

**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 16th, 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**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 19th 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 23rd or 30th. 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 20th 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm.
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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 wlintho@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.

**Jacksonville Reef Research Team
Meeting Minutes July 20, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by the Team President.

President's Report: John Perkner said recent dive reports have been favorable and the weather looks good for the scheduled Team dives 7/23 & 7/24. He will send out the numbers for our sites at PG and PM. The plan will be for fish counting on Saturday and mapping Pablo Grounds on Sunday.

Vice President's Report: Jim Davis will be bringing potential new member Vickie as a guest diver on 7/24/05.

Chief Scientist Report: Jim Otis was not present, no report this month.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from November 2004 were provided to the Team Treasurer so that the bank signature card can be updated.

Treasurer's Report: Rusty Thomas distributed a quarterly financial statement. He also suggested that the Team changes banking institutions due to current service fees. Rusty also announced that he would be turning over the reigns tonight.

Safety Officer / Training Report: Rob Rush was not present. On the training front Phil Harville organized and Daniel Hughes presented a Fish ID program to Ann, John, and Red. The Vogts passed the final test and Red will take it upon returning from deployment.

Webmaster's Report: Rob Bronson announced that we are continuing to get multiple hits on the Team website every week.

Public Relations Report: Phil Harville contacted Michelle Owens at FWC and received several copies of the current *Fishing Lines* publication that we use in training. Phil also got one of the new DAN Diver ID Systems (DIDS) free from Jessica Ziebell at DAN.

Dive Coordinator Report: Bill Lindholm said that the Team has paid for four dives, including the upcoming research dives. Bill also volunteered to take over the Team Treasurer position.

Grant Update: John P. presented a message from Cheryl Wapnick in reference to asking the Army Corps of Engineers to consult on a project. (could not decipher this entry from meeting notes)

Old Business

–Mr. Harville continues to sell the heck out of *JAXSPOTS* books, but has run into some obstacles with the West Marine company and their product sales contract requirements.

–Jim D. advised that he spoke with Bill Upson at Marineland and the park is still under construction.

New Business

–Candi volunteered to bring fish count reports and collect the completed data after the Sat. Team dive.

–We had a brief discussion about a potential economic issues impact study.

–Ann and John Vogt were officially welcomed as new associate members.

–A motion was passed to make Bill Lindholm the new Treasurer. The motion was seconded and a poll was held of all members present. By a unanimous vote, Bill was elected as the new Team Treasurer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Jacksonville Reef Research Team Meeting Minutes August 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by the Team Vice President.

President's Report: John Perkner was not present, no report this month.

Vice President's Report: Jim Davis welcomed guests LeeAnn Tan and John Nash. He also recognized Mike Barnes who has been MIA for a few years.

Chief Scientist Report: Jim Otis brought the new refractometers to the meeting and gave a brief presentation on use and care of this instrument.

Secretary's Report: The July minutes were submitted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Lindholm gave his first financial report (hard copies provided to the members present).

Safety Officer / Training Report: Rob Rush provided an overview of the training program for two prospective members. He is also maintaining the Team's O2 & first aid equipment; a representative from the dive roster will need to coordinate with him to pick it up prior to a Team dive, if needed.

Public Relations Report: Phil Harville reported even more Jaxspots sales, anyone who knows of retail outlets that may want to sell our few remaining books can contact him and he will do the follow up with the store. Phil gave a report on the dive with FWC Bill Horne & Keith Mille.

Webmaster's Report: Rob Bronson updated the Team website and reviewed/verified all of the links. He also found Fish ID slates available through Divers Direct or REEF for \$9.95 (several other sites offer the same product at approximately the same price).

Dive Coordinator Report: Bill Lindholm announced the next scheduled Team dive for September 24th. Also he scheduled a make up dive for September 10th and he is looking at another date TBA. The Team will now pay Atlantic Pro Dive \$800.00 per trip.

Old Business

–Grant Update: Urgent message from Sue Wilcox that we must complete the mapping requirement soon!

–Jaxspots: Verify GPS coordinates including the third place numbers for the new book. Still looking for volunteers to review/revamp our main fundraiser project.

New Business

–Will Jacksonville get the USS Starke?

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st 2005, Pablo Branch Library at 7 pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.