

Minutes of Dec 8th, 2009 General Meeting

Meeting held at La Jolla Brew House – called to order at 7:00 pm by Scott Anderson, president.



1. Social meeting and party

Typical of December meetings, the Council provided the beer and pizza to all attendees.

2. Next General Meeting scheduled 1/11/10 at the La Jolla Brew House

Guest speaker, TBA. If you have suggestions for a guest speaker, please email us at: info@sddivers.com.

3. Children's Pool

The City requested a permit for a rope across beach at CP again this year, but this permit to also be for every winter forever. In November, public input was gotten by the hearing officer at a meeting of the La Jolla Community Planning Association. They voted against it, as they have done before and been ignored.

The new text of the trust requires the City declare a marine mammal park at Children's Pool and continue to allow public access as well. The City held a public hearing on 12/2 and nobody was there to oppose it. Acting on his own, John Leek wrote in an opposing view which qualified him file an appeal with Development Services. On Dec 14, the City realized it was illegal for it to proceed while the appeal was pending, and the rope was not installed.

Next day the City Attorney notified Park and Recreation that it could proceed to ignore City Municipal code and put the rope up on an emergency basis. The Save San Diego Seals website bragged that the APRL lawyer had threatened the City with legal action and that had done the trick. Could this be true? If you can drag somebody else into court who doesn't want to be there, you don't have to win to win. The Planning Commission is to hear John's appeal in January.

At least in the news, the Mayor and City Attorney were prompted to restate the City policy was shared use, and public access was allowed. It was also affirmed the City would be seeking a Coastal Permit to make it all legal.

4. Future events

Jan 1 picnic and dive the depth of the year at the Shores with the San Diego Sea Dogs.

Jan 6 Bottom Bunch meeting at Casa Machado

Jan 7 San Diego Dive Club meeting at Giovanni's

Jan 28 Underwater Photographic Society at Sumner Hall

Jan 11 So Cal Divers meets at the IB divers shop

5. Membership Cards

Membership cards in the Council have been made, and members in good standing are able to pick theirs up at any meeting. If you don't know if you are a current Council member, inquire at JLeek001@san.rr.com.

12/18/09 John Leek, Secretary