



Cocoa Beach Surfrider Foundation Chapter Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2018 - Café Surfinista, 6pm – 22 attendees

Introductions – round the room with 2 new attendees, one associated with FIT’s autism support program and the other an active KBB trashbash volunteer.

Special Visitors

- **Citizens’ Climate Lobby** – John Saathoff <https://www.environmentalvoter.org> John encouraged environmentally minded folk to sign a pledge to vote – a non-partisan effort to get out the vote and get eco-minded people to get other eco-minded people to vote. Pledge was passed around for signing.
- **Beach Ranger Rick** – discussed dune protection efforts and upcoming special events such as July 5 fireworks at Fischer Park. Other items discussed included the new Dog Beach ordinance.
- **Special Olympics Surf Training** – Jason Hart, Manager of Brevard Special Olympics; need volunteers to work with contestants on Saturday mornings.

Old Business

- **May 19** – Hands Across the Sand; Lori Wilson, rain with small but enthusiastic crowd (~ 30 people). Same weekend as boat races so parking conflict. FL Today photos but didn’t make paper. Different location next year.
- **June 2** – Waterman’s Challenge; Sebastian & Sun Coast, 2 teams – Sun Coast winners. New regional intern for Holly did a great job in getting the word out!
- **June 9** – Surfers for Autism; Lori Wilson Park. Great teamwork, good crowd, small waves but great day.
- **June 15 Friday Fest** – rained out

New Business

- **International Surfing Day (ISD)** – June 23; 4th St N. Stake painting/picnic – all on beach 9am-1pm. Setup at 8am, Bruce lead; will raffle big red board. Plastic free event – BBQ all finger food. *Mail Chimp
- **Black Tie and Baggie** – Fall 2018; JoB working with Rob/Longdoggers. Probably mid-Oct do not want conflict with Our Saviors Fair; south side of outside dining, raffle items, silent auction. Committee meeting soon – make SOS Save Our Shoreline as theme. Setup Membership Table at event.
- **Membership** – 2018 goal is 125. Free t-shirt or rash guard for first time new members. *Get Membership List.
- **CB Surfrider Campaigns:**
 - Pollution – CB Sustainability Committee; Sallie/Jackie update: committee reviewing ordinances, Litter Quitter program, Community Garden.
 - Coastal Preservation – SOS Save Our Shoreline campaign will feature data from Beach Nourishment Surf Impact Study as well as other sources. Goal is a permanent sand bypass station at the Port jetty to transfer beach compatible sand to the North Reach and eliminate the need for dredged material from offshore Canaveral Shoals. Page on website – based on Impact Study; need engineering and data to support it e.g. ocean rescues up 27%.
 - Ocean Protection – Amendment 9 on state ballot would ban oil drilling in FL waters [3 miles off Atlantic shore; 6 miles off Gulf shore].
 - Clean Water – no activity
- Litter Quitter – Tony shared a KBB beach cleanup on July 6 for firework aftermath at Fischer Park.
- **NO MEETING IN JULY**

Lawrence’s Last Word – its hard to be environmental activist because of all the events and activities that can adversely affect the resources. Administration/Agencies looking for more deep water holdings but have forgotten the lessons of the deep water horizon in the Gulf. Hard to fight against money and power. Need to keep vigilant.