

Jacksonville Reef Research Team (JRRT) Meeting
19 November 2008
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Jacksonville Public Library – Southeast Regional Branch

Attendees

Sue Wilcox, President	Larry Davis
Genny Gonsolus, Vice President	Jessica Weatherby, Secretary
Phil Harville, Public Relations	Monica Weatherby
John Baxter	Jose Zouain

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Monitoring Grant 2006-2007

- The Final Settlement Agreement was signed by Sue 15 October 2008 and by FWC 28 October 2008.
- Sue received the reimbursement check 05 November 2008 from FWC for grant work completed. The work completed included all tasks in the grant proposal/application.
- Check was deposited into the JRRT account in the amount of \$10,900.00.

FWC Monitoring Grant 2009-2010

- Grant applications are due mid-March 2009.
- We need to decide if we want to apply for a grant this upcoming year and, if so, begin thinking of proposals.

Tugboat Spike Update

- The City of Jacksonville is still working on the Spike as a possible new artificial reef.
- The City is working with the Corps to modify the existing permit.
- The City and FWC are still coordinating on the stability analysis of the tug.

FWC Request for Goliath Grouper Data

- FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) is gathering data on Goliath grouper sightings in Florida in preparation of a population assessment.
- FWC has asked the JRRT to provide them Goliath grouper data for northeast Florida.
- Sue has emailed the JRRT, asking members to provide information on Goliath grouper sightings. The information needs to be compiled and submitted to FWC 01 December 2008.

Treasurer Report

- Bill Lindholm was not able to make the meeting, but provided the budget via email.
- There is ~\$6,000 in checking and ~\$6,100 in a CD.
- Phil has sold more JaxSpots books – \$190.00 will be deposited soon.

City of Jacksonville and the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup – 20 September 2008

- Phil showed pictures from the event.
- The event was a success.
- Phil thanked the volunteers.

- The participants cleaned up ~³/₄-ton of trash, including tires, flat bed truck accessories, and full beer bottles.

Florida Sportsman Fishing & Boat Show – 08-09 November 2008

- JRRT had a booth at the show.
- Thank you to all the volunteers, especially Phil Harville.
- The turnout was not as good as previous years. The show is normally held in the Spring.
- The JRRT had an awesome booth with video and sold \$190.00 worth of JaxSpots books!

Adopt-A-Highway

- The JRRT sign was put out on the roadway, but it was put in the wrong place.
- The signs will be moved and should be in the correct location before the end of 2008.
- We need volunteers to sign up and help keep the area on A1A between Little Talbot Island and Fort George Bridge clean.
- JRRT is responsible for picking up litter 4 times each year; it is recommended the clean ups be conducted quarterly.
- Trash bags and safety vests are provided. Volunteers must obtain their own gloves. JRRT must have a 1st Aid kit available during the clean up.
- Those wishing to volunteer must first watch the safety video. The video (~5 minutes long) can be viewed at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statemaintenanceoffice/aah.shtm>.

Training

- Mike Barnes will start a new training class January 2009.

Website

- Happy Applewhite of Nassau Web Designs has offered to take over and update our website, and give it a fresh look.
- Sue got Rob Bronson and Happy in contact with each other.
- No word back from Rob yet on the status.

Dive Trips

- Larry announced there is a 14 February 2009 trip to St. Croix on a live aboard.
- \$1,795 per person (airfare included); Saturday to Saturday.
- Contact www.nektoncruises.com.

Next Meetings

- December 2008 – no regular monthly meeting due to the Holidays.
- Thursday, 04 December 2008 – Fun social with Dive Buddy.
 - 6:00 pm at Seven Bridges – Southside & J. Turner Butler Boulevards.
 - Bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the Toys For Tots program.
- Wednesday, 21 January 2009, 6:30 pm at the Southeast Branch Library.