

# Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee Minutes

**June 25, 2012**

**Present:** Mandy Evers, Nancy Sandler, Mike Sandler, Dan McCarren, Dave Barker, Lenore Nicholson, Wayne Maricle, Bob Byrer, Bob Boston

**Called to Order: 6:37PM**

## **A. Project progress**

- a. Gulf side installation & marking – waiting for weather to install. Discussed using underwater buoys to mark reefs. Mandy had asked Wetlands, Inc. about it, but they said buoys were in the original design but removed because of objection from Army Corp of Engineers. Mandy will continue to look into underwater marker buoys as an option. Beach markers will be installed as a reference point. Mandy will check with Roger and Terry about doing the installation. Committee would like 4 poles of 2 different colors. One color in set north of the others at will triangulate to the center of the Gulf Reef.
- b. Sound side signs – Have been permitted. Walter Marine will install when install Gulf Reefs.
- c. Future projects to explore – Walkways to reef sites starting at kiosks. Dave volunteers to set up temporary markers until permanent walkway could be installed. Committee would also like to have shower installed at pavilions by reef site. Committee also discussed construction of intermediate rest in the water near the West Sound Side Reef. Discussed using Eagle Scouts to complete appropriate projects. Committee would also like to design a reef guide for visitors.

## **B. Sponsorship**

- a. Amount Sold – 10 trees and 3 branches
- b. Finalize signs for printing – Mandy presented side panel with instructions/etiquette for snorkeling. Committee made comments and suggestions. Revised side panel based on suggestions will be submitted to sign company in order to get a final proof for signs.
- c. Plan of action to sell trees/branches - Would like to distribute to businesses along with maps & information about reefs. Mike will look into

holders for materials. Sponsor information to be given to following: Pier (Dave), Half Hitch Tackle (Dave), Broxsons (Bob Boston), Kayak Club (Bob Boston), Juana's (Mandy), TDC to distribute to hotel/rentals(Mandy).

### **C. Community Awareness**

- a. Past Events – World Oceans Day – Rained Out. Thursdays in the Park.
- b. Future Events – Thursdays in the park.

### **D. Other Business**

- a. New chair person – Mandy stepping down at July meeting. We will to appoint a need a new chairperson at that meeting.
- b. Run for the Reef - Decided to go with Aloha printing for t-shirts. Need to print more sponsor and registration forms. Committee and Race Director (Mark) need to decide on gifts for race contributors such as shirt artist.
- c. Quilt Fundraiser – Drawing held at Run for the Reef on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$1 for 1 tickets or 3 tickets for \$10.
- d. Non-profit status – committee revisited becoming own non-profit, which was brought up at committee meeting after FunFest (April). Nancy presented information about becoming own non-profit. We would need to create by-laws & board, create article of incorporation and incorporate, get federal EIN, and fill out 30 page application for 501(c)3 status. Fee would be \$400 if revenue under \$10,000, and \$850 if revenue over \$10,000 and we would have to file annually. Committee decided to stay under the Foundation and consider having their own booth at FunFest next year.

### **E. Next Meeting**

July 30 at Best Western, Navarre at 6:30PM

### **F. Adjourn – 8:05PM**