

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes: October 26, 2017

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch called the meeting to order at 11 am. 57 people were present. Members In Attendance: Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, Todd Weissing, Mark Perry, Darrell Brand, George Jones, Jim Moir, Charles Grande, Marty Baum, Kenny Hinkle, Joanne Swann, Toby Overdorf, Gayle Ryan, Alan Herskowitz, Paul Gray, Emily Grande, Rip Fisher, Warren Falls, Jackie Trancynger, Gretchen Dewey, Annie Potts, Donna Killbran, James Harter, Marcy Pitkin, Karessa Kernan, Becky Bruner, Marjorie Shropshire, Cheryl Bryson, Bob Voissant, Martha Boston, Regina Wood,

Chairman's Comments: Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 11 a.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance and had everyone stand to introduce themselves. Jacqui T-L brought up 9 year old Troy Dutton to thank him for raising \$421 for River Kidz. He was presented with two RK T-shirts.

Current Action Items and Voting:

Darrell Brand updated us on SB 10. Made a motion for a resolution to send an e-mail letter to SFWMD in support of the SB 10 reservoir. The motion was 1st by Marcy Pitkin and 2nd by Charles Grande. Darrell gave an update on Stuart Seafood Festival asking for volunteers to man the booth. RC is the sole non-profit benefactor.

River Kidz of Martin County:

Karessa Kernan reported that the Successful Open House at Environmental Studies Center last weekend. Jacqui passed out the freshly printed 3rd version of the River Kidz workbook.

Speakers Bureau:

Todd Weissing spoke of the speaker's bureau and their willingness to come to new venues.

Special Presentation:

Gary N. Roderick, Environmental Consultant "Florida Biosolids - A Topic for Concern to Florida Surface Waters" To view the presentations and all reports:

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

Gary Roderick's PowerPoint presentation can be found at: www.riverscoalition.org/

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:** RCDF President Charles Grande reported
- **Indian Riverkeeper Update:** Marty Baum reported on his speaking engagements in Melbourne, Sebastian Action, C4CW and to Divers at Jupiter Firehouse
- **Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:** Mark Perry reported on the water quality and how the water was good before June 2017 but now there is a 99% mortality in the oysters and seagrasses. See PDF's on www.riverscoalition.org .
- **Speaker's Bureau:** mentioned above
- **Member Comments:** Many members reported on upcoming events. Marjorie Shropshire on "The Plastic Ocean" film 11/17/17 7:00 pm at the Lyric; Lainey Ruskay on Stuart Seafood Festival; George Jones on Everglades Foundation 1/11-14/2017@ Hutchinson Marriott; Gayle Ryan on Audubon Assn in Orlando

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Meeting Adjourned: 12:37 pm.