

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes: January 25, 2018

George Jones called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M pm. 72 people were present. Members In Attendance: Jim Moir, George Jones, Charles Grande, Marty Baum, Gayle Ryan, Paul Gray, Jackie Trancynger, James Harter, Mike Glynn, Martha Boston, Wayne Kuster, Annie Potts, Regina Wood, David Lowe, Joanne Swann, Jeff Thornton, Jim Wharton, Paul Laura, Jill Pinkham, Shari Anker, Rip Fisher, Al Herkowitz, Mike Conner, Kenny Hinkle, Nic Mader, David Cross, Todd Weissing,

Chairman's Comments: George Jones welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 11 am with The Pledge of Allegiance

Current Action Items and Voting:

League of Women Voters of St. Lucie County officially voted in to RC as organizational member. Charles Grande made the motion and Jim Moir 2nd it. Voted in unanimously.

River Kidz of Martin County:

Nic Mader thanked Peggy's Natural Foods for their recent donation of \$250; River Kidz will be benefiting charity of The Blessing of the Fleet on Feb 10th. April 7th is RK event of Beach Trash Art at Sewall's Point Park

Speakers Bureau: Todd Weissing spoke of successful speaking engagement with Marty Baum as speaker at Ballantrae Angler's Club dinner. Ballantrae Ladies Anglers have raised \$10,000 for RC over the past 6 years.

Special Presentation: Brandon Tucker of SFWMD spoke on "Everglades Restoration and SFWMD Update."

To view the presentations and all reports: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

Government & Agency Progress Reports:

- **Martin County:** Deborah Drum reported. To view Deborah's report go to: www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/ 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.
- **State and Federal Agencies and Issues:** Dr. Paul Gray reported. To view Dr. Gray's report go to: www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/

Coalition Reports:

- **Rivers Coalition Defense Fund Update:** N/A
- **Indian Riverkeeper Update:** Marty Baum reported on Everglades Coalition Conference at IRP Marriott;
- **Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:** FOS Representative, Michelle, reminded all of FOS Coastal Lecture Series and reported the Estuary has a C+ water quality rating as of today
- **Speaker's Bureau:** Next event on March 6th at Stuart Yacht and Country Club.
- **Member Comments:** Several upcoming events to be posted on RC FB or Website. MC Chapter of FL Native Plant Society has lecture on 2/6 by Beth Kacvinsky, biologist of SFWMD and field trip on 2/10 to Allapattah Flats
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Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.