

# Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee Meeting Minutes

## January 31, 2012

**Present at meeting:** Mandy Evers, Yvonne Harper, Nancy Sandler, Mike Sandler, Mark Griffith, Wayne Maricle, Dan McCarren, Bob Byer

**Called to order: 6:35PM**

**A. Permitting update and Project Details** – Gulf Side Permits have been submitted to the county. Sound Side permits to be submitted to the county, but expecting in then next month. Mark will meet with County representative and David Walters to determine a plan/contract to move forward with the project.

### **B. Funding update**

- a. NRDA Grant – Proposal will be submitted to the trustees on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> which includes reef projects from Escambia to Bay County. Our project is included as well as a LARRS area 1-3 miles offshore. Committee agreed that we wanted to move forward with the snorkeling reefs regardless of the status of the grant. The LARRS proposal is a project that will only be pursued if funding is provided by the NRDA grant process.
- b. County money – County approved another \$25,000 in funding from District 4 recreation funds. We will ask TDC for the same at their Feb. meeting. Any bills or portion of the project that the committee (Foundation) needs to pay for must be invoiced. We will keep the Foundation Treasurer updated on any expenditure and ensure the appropriate procedures are followed.

**C. Sponsorship** – printable form, webpage, and on-line payment were presented. The committee commented and a launch date of April was set. Mandy will test the on-line payment system and inform the Foundation Board of the plans and ask for approval as well as discuss signage with the county. **A sponsorship meeting to determine a plan of action and sponsorship launch event ideas will take place at 6:30PM on Monday, Feb. 13 at the Hampton Inn, Navarre.**

### **D. Community Awareness (Nancy)**

- a. Past Events – Business Expo; we did not attend, but should make sure we are there next year.
- b. Future Events – FunFest: April 27& 28, 2012. Garden Club Luncheon (Mandy speaking), April 20, 2012. Continue to have a presence at chamber coffee and commerce.

### **E. Other Business**

- a. 2012 Run for the Reef – Mark will send out information to sponsors the beginning of March. We will discuss initial planning and race committee position at the next meeting.

### **F. Next Meeting**

**Feb. 27, 2012 at 6:30PM at the Best Western, Navarre**

### **G. Adjourn – 7:30PM**