

Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee

December 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Turpin, Mandy Evers, Mike and Nancy Sandler, and Mark Griffith via phone.

**Reef Sponsorship:**

Mandy presented proposal for reef sponsorship program.

The proposal includes interpretive signs in the three pavilions nearest each respective reef site displaying a map of the reefs and space for sponsor recognition. A tiered approach to sponsorship was presented with several options. Multiple ideas on sign construction and program design were discussed including program and site master sponsorships, individual reef sponsorships, and a sanctuary patron program each with different monetary sponsorship levels and signage or recognition benefits. Mandy will update the proposal to include the results of the discussions and after review by those at the meeting a draft will be put together to aide discussions with the county.

**Committee Leadership for 2010:**

Mark suggested Nancy and Mandy co-chair the committee. Both agreed

**Fundraising:**

Mandy attended International Paper Foundation's meeting explaining their environmental education grant . She will work on the application for submission that is due next month.

Robert is researching FWC grant. He suggested we may need permits on hand to proceed with that grant.

Robert suggested requesting additional grant money from Santa Rosa County TDC since Escambia County TDC supplied major funding for their artificial reef.

**Community Awareness:**

Mark will contact the group sponsoring a rigging clinic in Gulf Breeze next month to arrange for us to have a table.

**Permitting:**

The 14 month timeline still looks good with our environmental consultant in the process of responding to the first round of comments to ascertain if additional information regarding the gulf reef site topology is required.

Items carried over to be discussed at next meeting:

- Need individuals or committees to head up 2010 application for Impact 100 Grant
- 2010 Run for the Reef.

**Next meeting Tuesday, January 26th at 6 pm.**

Submitted by Nancy Sandler