

1. PRESIDENT

- Archives – Mike Barnes will collect any archival information. Larry Davis and Dane Shields will coordinate a Call Campaign to call all JRRT members to verify information such as address, phone number, and email information along with inquiring archival information. Phil Harville mentioned that Jim Barnes, Phyl Stoeffel, and Don Landis were good people to contact to ask for archival documents. The Call Campaign effort will also be helpful in getting people to sign up for March's Florida Sportsman show. Asked for 3-5 volunteers in addition to those who volunteered: Bill Lindholm, Rob Bronson, Jenny Gunsolus, Larry Davis, Dane Shield, and Mike Barnes.
- By-Laws / Safety Manual updates – Sue will review and finalize for team approval in the next meeting or so.
- St. John's County – Mandarin HS Reefball site. There was a reefball pour at Mandarin High School on Oct. 25, 2006.
- City of Jacksonville update – Cheryl Wapnick advised that Jody McDaniel (Parks & Recreation Dept.) is the main contact with the City of Jacksonville regarding the Artificial Management Plan.
- President not in attendance.

2. VP / DIVE COORDINATOR

- Will be diving between March 15th and June 15th to fulfill the grant obligations.
- Jenny Gunsolus advised that the Marine Science Institute has a boat and may be able to rent out for a cheaper fee.
- No one had been diving offshore Jacksonville recently for a report.

3. TREASURER

- Handed out Balance Sheet status as of Dec. 31, 2006.

4. SECRETARY

- November and later meeting minutes are not on the website. This will have to be updated.
- Secretary not in attendance.

5. GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

- FWC Monitoring Grant 2006-2007 – Rob Bronson advised that there is no missing data. Sue Wilcox will provide a required interim report to the FWC.
- GIS grant application – FWC Monitoring Grant 2007-2008 – call for proposals is out. Need volunteer(s) to write this year's grant proposal. Advised that it is due mid-March 2007. No one volunteered at the meeting to write the grant.
- Rob Bronson's Project – gave update on his project through his UNF biology coursework.

6. SAFETY OFFICER

Certifications (Diver, CPR, 1st Aid, O2)

- Everyone should provide copies to Jim Davis.

- In order to dive with the team, all certifications need to be current and on file.
- Jim is getting certified to instruct CPR/AED, First Aid, O2.
- Safety Officer not in attendance.

O2 Kit

- John Perkner submitted the DAN Grant application 26 OCT (due 31 October 2006). John advised the team that DAN will likely rejected our grant application primarily due to our financial status.

7. TRAINING

- New session began 03 January 2007. Mike Barnes is leading the training again this year. Said he expects about 3-4 students for this year's class.
- Enrollment in this year's training class is open until March 2007.
- Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the Southeast Regional Library.
- 07 FEB at 6:30pm at the Southeast Regional Library – Daniel Hughes will lead the Fish ID training. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 10 FEB (Sat.) – Water Skills training at Huguenot Park for this year's trainees. Contact Mike Barnes for further details.
- Expedition is set for 08-10 June at Pompano Beach utilizing Dixie Divers again.

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Updating Jaxspots book with side scan data &/or printing of new guides.
- Sandi Newman – Scuba News article. Sue Wilcox emailed Sandi on 20 OCT 2006 regarding JRRT activities, etc... Article/blurb should be coming out in an issue shortly.

9. WEBMASTER

- Website needs to be updated with this year's training dates and information. It still has last year's dates and information. Rob Bronson said he would update.

10. OTHER

- Video Party / Officer's Meeting – Some videos are still in Beta Max mode and need to be converted. Phil Harville is still in the process of collecting all old videos. His main contact is currently out of the country. An officer's meeting will be called within the next few weeks to go over the Florida Sportsman show, the grant due in March 2007, and the ordering of team apparel through Mike Barnes for the Florida Sportsman show.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Florida Sportsman Show 24-25 March 2007 (get 50% discount on booth fee - \$237.50)
 - Earth Day festival – April 2007
 - 11th International Coral Reef Symposium - July 2008 - Ft. Lauderdale
- REEF – Jim Davis was not in attendance, so we did not get any updates on the REEF project.



Jacksonville Reef Research Team
February 2007 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 2/21/07, at 6:40pm, by Team President Sue Wilcox.

President's Report:

Sue Wilcox requested round table introductions; there were several visitors/potential new members. She reminded everyone present that it is time to make nominations and vote for new officers. The next big team PR event will be renting a booth at the upcoming Florida Sportsman show that is being held at the Prime Osborne convention center. Sue relayed that the Off-shore Fishing Club has been asked by NMFS to cease deployment and maintenance of site buoys.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

The next scheduled Team dives will be in April.

