

Jacksonville Reef Research Team
October 2006 - Meeting Minutes

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President Sue Wilcox called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, 10/18/06, at 6:47 pm.

President's Report:

Sue opened the meeting with introductions. There were several guests/potential new members. The revised Team By-Laws and Safety Manual should be finished this month. The St. Johns County Artificial Reef permit renewal is in progress for Reefballs (Mandarin H.S. Explorers/Alex Waters BW site). City of Jax update, PBS&J working on permit application, creating a Geographic Information Systems database, revising the current management plan, and developing a monitoring plan. They have a Notice to Proceed. Cheryl Wapnick has requested a letter of support from the Team.

Condolences to the family of Capt. Bill Newman of Sea Beast Charters.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

Bill Lindholm said the dive on 9/30/06 accomplished fish counts at MR & BB. The scheduled Team dive for 10/15/05 was cancelled due to rough seas. There is one spot open for the Team dive 10/22/06. There is one more dive required for fish counting before 12/15/06 and we still need to verify at least three points from the side scan sonar for each site.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm provided a copy of the Team account balance sheet.

Secretary's Report:

The September minutes were emailed to the Team. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Grant Administrators' Report:

Rob Bronson and Jim Otis were not present. Sue is working on the interim report as it is coming due.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis was not present as he was out of town. Copies of certifications (C cards, CPR, First Aid) are to be kept current and on file.

Training Report:

Mike Barnes took the training class to Huguenot for completion of Module 1. Expedition will be at Deerfield Beach. There are 4 students and 5 team members participating the weekend of the 27th-29th. The class plans on a presentation to the Team at the November meeting.

New class pending orientation end of Nov. or the beginning of Dec.

Public Relations Report:

Phil Harville continues to promote/sell the remaining JaxSpots books.

Webmasters Report:

We wish Rob were here.

Old Business:

*Reminder to all members old & new – The Team is still collecting Team supplies. Everyone is asked to check their garages & storage spaces as we are conducting a major inventory. If you find a Team item that is broken or in disrepair, let Sue know so we can arrange to replace it.

*In reference to the 2007 Florida Sportsman Show, March 17-18, 2007; the Team can get a 50% discount on a booth (display or sales), the price is \$237.50.

*John Perkner DAN O2 grant application thanked Sue, Bill, & Cheryl

*Dane confirmed the Team member email list, Larry is updating it

New Business:

*Perkner will be getting info on remote ROV at a conference in Key Largo, Video Ray.

*EPA offering tour of new ocean survey vessel *Bold* and they will be in Tampa.

*UNF Environmental Center will be conducting a seminar series

*Witney Lab lecture series Nov 9th "Mimicking the biology of shark skin to develop a non-fouling surface

*Nat'l Estuarine Research Reserve Guana River - Public Scoping Meeting of site management plan see <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm/meeting.htm>

*2nd Annual Coral Reef Conservation & Management Conference, Miami, November 8-9, 2006

*11th International Coral Reef Symposium, Ft Lauderdale, July 2008

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th at the Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.