

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

**Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

Attendance: Leon Abood, Mark Perry, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Shari Anker, Jackie Trancynger, Jill Pinkham, Mike Littell, Joanne Swann, Jim Harter, Paul Gray, Charles Grande, Frank Pryzbylski, Dennis Killila, Jim Moir, Nic Mader, Marty Baum, Todd Weissing, Robert Ryba, John Fallon, John Bobb and David Lowe.

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

Chairman Leon Abood called the meeting to order and noted that quorum has been met. He expressed thanks to Paul Nicoletti for letting us use the Stuart City Hall. He gave a short presentation stating the structure of the organization and the differences between the Coalition and the Defense Fund. Leon introduced the new Leadership Team: Mark Perry, Darrell Brand, Nic Mader, Jim Moir, and George Jones. He also noted that changes will be made to the Organizational Policy to account for the structural change. Marty Baum made a motion to accept the Leadership Team, seconded by Jim Harter. Motion passed unanimously. Darrel Brand made a motion to honor Leon as Chairman Emeritus, seconded by Charles Grande and passed unanimously.

Leon had to leave the meeting early; Mark Perry took over chair of the meeting.

**Special Presentation:** Mark Perry gave a special presentation. You can watch the presentation here: [www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition](http://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition) .

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

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced that the Martin Auxiliary, under the leadership of Bill Michaud, handed out 1500 River Kidz workbooks and will reach 2000 by year end. Nic Mader announced that the International Coastal Cleanup with Ohana Surf Shop was a success. She reported upcoming dates for River Kidz events: 9/26/15 IRL Science Fest in Ft. Pierce and 10/17/15 Lines in the Lagoon Fishing Tournament.

**Speakers Bureau:** Todd Weissing announced that he spoke at the Pt. St. Lucie Anglers Club. His presentation was well received by an engaged and inquisitive audience. Todd introduced Bill Natalie from the Lost River Fishing Tournament, who presented the Rivers Coalition with a \$3,000 donation from the proceeds of the tournament.

### **Martin County:**

Dianne Hughes 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 reported that Lake Okeechobee is currently at 14.4 feet. Currently there are no discharges from the lake. The next WRAC meeting is October 1. He announced that the next SFWMD Governing Board meeting is October 8.

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### **Indian Riverkeeper:**

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