

Minutes of the San Diego Council of Divers Board
Aug 28th, 2014

Vice President Marc Henning called the officers meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. ~~at CoCo's Restaurant on Clairemont Mesa Blvd.~~

Members in attendance were:

Volker Hoehne, President

Marc Henning, Vice President

John Leek, Secretary

~~Joel Tracey Treasurer~~

Scott Anderson, Ex-officio President

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Members absent were:

Cary Humphries, Director

David Pierce, Director

Old Business:

- Due to starting a new job and its ensuing responsibilities, Anna Baker ~~'s~~ submitted her resignation from the Board. Her resignation was accepted. She has been thanked for her service to the Council previously via e-mail.
- May 29th, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.
- Scott Anderson suggested we try treating vendors and shops as entities valuable to diving, drawing on them for participation as we do clubs.
- Freedivers had a successful and groundbreaking beach cleanup in cooperation with Surf Riders. It was suggested the Council needs to assert its legacy for cleaning South Casa beach sometime this year or our name will vanish from the dedication sign there. September 20th is Coastal Cleanup Day.
- It was affirmed membership tracking can continue to be handled with cooperation and communication between the Secretary and Treasurer, each keeping the other informed at all times.

New Business - 3Rs;

- Anna Baker's resignation was accepted.
- Insurance for 3Rs instructors:
With special club donations and recent membership dues combined, there are accumulated funds to allow the Council to pay half the insurance premiums with the San Diego Dive Club carrying the other half. This gives the 3Rs insurance until next July.
- Nice thank you letters and special recognition are in order for the donor clubs.
- ~~Next year we either have some kind of City participation~~ We are investigating other types of joint ventures or underwriting to solve this insurance problem or we come up with ~~a~~ new fundraising methods.

- We have a legal opinion that our 3Rs waivers should be good for an entire season and copies need not ~~need~~ be signed at every session. Additional confirmation will be sought.
- A shore diving experience booklet is in the works to catalog and map 3Rs type sites, with pictures and references. ~~These might~~ A suggested donation may be given to ~~it~~ generate ~~some revenue at \$5 each~~ additional revenue at each site.
- Marc Henning wishes to retain the safety swimmer team ~~he built~~ of volunteers and use them in off-season events to keep continuity. ~~They would be the source of the next generation of instructors, as well as continue~~ additional training to better prepare for the next session.
- Doing our own follow up scuba events at 3Rs sites was proposed.

Executive session was put on hold:

- **Guest Speaker:** Robert Melendez of the San Diego Sea Dogs dropped off ~~their~~ a contribution to the ~~3Rs insurance drive~~ Council and visited the Council meeting to talk with members.
- Robert gave a historical rundown of 20+ years of previous participation with the Council of Divers. He suggested a large contingent of older and retired divers have a fondness for the Council of Divers, many are in positions of influence today and would make singular appearances at Council events if contacted.
- The Sea Dogs are a legacy club, mostly non-diving and scattered but still in touch and can be a historical reference and very valuable information source.
- He recalled the Council kept itself in the news with press releases.
- Their next event is the New Year's picnic. It was suggested the Council could tie together the different clubs that now do the "Dive to the Year Depth", log the successful participants and give them some memento.

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Executive Session was resumed

New Business:

- Volker is ready to do a dual club meeting which would also be a "public meeting". A good candidate would be the Bottom Bunch. They have 1st Wed meetings at Casa Machado.
- Joel mentioned feedback from divers disappointed in the Council effort to persuade the Coastal Commission to keep Children's Pool open all year. The Freedivers was the only dive club asked to attend or speak and would have known what happened.
- It was suggested we have a greater than ever need to get in touch with divers and ocean user groups and find out what actions our constituents are ready request and support.
- John Leek brought 17 months of bacteriological measurements at Children's Pool made by the City in lieu of County Health measurements. Most of the time the water is OK, with random coliform spikes. It is not known who decides when the data might lift or re-impose advisory postings there. South Casa Beach has a similar situation.

- Volker has a New Guy lobster lesson at the Marine Room, snorkel only. It could be a Council event. Sept 13th.
- Next Board meeting proposed for Oct 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

Submitted August 29th 2014 by Secretary, John Leek.