



Jacksonville Reef Research Team

May 2006 - Meeting Minutes

Approved 6/22/06

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 5/17/06, at 6:40 pm, by Team President Sue Wilcox. The meeting site has been changed from the Pablo Creek Regional Library back to the Southeast Brach Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd.

President's Report:

Sue gave a brief introduction to the many prospective new members that attended and let each introduce themselves. Sue expressed her thanks to Phil for his hard work on Earth Day. She set the agenda as a brief business meeting, then recap of last weekend's dive with video, and followed up by a Fish I.D. refresher by Daniel.

Vice President's Report/Dive Coordinator:

Bill Lindholm was not present. Sue said the non-profit paperwork had been completed by Bill and had been sent to Jim Nelson for signature. A tentative dive schedule has been set for the summer, awaiting on the approval of the grant. The next dive is set for June 10th.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm was not present. Phil said he's still awaiting payment on some Jaxspots to submit to Bill.

Secretary's Report:

The April meeting minutes were submitted. No one had any changes. Denise was not present, and Candy Bronson was taking minutes in her place.

Grant Administrator Report:

Sue and Rob Bronson are joint Grant Administrators. Sue gave an update on the grant. It sounds positive but notice of the grant will not be mailed out until after June 1st. The site selected for the grant was MR for fish i.d. and fish counting. Also included was groundtruthing of the side-scan sonar at BB, MR, and PM. A sample of the side-scan sonar images was passed around the room.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis was not able to attend.

Training Report:

Rob Rush was not present. Phil is working on a list of the students and who has completed which modules to come up with a game plan for the remainder of the training.

Public Relations Report:

Phil gave a report out on Earth Day, which sounded like a big success. He shared some pictures from the event and said he would put an email together to the team. Phil is also looking for a volunteer to speak to a class at Orange Park High School on the JRRT. Contact Phil if you are interested.

Webmaster's Report:

Rob Bronson was present. The March and April minutes have been posted to the web.

Old Business:

The Bylaws were briefly discussed and a request expressed for electronic versions to be emailed to Rob Bronson.

New Business:

The "Oriskany" was sunk today in Pensacola. Look around on the Internet to find information.

Recap of the dive last Saturday. We had 11 people out with Atlantic Pro Dive, actually a make-up dive from a canceled dive last year and paid for last year. It was a little choppy, about 68 degrees on the bottom and about 40 feet of visibility. We went to MR and did a tugboat and a barge. John Perkner showed his video. The highlights were a huge cobia, tons of Atlantic Spadefish, and Lentil Sea Spiders. There were also long tentacled jellyfish as obstacles on the anchor line. It was a non-working dive, and a good chance to introduce a few of the students to offshore conditions.

Daniel Hughes led a slide-show fish identification refresher. We flipped through them rather quickly and quizzed the group on each fish. It was a good start to the dive season.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd, Southeast Branch Library at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.