

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Called to Order:** 11:02am

Attendance: Leon Abood, Dennis Phelan, Katy Lewey, Mark Perry, Gayle Ryan, Paul Gray, Mike Conner, Charlie Burns, Rip Fisher, Jill Pinkham, Jim Moir, Dennis Killila, Jackie Trancynger, Joanne Swann, Karl Wickstrom, Marty Baum, Frank Pryzbylski, Todd Weissing, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Shari Anker, Nic Mader, Robert Ryba, John Bobb, Donna Melzer, David Carlson, Norman Scheffner, David Lowe, Darla Carter and Dave Wischaupt.

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

Leon Abood called the meeting to order and presented an application for new membership by the St. Lucie River Yacht Club. A motion was made to accept, it was seconded and passed.

### **Special Presentation:**

Everglades Foundation CEO Eric Eikenberg gave a special presentation, which can be watched here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>. Following the presentation, Leon Abood made a motion for the Rivers Coalition to write a resolution in support of exercising the land purchase option south of Lake Okeechobee for water storage and treatment. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **River Kidz of Martin County:**

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced that the River Kidz were successful in raising the funds needed to print the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Workbook and presented everyone with copies, thanking everyone who helped.

### **River Kidz of St. Lucie County:**

Katy Lewey announced upcoming events, including the Party in the Park at the Ft. Pierce Inlet on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>; Seed Swap for the River Kidz Garden on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and the Manatee Center's Nature Fest on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Speakers Bureau:**

Todd Weissing to new members how to arrange a Rivers Coalition speaker and gave a brief update on recent speaking engagements.

### **Martin County:**

Deborah Drum gave an update on Martin County: Go to [www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates](http://www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates) for the full report.

### **WRAC & Water Quality:**

Mark Perry gave a comprehensive update on WRAC & local water quality. It can be watched here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

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### **Indian Riverkeeper:**

Marty Baum gave an update, you can go to [www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/](http://www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/) for the full report.

### **Lake Okeechobee:**

Paul Gray announced that the lake is currently at about 15 ft. The locks are open and discharging because of our wetter than normal dry season.