



Minutes from April 19, 2023 Meeting

The April 19, 2023 Bethune Beach Property Owners meeting was held at Silver Sands Civic Building. 21 people were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at 7:04PM

Guest Speakers

Andy Ethridge, Beach Safety Director for Volusia County, spoke about the changes in the state legislature that are moving through the house and senate now in Tallahassee. Currently his staff are triple certified as life guards, EMT's, and law enforcement officers. As soon as this bill is passed 58 of his officers will be stripped of law enforcement duties. Some of these officers will leave and join other law enforcement agencies such as Volusia County Sheriff's Office, or other city law enforcement agencies. Director Ethridge and his staff are trying to retain them as Lifeguards to avoid losing a combined 800 years of lifeguard experience. All attempts have been made to prevent this from happening, but as of now this is going to happen. Director Ethridge is doing everything he can with his staff to retain as many lifeguards as possible. There is the option of giving up badge and remaining Lifeguards and EMT's.

Questions and discussion ensued with the final analysis being that the triple certified lifeguards will have to either leave guarding and going in to law enforcement only, or remain double certified Lifeguards and EMT's. It was suggested that our congressman can be contacted but bill is being passed as we spoke.

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Roy McDonald, former officer of many year and Honorary member of BBPOA , gave a very informative power point presentation regarding the Welcome Booklet, pros and cons of commercial publishing verses in house printing. Examples of the in house were passed around for viewing. Costs of both were discussed.

He also contrasted the past with the present regarding usage of our website. He gave us a lot to think about with his professionally designed presentation. We discussed the fact that there is a general consensus to keep the website. We will continue to discuss these issues at a later meeting.

President's Update

Sharon Buxbaum reminded everyone about the upcoming Fish Fry, May 3, Wednesday at 530 at Bethune Park. She reminded us to be thinking about new ideas for the future from social and community aspects. There will be a survey given out at the Fish Fry. Those who fill out survey will be entered into a raffle for door prizes.

Registrar's Update

Betty Story, Registrar, reported that we have 9 new members!

Treasurer's Update

John Jeronimo, Treasurer, reported over \$21,229.83 in bank. Of that \$2515.00 is allocated for Cuda's Unhooked. People who have not paid dues can pay at the Fish Fry.

Committee Updates

Kathi Marshal spoke to the fact that there are three students who are truly deserving of scholarships this year! Since we have issued three in past it was agreed that they would all receive the scholarships at the June meeting.

At 9:00PM John Jeronimo moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Lynne Gray seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynne Gray

DON'T FORGET THE FISH FRY MAY 3, WEDNESDAY AT THE BETHUNE BEACH PAVILLION. 5:30. BRING A DISH A MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!