Two fish counts are required as well as side scan sonar validation at both sites.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm presented the official financial report.

Secretary's Report:

Denise Hughes thanked Bill Lindholm for taking the minutes at the January meeting.

Grant Administrators' Report:

GIS Proposals due March 16th

The interim report for the FWC has not been completed.

Sue recommended fish counting and species migration and settlement as possible grant proposal ideas.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis was not present due to illness.

Training Report:

Bonnie Barnes was sitting in for Mike Barnes. The training class will cover the Public Relations module at the next class. The Water Skills module will be March 10th. The Photography module class is TBA.

The 2007 Expedition is scheduled for June 8-10, Dives-Dixie Divers/Lady Go Diver, Lodging-Pompano Beach Hilton, Cost-\$200.00 + food.

Public Relations Report:

Phil Harville said that there are only 114 Jaxspots books remaining.

Florida Sportsman Show March 23rd-24th team volunteer sign up sheet passed around.

Florida Sportsman booth must be actively manned at all times. Brochures are outdated and the address needs to be updated.

Webmasters Report:

Rob Bronson was not present.

Old Business:

*John Perkner updated the DAN O2 replacement grant request. He received information that due to our solvent financial status, we would not qualify for this particular grant.

*Reminder to members that the team is still actively collecting archives.

New Business:

*Earth Day is coming up in April, no decision was made on the Team's participation this year.

*Former Team president Lex Waters now working at the newly established Career Academy at

*Terry Parker H.S.; he is looking for business partners for the program to be fully operational.

*John Perkner mentioned the Master Naturalist Program starting at UNF. This round of classes will be held Thursday evenings in April at school in Clay County.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, at the Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.





Jacksonville Reef Research Team
March 2007 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 3/21/07, at 6:35pm, by Team Vice President Bill Lindholm.

President's Report:

Sue Wilcox was not present as she was in Fort Lauderdale. She forwarded a meeting agenda. The Team archives are being organized by Mike, Phil, and Genny. Sue is still working on the By-Laws/Safety Manual and it will eventually be available to the Team for review.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

The next scheduled Team dives are Saturday, April 14th and Sunday April 29th. Both dives are with Jax Scuba Center, departure time is 7:00 am. The dives are the Spring portion of the current grant and fish counts will be conducted. Sign-up sheets were passed around. Bill will email the dive plan to participating members the week prior to the dive.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm presented the official financial report.

Secretary's Report:

Denise Hughes apologized for being tardy getting the February minutes to the Team for review.

Grant Administrators' Report:

Sue submitted a proposal for a 2007-2008 FWC grant on March 14th. The Team is requesting \$14k to monitor four locations (BR, EEF, MG, & NSS). These locations are farther off-shore than in the recent past and this will increase fuel expenses; this issue was discussed with the Jax Scuba Center and Atlantic Pro Dive before the proposal was submitted.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis was not present, however he needs copies of all Team members' certifications.

Training Report:

Mike Barnes announced that the training class has two participants. The March 10th water skills module was postponed due to high winds. Invertebrate ID is the next scheduled module. Mike is working on a 20 species list for an invertebrate ID program.

The 2007 Expedition is scheduled for June 8-10, Dives-Dixie Divers/Lady Go Diver on the Sea Emperor, Lodging-Pompano Beach Hilton, Cost-\$200.00 + food; Team members are needed. Next training session starts September 2007.

Public Relations Report:

*Phil Harville said that the Team's packet for the Florida Sportsman show is missing. The issued "passes" and the Team booth location were in the packet. Members who are scheduled to man our booth will need to get passes at the front of the expo. As members arrive to relieve volunteers, the passes will be handed off to the fresh crew.

*There was also an additional cost of \$70.00 for electricity at the convention center. However, John Perkner has graciously offered to pay the balance.

*There will be a cash box that will have \$100.00 to make change for JaxSpots book sales.

*Newly printed JaxRRT information pamphlets were passed out to attending members who dutifully folded them for the expo.

*There are still a few openings for volunteers Sunday morning.

Webmasters Report:

Rob Bronson presented the long awaited results of his college project. He also announced that he has accepted an internship in Bermuda and will be out of the country for several months.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Earth Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st. Phil received the application and the cost of the table is \$15.00.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th, at the Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.





Jacksonville Reef Research Team
April 2007 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 4/18/07, at 6:41pm, by Team President Sue Wilcox.

President's Report:

Sue held introductions.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

The Saturday April 14th dive was cancelled due to high seas. The make-up dive will probably be the weekend of May 19th/20th.

The next dive is Sunday April 29th. The boat is currently full but Bill took names for a 'stand-by' list. The dive is with Jax Scuba Center; the departure time is 7:00 am. The dives are to finalize the Spring portion of the current grant and fish counts will be conducted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm presented the official financial report.

