

**Jacksonville Reef Research Team  
Meeting Minutes March 16, 2005**

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

President's Report: John Perkner greeted our guest Chris (I did not get her last name) and he talked about the challenges of diving off shore Jax. John also mentioned the formation of the new city position for a DERM (Dept. Environmental Resource Mgmt.) Office; this position would be a ground floor opportunity for someone to become involved with artificial reef expansion in our area. He also mentioned that Pablo Grounds still needs to be mapped for the current grant.

Vice President's Report: Jim Davis had no report this month.

Chief Scientist Report: Jim Otis discussed his "just do it" e-mail with suggestions on dive plans and team structure.

Secretary's Report: The February meeting minutes were distributed. Denise Hughes will be updating the Team Roster for accurate phone, fax, & e-mail info.

Treasurer's Report: Rusty Thomas left a message that there were no financial transactions over the past month.

Safety Officer / Training Report: Rob Rush said that the training expedition presentation will not be made until Sue is available. He recommended refresher modules to keep members in tip-top shape since there will not be a formal class this year. He reminded everyone that the safety form and dive history form are due. He will be scheduling CPR/First Aid training at the Red Cross office in Riverside as we have done in the past. A motion was approved for the team to pay for half of the cost.

Webmaster's Report: Rob Bronson updated the team site to include the newly installed officers.

Public Relations Report: Phil Harville reminded everyone that March 19<sup>th</sup> was the St. Johns river clean it up green it up.

Dive Coordinator: Bill Lindholm made suggestions for the first team dive of the season to take place the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. He proposed the use of private boats if there are not enough members to use a charter. He will meet with the owners of Atlantic Pro Dive and Scuba Cove.

Grant Update: Cheryl Wapnick was in the Galapagos islands; she sent word to John that she has drafted the required interim report.

Old Business – JaxSpots book update, apparently we still have lots of book, the suggestion was made to sell them at a discounted rate, this would expedite moving the inventory and also help develop good marketing relationships with suppliers. Any member who does not have a copy of the book will be provided one at no cost. Frank and Linda Black have agreed to reproduce the new book for cost. Suggestions were made to include team info in the book and possibly sell advertisement space.

New Business – It is unlikely that the team will set up a booth at the Kingfish Tournament (too costly) or Earth Day

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.