

**MBCA General Meeting
Minutes
February 10 2015**

Officers Present: Joe Rush, Deborah Massie, Marshall Bloom, Rebeca Gamble, Carol Meyer,

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Joe Rush at 12:04 PM

Agenda Items

Membership Drive: Deb reports that 32 members have paid 2015 ytd. Deb also reports that Universal Calendar is in progress.

Treasurers Report: Sent under separate cover, EOM January bank balance \$2620. Discussion ensued regarding finances for remainder of year, funds needed for beach and Christmas parade.

Donation: \$500 to Melrose Fire Department presented to Bobby Brown. Bobby Brown and Walter Cole describe duties/jurisdiction of Melrose Volunteer Fire Department. In addition, they highlight maintenance issues, training challenges and costs associated with both. Walter Cole attests to solid financial condition of department.

Crime Overview: Alachua Cty Sheriff's department updates attendees on area activity. Detective Eric Hutchinson and Deputy Cary Gallop review recent investigations, territory covered and take questions from members. Putnam Sheriff's department is represented by Donny Jordan, Mark Stroger and Lieutenant George Traber. Discussion ensues on crime prevention and "4 corners" agreement. Issues raised regarding pawn shop controls and best way to protect your property (prepare ID form and list all serial #s of household items).

Marshall Bloom is presented with a \$500 "thank you" for all his work on web support.

Rooterville Sanctuary highlights their upcoming Event on Sunday February 15th.

Christine Louton highlights TEAL line updates

Awake the State is a website for activists <http://awakethestate.com>

Tom Sapp from Melrose Dream Center reminds members about "teen thursdays." Keeping teenagers engaged in positive activities helps prevent crime.

No other business, meeting is adjourned 1:20 PM