

# Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee May 23, 2011 - Minutes

## Meeting Start: 6:02PM

**Present:** Mandy Evers, Sal Liuzzi, Lenore Nicholson, Nancy Sandler, Mike Sandler, Brenda Stokes, Marty Stokes, Dan McCarren, Bob Byrer, Dave Baker, Mark Griffith, and Andy Epstein.

### A. Permitting update and Project Details (Mark)

Wetland Science, Inc. submitted 2 separate check lists to the Army Corp of Engineers – one for the Gulf Side Site and one for the Sound Side Sites. Sound Side check-list will be reviewed in the coming week with the Gulf Side to follow. If the response is in favor of the check list we will get the permits quickly. If not, we will continue to wait in line for the attorney. It won't delay us more than anticipated, but if favorable could result in getting the permits earlier than expected.

### B. Funding

#### a. TDC and County funding update – plan to be presented to county

Mark submitted to a plan to the committee which follows the Escambia County reef's plan; with procurement through Santa Rosa County. This will allow us to take advantage of the intercoastal agreement with Escambia and since the permits call for a patent reef structure only available from one company we should not have to go through a bidding process. Mark will submit the plan to Hunter Walker and try to set up a face to face meeting with county officials to discuss and revise plans in order to get them finalized.

#### b. Run for the Reef update (Mark) – Have surpassed last year's sponsorship dollars. Planning is on schedule.

- **Vote on T-shirt design.** - 8 designs were presented and all those present voted. The winning design was the design submitted by Kelly Grace. Lenore will secure updated quotes from Aloha Screen Printing, Expression Screen Printing, and Sal's on printing of 500 White Gildan 2000 t-shirts with the winning design.

#### c. Sponsorship (Bob) – Bob presented summary page directing people to the website and a sponsorship plan. Pricing was discussed and the committee agreed on a price of \$200/branch and \$500/tree for the sound side reef sponsorship and \$250/branch and \$600/tree for the Gulf Side reef sponsorship. Mandy will provide quotes for printing sponsorship brochures/cards. Bob will solicit volunteers to help plan a sponsorship kick-off event and help with the collection of sponsors and maintenance of sponsor incentives.

#### d. Grants

- Status of grants applied for – No word on NDRA, Wal-Mart, or Guy Harvey Grants. DEP contact Mark about the project – Mark will follow up on funding sources with them/FWC
- Impact 100 grant (Brenda) – We will continue to look into docks and other resources for the Sanctuary that will directly benefit the Marine Science Station. After discussions with Charlene Mauro and Roger Blaylock it was decided that it would not be feasible to come up with an acceptable plan and construct such a project with the resources available and time frame for this grant cycle. However, we will apply next year with such a project and partnership with the science station in mind.

### C. Community Awareness (Nancy)

- Past Events.** Fun Fest was great exposure. Sold almost all last year's race t-shirts and medallions and got a lot of community interest. Sunset Stampede not as beneficial. People more interested in running than talking about the project.
- Future Events** – none at this time

### D. Next Meeting – June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Hampton Inn, Navarre

### E. Adjourn – 7:25PM