

Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee

Meeting Minutes - July 28th, 2009

Attendees:

Mike Sandler

Nancy Sandler

Claudia Kremer

Jeff Harris

John Richardson

Mark Griffith

1. Permit Application Status

Design change from straight concrete pilings to piling mounted eco system reefs recommended by Mark Griffith after discussions with Robert Turpin and Keith Johnson (environmental consultant) and based on the reported stability through multiple storms of the ecosystem reefs placed along the Alabama coast as compared to concrete pilings. Design change will result in lowering estimated cost from approximately \$400,000 to approximately \$70,000 for 60 of the eco system reefs. All attendees agreed the design change was very positive.

Target dates for the permit application package and submittal to the county for official application with FL DEP and US Army Corp of Engineers are as follows:

Package to Marine Sanctuary Committee – August 7th

Package published on website - August 14th

Public Comment Meeting - August 25th

Package w/summary comments & committee recommendation to Santa Rosa BOCC - Sept 1st

2. Community Awareness

Video Promo – Navarre Press working on 3-5 minute promotional video which can be used in our community awareness campaign. Tentative date for completion is mid August.

Presentations about the Sanctuary Program will be made at the following meetings:

NBLRA Meeting Aug 10th 10 AM

Chamber Commerce & Coffee Aug 28th 7:30 AM

Pensacola Rotary – Sept 29th Noon

3. Impact100 Grant Site Visit scheduled for the end of this week

4. Run for the Reef

Sponsorship Deadline August 31 (Need to continue to solicit business sponsorships)

T-Shirt being designed by Navarre Press - need by August 31 (sooner would be better)

Kiss The Fish Booth – Claudia Kremer will coordinate including excess T-Shirts sales.

Jeff Harris is Race Coordinator

Nancy Sandler is Registration Coordinator

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We are struggling to find volunteers that can take charge and coordinate a few necessary items to make the race go smoothly. Please consider volunteering to be the coordinator for these areas – we have checklists and people will have people available on race day to do the necessary work but we have a real need for a few people to step up and be the point person that Jeff Harris can communicate with leading up to and on race day about the set up and running of these crucial areas.

We STILL Need Volunteers in these areas:

- Post-Race Refreshments Coordinator (awaiting word on donated water & beverages)
- Course Director
- Results Coordinator
- Finish Line Coordinator
- Start Line Coordinator
- Aid Station Coordinator
- T-Shirt/Amenities/Awards Coordinator

Please call Jeff Harris {850- 939-1001} or Mark Griffith {850-677-1875} to Volunteer

Registration forms to be handed out at local races beginning weekend of Aug 1st with Bushwacker race and following weekend with Josh Sprinkle Memorial 5K. Additional copies (preferably on colored paper) will be printed to facilitate the distribution.

5. Committee Organization:

There are two open positions on the committee currently - Vice Chairman and Secretary. Attendees discussed the possibility of establishing a voting board that would make any decisions via majority vote on various issues such as design changes, proposal of sanctuary rules, event representation/participation, funds commitment, etc. Currently those things are decided by the committee officers with consultation of either the Chamber or the Chamber foundation on any issues that potentially exceed the scope of the committee.

One argument for forming such a board is to prepare for future (post installation) Marine Sanctuary issues such as the proper marketing, maintenance/monitoring, etc and to provide a better documented process for managing any pre implementation issues and changes.

A Sanctuary Friends Program with each member paying \$10 annually was also discussed. Revenues would be used to offset administrative expenses (flyers, cards, bumper stickers, etc). More discussion on this is likely in the Fall when meeting participation is higher.

Next meeting is Tuesday August 28th which during which we will solicit and record public comment on the permit application package.