

# General Meeting Minutes of January 10th, 2010



**Meeting held at La Jolla Brew House. Called to order at 7 pm by Scott Anderson. This was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday meeting = a break in tradition**

## **DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING:**

In December, the meeting was a social, per tradition. It was held at director David Pierce's home. Video clips of divers and seals playing together were reviewed. There is now a link our website homepage called [Dances with Seals – Videos](#). Harbor seal behaviors were documented that have never been seen elsewhere.

**JANUARY MEETING:** THE THEME WAS WHAT DIRECTION WE SHOULD TAKE IN 2011.

**Rocks, Rips, & Reefs (3R's) 2011** - The program will continue with the help of the hosting dive clubs and our two instructors who have been generous with their time. The support once given by the City Lifeguards is still a victim of City budget restraints. A suggestion was made to delay the start of the 3R's season from May to wait for more likely good conditions and to extend into September or later. Another suggestion was to find new sites, maybe in North County.

[The 2010 calendar](#) is still on our website; Scott Anderson will work on the new calendar

**MEETINGS :** Our meetings will now be **held on the Second Monday of each month**. We will continue to meet in backroom of the La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue CA 92037.

**CHILDREN'S POOL:** Nobody had objection to continuing our present support of Shared Use and beach access per City Policy, the 1931 Trust, the La Jolla Local Coastal Plan, the Ranger program and the Coastal Act. Suggestion was made the Council try again to effect some plan for divers to enter the water in the best manner calculated to minimize inadvertent disturbance to seals, but the City Council has always ignored our proposals, and the park ranger is soon to be replaced, the docent program is pending, and NOAA has repelled such suggestions, so we have nobody to talk to.

The Council will continue to participate in the City free speech sales table lottery and maintain its sales and information table on the sidewalk. We won another permit through February, which we elected to share with tie-dye shirt people on weekdays, since we were only doing weekends.\*

**THESE AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS** will be taken up at the next and future Board meetings at Coco's restaurant, Clairemont Mesa Blvd at 805 on 1/25 for action. Board meetings are open to all divers.

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**UPDATES:**

A City proposal to request a permit to rope off Children's Pool not just Dec – May , but every day forever was opposed by the La Jolla Community Planning Association which filed an appeal after the Hearing Officer approved the permit request anyway. That appeal went before the Planning Commission and the Council joined them and other opposing such and unnecessary and likely illegal action. We had about 10 people show up to sign up with us and give over their speaker time so we could show 5 Power Point presentations and a video. The Planning Commission upheld the appeal, killing the year round rope 7-0. The Coastal Commission declined to consider a review – it is dead.

The sister measure, to legally close Children's Pool Beach Dec to May then moved forward on the docket and City intent is posted on the fence at Children's Pool. It hasn't got a chance.

\* Though the Council and the Children's Pool Friends hold the only permits to operate sales

tables on sidewalk there, APRL continues to set up – in our space if we don't get there first. We are forced to call the police every time they show up in order to document the violations. We are trying to get an appointment with the City Attorney to make the case for abandoning the No Enforcement policy that does not allow the police to enforce the City Codes. We will have a get acquainted meeting this month with the new Police Chief for Northern division.

Minutes submitted 1/15/2011      John Leek, Secretary