

Jacksonville Reef Research Team

June 2006 - Meeting Minutes

Draft only

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 6/21/06, at 6:37 pm, by Team President Sue Wilcox.

President's Report:

Sue Wilcox said the Team will now submit fish count data in the REEF format of S-single, F-few, M-many, and A-abundant. This will be more convenient to the grant reviewers than the SOCA format. She requested an update of the Team Roster and Rob Morris accepted that challenge. Sue thanked Bill Lindholm for completing the Team's non-profit status paperwork for the state. She also discussed the meeting with the City of Jax in reference to new applications for reef permitting, which had been under a ten year moratorium. Representatives from local concerned entities are jointly writing a formal letter to the City of Jax requesting that the moratorium be lifted and a citizen advisory panel be established. The City's main concerns are the Right Whale habitat and the cable crossing from Jax Beach.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

On 6/10/06, the Team conducted fish counts at BB and MR. The dives for the weekend of the 17th were cancelled due to uncooperative seas. This dive is rescheduled for 6/24/06, weather permitting. There is a possibility of a dive 7/1/06, but plans have not been solidified.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm provided copies of the Team's financial report. He cautioned that our funds would be nearly depleted before we receive payment for the grant work.

Secretary's Report:

The May minutes were modified to include the identification of the sea spider seen on MR as a lentil spider.

Grant Administrators' Report:

The official grant approval has not been received although it was expected in the first part of June. Sue said the FWC may have more funds available to disburse than originally anticipated so more applicants will be approved.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis reminded the Team to keep DAN cards current and encouraged new and prospective members to apply for DAN membership. Also discussed was the revising of the Dive Safety Manual. Specifically boat regulations, certification requirements, and diver equipment needs to be reviewed.

Training Report:

Phil Harville is still covering for Rob Rush. The training class reviewed Mapping and next month will cover Scientific Photography. Daniel Hughes offered to conduct a mid-term Fish ID if needed.

Public Relations Report:

Phil Harville stated that the new Fishing Lines has been issued by FWC and he will try to get multiple copies for the Team. He also received a request for information on the Gulf America wreck from a crewman's family member in Maryland.

Webmasters Report:

Rob Bronson said the newly updated Fish Count Report is on the Team website.

Old Business:

-There was no old business discussed

New Business:

- Discussed the possibility of advertising the sale of Jaxspots books on the Team website.
- There will be an Artificial Reef workshop August 1-2, 2006, in Escambia County.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th, Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.