

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes February 2017

Mark Perry called the meeting to order and completed roll call. In Attendance: Dr. Paul Gray, Mike Conner, Mark Perry, Shari Anker, Wayne Kuster, Richard Erth, Marty Baum, Todd Weissing, Don Voss, Jim Moir, Regina Wood, Jackie Trancynger, Charles Grande, Peter Fiori, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Jill Pinkham, Bob Deppmeyer, Joanne Swann, James Harter, Frank Pryzbylski, Stevan Anderson, Paul Laura, Annie Potts, Barney Moore.

Chairman's Comments: Mark Perry introduced the Leadership Team and announced next meeting: March 23, 2017 11am. We are up to 91 member organizations representing over 300,000 members.

Current Action Items and Voting:

Brian Mast, U.S. House of Representatives spoke to the delegation. He is Vice-Chair on the Subcommittee for Water Resources and Environment. Mark spoke about SB 10. Darrell Brand presented new member applicant: Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Motion by George Jones & seconded by Jim Moir, motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentation: *"Understanding the Glades Community"* Chris Costello, Sierra Club
<https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

River Kidz of Martin County:

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippish and Nic Mader presented for River Kidz. River Kidz Thank Tyler Treadway and The Stuart News for making River Kidz a part of the 12 Days of Christmas; donations are rolling in. They also Thank Blessing of the Fleet for making River Kidz the beneficiary of the event. The third edition of "River Kidz Workbook" will be coming out soon. Thanks go out to Knopf Foundation and Advocates For Love Foundation for posters. A "Don't Trash It" event is coming up this spring. Thank you to Indian Riverkeeper for including River Kidz in the VICE-TV event. Gayle Ryan announced that Sandy Van will be leading the St. Lucie River Kidz and Thanked City of Stuart for providing calendars for everyone to give to kids to learn/teach others about the environment.

Speaker's Bureau: If any organizations or groups would like the Speaker's Bureau to attend their meetings, please contact Todd Weissing.

Martin County: Deb Drum presented a comprehensive update on Martin County and discussed the water quality. Go to the following websites for water quality updates: www.martin.fl.us ; www.martin.floridahealth.gov ; www.dep.state.fl.us and www.reportalagalbloom.com.

To view Deb Drum's report go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

Local Issues and WRAC: Mark Perry presented regarding water quality, oyster and seagrass presence. To see the entire report, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

Indian Riverkeeper Marty Baum reported. To see Marty's update, you can go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:35pm.