

## **Jacksonville Reef Research Team Meeting Minutes February 15, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the Team President.

**President's Report:** John Perkner welcomed everyone to the first Team meeting of 2005. He said he was open to suggestions about the direction of the Team. He emphasized that several dives are needed to satisfy this year's grant requirements in order to receive the funding.

**Vice President's Report:** Jim Davis advised that dive charter operations in our fair city by the sea are becoming very limited. He said Bill Lindholm is ready to start coordinating team dives for the upcoming season.

**Chief Scientist Report:** No report this month

**Secretary's Report:** The January meeting was cancelled so there were no minutes to approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial report was distributed by Rusty Thomas who is still actively searching for a replacement. He said the bank signature card for the team needs to be signed by the new officers. He also stressed that: the Team needs to formulate a budget, Team expenses must follow 501c laws (registered agent is Jim Nelson), and we **are** allowed to accept donations.

**Safety Officer / Training Report:** Rob Rush said there are not enough new students to run a full class this year. He believes the training regiment needs to evolve to meet the changing dynamics of the Team. He also suggested consolidating future training dives to encompass several training modules as this would help with expenses. He has scheduled the room at the library for the first Wednesday every month (in addition to our usual third Wednesday) so the Team could utilize it for other activities.

**Webmaster's Report:** Rob Bronson reported that the website was up and running. Also, the photo gallery has been updated.

**Public Relations Report:** Phil Harville said he is working on getting the Team an advertisement in the classified section of the Florida Scuba News.

**Grant Update:** Cheryl Wapnick said that an interim report will be due.

**Old Business –** A discussion was held to revisit the possibility of updating JaxSpots Books: Ideas included new art for the cover, adding approximate depths, inserting photographs of popular game fish, reef awareness information, DVD, and maps. John P. will contact Linda Black about production costs.

**New Business –** John P. said that the data from the side scan sonar would soon be available and we need to let the powers that be know that we would like to get our hands on it ASAP. Also that it would be wise to maintain a positive relationship with Keith Mille.

We viewed parts of the new promotional video about the National Geographic diver certification programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.