Secretary's Report:

Denise Hughes presented the February and March minutes.

Grant Administrators' Report:

Sue submitted a proposal for a 2007-2008 FWC grant on March 14th. We should hear about the status in June.

Mike Barnes is working on the GIS grant. This software will help the Team with data management.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis reminded everyone to have their annual dive gear inspections done. He still needs copies of all Team members' certifications.

Training Report:

Mike Barnes was not present invertebrate Wednesday May 2nd.

The Water Skills module was postponed due to high winds.

The 2007 Expedition is scheduled for June 8-10, Dives-Dixie Divers/Lady Go Diver on the Sea Emperor, Lodging-Pompano Beach Hilton, Cost-\$200.00 + food; Team members are needed. Next training session starts September 2007.

Public Relations Report:

Earth Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st. Phil paid for the table rental. A sign-up sheet was passed around as volunteers are still needed to help man the booth at this event.

Webmasters Report:

Jose has agreed to be the interim webmaster in Rob Bronson's absence.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th, at the Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Jacksonville Reef Research Team Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2007

Sue Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:35PM and the 12 members and five guests introducing themselves. Of the five guests present: two were referred from the Earth Day booth, one was a co-worker referral, one was a member referral and the last one was an unknown referral.

PRESIDENT

- The Training group presentation was postponed until next month's meeting. One trainee, Jenny, was in a car accident the previous night.
- No agenda was prepared because Sue thought the presentation would take up most of the meeting.

VP / DIVE COORDINATOR

- Last weekend's dive was supposed to be two fish counts with five people. Visibility was bad at only 15 feet on the first dive. On the second dive the boat was first in the wrong place, then when it found the correct place there was virtually no visibility. One team, Sue W and Jim D, had to feel their way to the bottom. There was a lot of sediment in the water. The dive was aborted due to the bad conditions.
- We aren't scheduling any future dives until the Grant contract execution (or lack of) is resolved (see below); we currently have no active funding source. Mike Barnes suggested we all pay a portion for dives. Each dives costs about \$800.
- Since we had trouble filing the boat the last few dives, a guest asked if the boat might be opened up to future trainees or those interested in JRRT to fill the boat? That may be a possibility but we first need to try to get JRRT members to fill the boat so we can do fish counts, etc.
- The Dive Coordinator was told by Atlantic Pro Dive that if we can't fill the boat and tell them ahead of time, we'll only have five divers, they can try to fill the other slots and only charge us per diver. As of now we're paying a set price, even if fewer divers are scheduled / show up. That may be an option to spending less when we have fewer diver volunteering for each dive. This year it's been harder to fill the boat on team dives.

TREASURER

- Balance Sheets were handed out showing some money in surplus. If we lose last year's Grant money, because we can't get the contract signatures by June 30th, it would pretty much deplete our surplus money.
- Phil did sell about \$105 worth of Jax Spots books to a dive shop.

SECRETARY

- The Secretary was not in attendance. Linda Daley is taking meeting minutes in her absence.

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

- FWC Monitoring Grant - there was a problem with the signed Grant contract not being received by the State office for last year's Grant. It was sent via a non-

tracking method (regular USPS) and the state office that should have received it, says they never did.

- Sue is working on getting a new copy of the contract re-signed and pushed through the system by the June 30th deadline.
- Worst case scenario is that we won't be reimbursed for expenditures we have already spent thus far this year, which is about \$6,000.
- Another problem with this delayed signature, if it's done by June 30th, will be the later date of last year's Grant pushing back this year's FWC Grant contract date. You can't have overlapping FWC Monitoring Grants in effect at the same time.
- No dives will be scheduled until this resolution is known.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Grant – Mike Barnes is working on writing this new GIS Grant proposal. This software would help track multiple variables regarding our dive sites. We can put fish counts in the software, GPS location of reefs and site information. It will also help us more quickly update our Jax Spots book.

SAFETY OFFICER

- Jim Davis suggested that every JRRT dive-buddy pair have one line-reel between them, along with their lanyard lines. This is a necessity due to low visibility.
- It's also suggested for divers to have a light, again since some of our dives have low visibility.
- Ed LaBlanc is concerned that we're not getting a dive master from the dive shops on our latest dives. We're using a team member as a dive master. He feels it could be a safety issue if a problem arose and the dive master was / had been diving too.
 - He was told that this was a team decision, not the dive shops. When we had more team divers on the boat one could stay topside and act as a dive master. Lately we've not had as many divers so all divers are descending.
 - The JRRT Board is going to address this issue at their next meeting.

