

**THE MANATEE REHABILITATION PARTNERSHIP
MEETING, MAY 12, 2006
SeaWorld Zoological Operations Large Conference Room**

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

Buddy Powell and Jane Davis, Acting Co-Chairs, opened the meeting. Both Co-chairs welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. They expressed their hope that the day would prove productive for the Manatee Rehabilitation Partnership (MRP).

They turned the meeting over to Janice Fleischer, Facilitator, of FLASH Resolutions. Ms. Fleischer reviewed the Agenda for the day. (Exhibit A) She explained that to begin the day, attendees would be encouraged to express their opinions as to the continuance of the MRP; then, a vote would be taken to decide if the MRP would remain in existence.

Attendees:

Representative	Affiliation
Alan Huff	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Bill Hughes	SeaWorld Florida
Bob Bonde	United States Geological Survey
Buddy Powell	Wildlife Trust
Chip Deutsch	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
David Murphy	Lowry Park
Iske Larkin	University of Florida
Jane Davis	Living Seas
Katherine Frisch	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Martha Wells	Wildlife Trust
Maya Menchaca	Miami Seaquarium
Mike Walsh	SeaWorld of Florida
Monica Ross	Wildlife Trust
Nicole Adimey	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Patrick Berry	Living Seas
Patti Thompson	Save the Manatee Club
Terri Roth	Cincinnati Zoo (by phone)
Thomas Reinert	FWRI

In addition, Doug Warmolts had given his proxy for decision making to Jane Davis.

FORMAL VOTE ON PROCEEDING WITH MRP

After extensive discussion, the attendees took a formal vote on the following:

MRP (to be refined and formally organized w/ a governance structure to be determined) shall continue as an entity w/ logo, etc.

Vote - 11 For; 1 Opposed -- Passed

2006-2007 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Monica Ross of The Wildlife Trust presented the proposed budget for 2006-2007 (Exhibits B1, B2 and B3). At the conclusion of the presentation, a motion was made to accept the budget. It passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON RESTRUCTURING OPTION

To begin this discussion, the attendees listed the items the MRP currently addresses:

1. Post Release Monitoring
2. Research (non post release monitoring)
3. Education/Outreach
 - a. Website
 - b. Logo
 - c. brochure
4. Finance
 - a. Grant writing
 - b. Donations

After discussing the above, the members decided the MRP would continue to work on #1, 3, and 4. With regard to research, they stated that the MRP will not act as a clearinghouse for reviewing requests for access to MRP animals or tissue samples.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT- INITIAL DECISIONS

Prior to the meeting, all participants were sent a list of Options (Exhibit C) for MRP continuation which was developed by an organizational group made up of Buddy Powell, Wildlife Trust; Jane Davis, Disney, the Living Seas; Martha Wells, Wildlife Trust; Nicole Adimey, USFWS; and Alan Huff, FWC.

After discussions of the three options, the following Hybrid (taking parts of Options 1 and 3) Option was developed and adopted:

Facilities Management Team (FMT) OPTION

- The MRP will have a separate agenda item on the FMT agenda.
- MRP can invite anyone to participate for their portion of FMT meeting.
- MRP can chair its portion of FMT meeting. There is no need for a separate meeting day.
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- MRP can create its own governance; the only limitation on this would be any restrictions imposed on the FMT by the USFWS.*

The vote was 8 to 0; passed.

*Facilitator's Note: The meaning of this bullet is not clear. When writing this item on the flipchart, the discussion centered around the fact that there may be restrictions on the FMT by the USFWS regarding how autonomous they are in their governance. If, in fact, the FMT is under certain restrictions, this bullet was meant to imply that those restrictions would also apply to the MRP.

GOVERNANCE

The following governance items were adopted by the members:

MEMBERS: current membership and representation will remain the same.

REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES: The representation will remain as is, no designated representatives and alternates.

QUORUM: A quorum for a meeting: greater than 50% of the voting membership must be physically present to have a meeting.

OBSERVERS: no discussion at this point.

DECISION MAKING:

The MRP will use a traditional majority voting model.

VOTING:

Each entity will have one vote regardless of how many representatives from that entity are present at the meeting.

There are no ex-officio (non-voting) members.

To pass an item, a simple majority of those voting members present is necessary.

(Proxies are allowed- details to be determined; Teleconferences of members allowed-details to be determined)

If a vote is being taken by Email or online: a simple majority of full voting membership is necessary

GUIDELINES

MEETING GUIDELINES: to be developed at a later time.

PUBLIC COMMENT- may be no need, to be discussed at a future meeting.

LEADERSHIP: There shall be two co-chairs

For the next meeting, Jane and Buddy will co-chair again.

A formal decision regarding co-chairs will be made at the next meeting.

TERM of chairs: to be determined

MEETING FREQUENCY: The MRP will meet at the same time as the FMT, 2 times a year.

LENGTH OF MEETINGS: Initially, the MRP will be given a 2 hour time slot on the FMT agenda at the end of the day. No decision will be made as to whether this needs changing until a few meetings have passed so the MRP can see how this works.

MINUTES/REPORTS: to be determined

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AGENDA DESIGN-no discussion

ADMINISTRATION OF MEETINGS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FINDING A SITE, ARRANGING FOOD, REGISTRATION, ETC.: Just wait to see how it works as part of FMT meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.
