



Cocoa Beach Surfrider Foundation Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018 - Café Surfinista, 6pm – 21 attendees

Special Visitors

- **CB High School Science Program** – Jim Mardulier & Slavka Roselip (CBHS science teacher) gave presentation on student lagoon water quality testing/monitoring effort every Sunday morn at 8:30-10am behind school ballfields – give kids hands-on science experience; working with FIT and hope to put together a report card. Day in the Life event on Oct 4; various groups participating in this national event. This is a good way to partner with and involve the high school in CB Surfrider.
- **TD Bank** – New CBSR account recommended by Treasurer JoB. NPO Infinity program get fees waived, potential grants – many local NPOs as clients including Anglers for Conservation. TD Bank Rep gave overview of bank's NPOs support through individual and organizational checking/savings program. If an individual opens a TD checking account and mentions CB Surfrider - CB Surfrider gets \$50, individual gets \$25 and CB Surfrider gets \$10 each year the account is open. Other benefits for both individuals and NPO of their choice. TD is "most convenient" bank open 7 days/week until 7pm each day. CBSF members are encouraged to research options.

Old Business

- **April 20** – productive CB Friday Fest; 6 new members. Tablet registration went well.

New Business

- **May 19** – Hands Across the Sand; Lori Wilson Park 11am-noon in support of banning offshore oil drilling and seismic testing. Encourage walking/biking/carpooling; use south parking area. 3 Orlando groups joining us.
- **June 2** – Waterman's Challenge; Sebastian SF signed up. Setup in morn – heat around noon-2pm.
- **June 9** – Surfers for Autism; Lori Wilson Park. Sallie registered CBSF team 8am setup/9am start; all day event.
- **June 9** - National March for the Ocean. Didn't get feedback. Won't participate; too much going on.
- **International Surfing Day (ISD)** – June 21; probably Sat, 06/23 at 4th St N. Stake painting/picnic – all on beach.
- **Black Tie and Baggie** – Fall 2018; JoB emailed Rob/Longdoggers on 05/08 but no replay yet. Probably Oct or mid-Sep; need to see what conflicts locally in that time period.
- **New Movie Night?** – Andy Irons "Kissed by God", Brett researching.
- **Membership** – 2018 goal is 125. Free t-shirt or rash guard for first time new members.
- **CB Surfrider Campaigns:**
 - **Pollution** – CB Sustainability Committee; Sallie/Jackie going to next meeting on 4th Wed each month. Community Garden project at Ramp Road Pk – garden boxes. June 6 meeting at Cityhall 6pm – will hold a raffle for one box (4'x8'). Cost \$25/box. They have FIT and CBHS involvement.
 - **Coastal Preservation** – CB Beach Nourishment Surf Impact Study posted on SR national web site under Beachipedia. Save The Waves declined our request for endangered wave status. Time to ramp up our campaign; put pressure on USACE for cost/benefit analysis and be involved as stakeholder early in the review process. The current renourishment is very incompatible coarse sand, which is creating a steep beach with rip currents. There have been 65 rescues around Lori Wilson area – 16 just last week. At low tide it is hard to walk/bike. Looking for feedback/documentation on recent beach renourishment project to add to campaign. End goal is to have a sand bypass system at Port so more natural sand transport. Try to make this the major East Coast campaign for Surfrider National. Mid-Reach Reef Preservation effort is gaining momentum.
 - **Ocean Protection** – Hands Across the Sand / Amendment 9 on state ballot would ban oil drilling in FL waters [3 miles off Atlantic shore; 6 miles off Gulf shore].
 - **Clean Water** – Florida Healthy Beaches Program which pays for water testing was not funded.
- **Special Olympics Surf Training** – June 2; looking for location inside as its train the trainer (coaches). It's supported locally by Club Zion.

Lawrence's Last Word – Lawrence has been communicating with CB City Manager Jim McKnight and will invite him to June meeting. Jim is very supportive of our mission of dune protection, clean beaches and is working with the Beach Rangers to forward these goals.