfeld and they are supportive of dune protection and willing to be guest of honor at an upcoming meeting perhaps with City Manager. Need to increase the core members that get involved in activities. We have limited resources but we need to do the best we can with what we have.