

Jacksonville Reef Research Team
Meeting Minutes April 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Team President.

President's Report: John Perkner greeted our guest Anne Voght a master diver who recently moved to north Florida from South Africa. John provided an update on Rusty Thomas' who is now at home. John is in the application process for a permit for invertebrate specimen collection to assist Cape Canaveral in *Oculina* species coral depletion studies.

Vice President's Report: Jim Davis was golfing at Disney World hence no report this month.

Chief Scientist Report: Jim Otis will store all of the Team's monitoring tools in one place and will devise a checkout procedure in order to keep an accurate inventory and to maintain the equipment. For the purposes of continuity, Jim or the designated Scientist will determine the dive site name to be used on data collection reports for each dive event; this will also help anyone processing info for the grant.

Secretary's Report: The March meeting minutes were distributed. Denise Hughes is continuing to update the Team Roster for accurate phone, fax, & e-mail info. Team members should send current information to dkaufdhugh@aol.com.

Treasurer's Report: Rusty Thomas' email indicated that there were no disbursements this month and there was income from JaxSpots book sales and the account interest was posted year-to-date.

Safety Officer / Training Report: The CPR/AED& First Aid class scheduled for Saturday the 23rd will be cancelled or postponed. Recertification is offered at the American Red Cross office 751 Riverside Ave., ph#483-6590. Daniel Hughes agreed to present Fish ID on the first Wednesday of June, at the Pablo Brach library.

Webmaster's Report: No report this month, the site was updated this week.

Public Relations Report: Phil Harville was on a cruise, but his work selling JaxSpots books to local marine stores has made a tremendous financial impact...way to go Phil!

Dive Coordinator: Bill Lindholm released the *Team Dive Schedule 2005*, it is available on the website. There are three spots available for the season opener April 30th, Atlantic Pro Dive, meeting at Mayport Marine @ 6:30 am, contact Bill wilndho@yahoo.com

Grant Update: The interim report was submitted to Bill Horne. However, it appears that due to the delayed official FWC approval, the time parameters for the monitoring will be adjusted and the work thus far will not be included in the funding.

Old Business – JaxSpots book update, due to Phil's aggressive sales of old inventory work on the updated volume needs to start ASAP. Anyone interested in this endeavor watch for upcoming information on a committee forming soon near YOU!

New Business – Marineland will soon reopen as a "discovery cove" style theme park. Rob Rush mentioned that the northside commercial dive school wants to deploy two vessels (tug & barge) for training purposes possibly off St. Johns or Flagler County.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.