TRAINING

- Mike Barnes reported that the 2007 Training Expedition in Deerfield Beach, Florida on June 8-10 went well. Thirteen divers went on the trip.
 - Larry Davis recorded new video footage of training processes / exercises.
 - Visibility was not as good as last year so we were not able to do all the tasks we had hoped.
 - We'll have the training classes' presentation at next month's meeting.
- In July Mike will be holding an underwater photography class.
- This summer, next year's training class will be working on prerequisites for the JRRT training, to prepare them for a September start of training classes.
- CPR and First Aid can now be taught by Mike Barnes and Larry Davis, who recently became dive instructor certified. Jim Davis can also provide this training.
 - They're hoping to do two year separate certifications for CPR and First Aid, rather than the current one year and two year certificates.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Phil Harville deposited \$105 to the team's account for Jax Spots books sold.
- He's working on getting an accurate, complete JRRT e-mail grouper list together including all those with interest in JRRT from the Sportsman Show, the Earth Day event and any other individuals who have shown interest in being trainees / members. It was mentioned that some interested parties aren't getting meeting e-mail notifications.

WEBMASTER

- Jose Zouain is the JRRT's new Webmaster. He replaced Rob Bronson who is doing a summer program in Bermuda for his biology degree.

OTHER

- Active permitting of reef placements for the City of Jacksonville is in the final stages of fruition. We are very close to having active permitting allowed again.
 - The problem is that if placement is again allowed, per the State of Florida, the City of Jacksonville has to have a designated person to run the program. The state won't let any reefs be deployed until there is a person named to administer the program. Thus far the city does not have this person named.
- Mandarin High School has reef balls ready for placement and is schedule for them to be deployed in Flagler County in 2008. If anyone wants to see a Reef Ball, they can drive by the school (they are on the school grounds).
- St. John's County and Nassau County currently are actively permitting for reef deployments.
- The person from the Navy who wrote JRRT asking for help in deploying some artificial reef materials was told Duval County isn't actively deploying artificial reefs and he should check with Nassau or St. John's Counties. He said it's too far to move the materials. It was some kind of materials used for docking Naval boats when they came in for upkeep / repair work. We weren't able to help him at this time.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 11TH International Coral Reef Symposium is being held in July 2007 in Fort Lauderdale
- Jacksonville Scuba Center is getting together a live-aboard trip for September 2007. It'll be four days in the Dry Tortugas - \$750 includes all. Call Jacksonville Scuba Center for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM



Jacksonville Reef Research Team
July 2007 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 7/18/07, at 6:38pm, by Team Vice President Bill Lindholm.

President's Report:

Sue Wilcox was not present as she was working out of town.

Vice President's/Dive Coordinator's Report:

Bill Lindholm said there were no firm dates for the remaining dives required for the 2006-2007 grant work which will include fish counts and side scan sonar verifications. The sea conditions off-shore have been less than desirable. Using private boats with smaller groups of divers was discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindholm presented a hard copy of the official financial report.

Secretary's Report:

Denise Hughes has had e-mail problems and was not able to submit the June minutes.

Grant Administrators' Report:

Bill Lindholm said that the issues regarding problems with the current grant are being resolved. There is no update on the new grant proposal submission.

Safety Officer Report:

Jim Davis is still collecting copies of all Team members' current certifications. Jim solicited safety updates from the Team.

Phil Harville reviewed the DAN recommended ascent procedure of taking a one minute safety stop at the half way point in addition and prior to the normal three (3) minute stop at fifteen feet.

Example: On a dive where the maximum depth was 90 feet, the diver would stop for one minute at 45 ft. and then three minutes at 15 ft.

Phil also recommended that a diver lost at sea who is equipped with a safety sausage and who hears a search aircraft should lay the sausage horizontally to be more visible to rescuers in the air.

Training Report:

Mike Barnes announced that there were 29 names on interest lists generated from the public. He will be mass e-mailing them to see how many want to start the next training session. The 2007-2008 class will commence the first Wednesday in September (9/5/07). This class will cover orientation and the first training module.

Mike also presented an opportunity for an Underwater Photography certification class (PADI) that will start Thursday, August 2, 2007 and will also be held at the Southeast Branch library.

A previously discussed Emergency First Responder class will be held Saturday, August 4, 2007. The fees for the class are \$35.00 for CPR and \$65.00 for CPR/First Aid, cash or check. The location is TBA.

Public Relations Report:

Phil Harville submitted \$490.00 for the sale of JaxSpots books. There are only a few remaining and Phil recommended that they be sold for \$10.00 each. A motion was made and seconded. Approval by Team members present was unanimously passed.

Webmasters Report: Interim Webmaster Jose Zouain had no updates.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: The 2006-2007 training class presented their expedition results.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th, at the Southeast Branch Library at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

