

Jacksonville Reef Research Team
November 2006 - Meeting Minutes

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President Sue Wilcox called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, 15 November 2006, at 6:18 PM.

President's Report:

- *The revised Team By-Laws and Safety Manual should be finished in December 2006.
- *Update on St. Johns County's Artificial Reef program: The permit renewal for the High School site is in progress. The public notice ended 02 November 2006. The Corps is awaiting State Clearinghouse comments.
- *Update on Mandarin H.S. Explorers/Alex Waters BW site: On 25 October 2006 there was a reefball pour of 6 units, including 2 ultraballs that included cremated remains.
- *Update on City of Jacksonville: PBS&J has been contracted by the City to create a Geographic Information Systems database, revise the current artificial reef management plan, develop an artificial reef monitoring plan, and obtain community letters of support. These deliverables will aid in completing the existing permit renewal application.
- *There is a possibility that 2 locations may be removed from the City's permit application. There have been discussions with NOAA regarding the endangered Northern right whale. It has been proposed that the shipping lanes be changed to accommodate the migration pathway of the right whales. If the shipping lanes are moved, the artificial reefs along those new lanes would not be permitted.
- *Sue met with Keith Millie and Bill Horne of FWC to discuss the City's actions on implementing an artificial reef program. Keith and Bill met with Jacksonville Waterways Commission Chairwoman Lynette Self and Dr. Quinton White (member of JRRT, JU professor, and Waterways Commission) later in the day to discuss the City's intentions with the program.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

- *The last Team dive was 22 October 2006, completing the fall fish count requirements. There are no Team dives currently scheduled.

Treasurer's Report:

- *Bill Lindholm was not present.

Secretary's Report:

- *The October minutes were emailed to the Team. The draft will be open until 20 November 2006 for any revisions/corrections.

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's Report:

- *Jim Davis was not present.
- *Jim is getting certified to instruct CPR/AED, 1st Aid, and O2 Administration.
- *Reminder: Copies of certifications (C cards, CPR, 1st Aid, O2, etc.) are to be kept current and on file.

Training Report:

- *Presentation: 2006 Training Expedition – 28-29 October 2006, Deerfield Beach, Florida. Map and sample of the wreck *Sea Emperor*.
 - *Students: Dane Shields, Linda Daly, Brad Tarr, Larry Davis, and Les Brown.
 - *Team participants: Mike Barnes, Bill Lindholm, and Phil Harville.
 - *The class used a PowerPoint presentation with diagrams and photos. They conducted water quality and bottom sampling, mapping, and fish counting.
 - *Mike handed out certificates to the new Team members – CONGRATULATIONS!
- *The 2007 class is scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month. There will be an orientation 06 December 2006 at 6:00pm, at the Southeast Regional Library.

Public Relations Report:

- *Phil Harville showed his old Team dive flag.
- *Daniel Hughes donated a DVD player to the Team.

Webmaster's Report:

- *Rob Bronson was not present.

Old Business:

- *Reminder to all members (old and new) – The Team is still collecting Team supplies. Everyone is asked to check their garages and 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.
- *T-shirts: Mike Barnes has found a vendor for shirts, sweats, etc. He suggested we order on a pre-paid basis thus eliminating inventory.
- *The DAN O2 grant application was mailed out to DAN 26 October 2006.

New Business:

- *Larry Davis went to DEMA and spoke with a member of the Florida Archeological Society

Upcoming Events:

- * Evenings at Whitney Lecture Series. 14 December 2006 – *The brain's balancing act: how to be stable yet flexible*; Dirk Bucher, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Whitney Laboratory, UF (<http://www.whitney.ufl.edu/lectures.htm>)
- *Bill Belleville – Duval Audubon's 8th Annual Grimes Environmental Awards Luncheon – 08 December 2006 at the Wyndham Riverwalk (\$14).
- *Florida Sportsman Show 17-18 March 2007 (get 50% discount on booth fee - \$237.50)
- *11th International Coral Reef Symposium - July 2008 in Ft. Lauderdale.

Next Meeting:

- *Informal social on Wednesday, 20 December 2006, 6:30 PM at Seven Bridges (located on Southside Boulevard in the Tinseltown area).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.