

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes Meeting Minutes

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Date: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Called to Order:** 6:00pm

Attendance: Leon Abood, Mark Perry, Gayle Ryan, Paul Gray, Jill Pinkham, Dennis Killila, Joanne Swann, Stan Giesler, Katy Lewey, Nathaniel Osborn, Todd Weissing, Rip Fisher, Don Voss, Phil Tafoya, Jim Harter, Frank Pryzbylski, Marty Baum, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Shari Anker, Tara Bardi

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

Chairman Leon Abood called the meeting to order. An application for new membership was presented by the Cocoon Point Yacht Club. A motion was made to accept, it was seconded and passed.

### **Special Presentation:**

Mark Perry, along with other Rivers Coalition members gave a special presentation regarding Amendment One and the EAA Land Purchase Option, which can be watched here: [www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition](http://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition). Following the presentation a motion was made for a letter to be sent to the SFWMD, urging them to consider the EAA Land Purchase. The motion was seconded and passed. Another motion was made to send a letter to Martin County, commending them for their efforts in the fight for the St. Lucie. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch and Nic Mader announced the teacher training event for the River Kidz Second Edition Workbook was a huge success, the teachers loved the workbook and some Kidz themselves were able to educate the teachers on the subject.

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

Katy Lewey announced upcoming events, which can be found on our website: [riverscoalition.org/newsevents/](http://riverscoalition.org/newsevents/)

### **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 a comprehensive 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. The water quality currently is barely satisfactory, 3 billion gallons of water from the Lake are going east and west. It can be watched here: [www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition](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 14.2ft high, as the releases have been getting bigger and the ideal level is 12.5ft by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the start of the wet season, while the maximum the lake can hold is 17.5ft. The salinity level is not currently alarming low, but we do have a big confluence of muck.