

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: January 30, 2014

**Called to Order:** 11:03

Attendance: Leon Abood, Darrell Brand, Frank Pryzbylski, James Harter, Marty Baum, Todd Weissing, Karl Wickstrom, Charles Grande, Don Voss, Jackie Tracynger, Joanne Swann, Dennis Phelan, Charlie Burns, Max Quackenbos, Rip Fisher, Elisa Ackerly, Jim Moir, Tom Bausch, Mike Conner, Paul Gray, Mark Perry, Paul Bender, Steven Cohen, Jill Pinkham, Shari Anker, Nic Mader,

### **Chairman's Comments:**

Leon Abood presented applications for new membership by River Vista HOA, Sailfish Point Yacht Club, Joe's Point HOA, Locks Landing HOA, Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club, Ballantrae Yacht Club. Motions made, seconded and passed.

### **Special Presentation – Dr. Gary Goforth:**

Karl Wickstrom introduced Dr. Gary Goforth for our special presentation on moving water south. Go to [www.RiversCoalition.org](http://www.RiversCoalition.org) to see the presentation.

### **River Kidz**

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch thanked the Indian River Lagoon Team for the write up in the newspaper "12 days of Christmas", the River Kidz raised \$1,500. Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced that the River Kidz will be holding a special event called "Get the Muck Out which will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Harbour Bay Plaza, Sewall's Point. Nic Mader announced that the River Kidz will be selling ORCA cards to help support the River Kidz at the event on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Blessing of the Fleet:**

Darrell Brand announced the Blessing of the Fleet and the St. Lucie estuary on February 8.

### **Speakers Bureau:**

Todd Weissing announced to new members how to arrange a Rivers Coalition speaker.

### **Rivers Coalition Defense Fund:**

Charles Grande announced that they are communicating with a local Boston group in regards to their own fight for clean water in the Boston Harbor and how to achieve that goal.

### **Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:**

Mark Perry announced that the estuary had an 80% seagrass loss and lost all of oysters. The water quality is satisfactory, but we still need to keep the pressure on.

### **WRAC - "Water Resources Advisory Commission":**

Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> is the South Florida Water Management District meeting, the lake is at 16.7ft, no discharges from S80.

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### **Indian River Keeper:**

Marty Baum announced that at the Everglades Coalition Meeting, Martin County had the largest representation of citizens. He also announced that in September there will be a Clean Water Document which will ask elected officials to enforce Amendment 5, which holds polluters financially responsible.

### **New Business:**

Jackie Trancynger made motion for the Rivers Coalition to write a formal resolution opposing HB 703, discussion. Motion revised for Leon to send HB 703 out to the individual organizations for a vote at the February meeting, motion seconded and passed.