



Cocoa Beach Surfrider Foundation Chapter Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2018 - Café Surfinista, 6pm – 16 Attendees

Old Business

- **Mar 31 - April 1: Easter Surf Contest** – tented and dune protection was good.
- **April 7 – Trash bash** – good crowd for island cleanup at Lutheran Church on Minutemen
- **Dogs on the Beach Ordinance** – 1st reading at CB Commission meeting tomorrow. Issues include nesting sea turtles, shorebirds, pet waste. No CB Surfrider position but members can attend and speak their mind.

New Business

- **April 20** – CB Friday Fest 5-10 PM, Sallie will setup/helpers needed; Joanie can help breakdown
- **May 19** – Hands Across the Sand; Lori Wilson Park. Send out notices Facebook/Mail Chimp
- **June 2** – Waterman’s Challenge; intern helping to promote. Tenting and have a surf team for Surfrider Challenge.
- **June 9** – Surfers for Autism; Lori Wilson Park. Tenting and support.
- **June 9** - National March for the Ocean (Karen Wade -Rethink Energy). National effort based in DC/
- **Black Tie and Baggie 2018** – **JoB said perhaps in the fall. Will discuss at EC meeting.**
- **Membership** – 2018 goal is 125. Free t-shirt or rash guard for first time new members. 12 new members at Easter Surf Contest.
- **Campaigns for CB Surfrider:**
 - **Pollution** – CB plastic bag/straw initiatives. Sustainability Board – perhaps can send recommendations for festivals/no plastics/foam at events. Can perhaps report to Commission on key initiatives.
 - **Coastal Preservation** – CB Beach Nourishment Surf Impact Study posted on SR national web site under Beachepedia; will get on CB Surfrider website. FL Today is writing article on study and recently published paper linking beach nourishment to higher incidences of rip currents and ocean rescues. Cape Canaveral/CB had 27% increase in rescues after 2014 Fill. Permanent sand bypass is best outcome for future.
 - **Ocean Protection** – Hands Across the Sand initiative / HB631 could limit public beach access to private beach property – cities must codify customary use to retain public access. Bob Day mentioned that Brevard County received opinion from their attorney and it is probably not an issue here because of the sand renourishment agreements with property owners. Bill published an FL Today editorial on the issue. Satellite Beach and Cocoa Beach are working on ordinances that would protect cities’ shoreline.
 - **Clean Water** – Florida Healthy Beaches Program which pays for water testing was not funded
- Bruce Moeller mentioned that CB Surfrider is coming up on its 10-year Anniversary!

Lawrence’s Last Word – this meeting has great core member attendance so Keep It Up!