

Minutes of the San Diego Council of Divers Board
Oct 22th, 2014

Vice President Marc Henning called the officers meeting to order at 6:10 p.m

Members in attendance were:

Volker Hoehne, President
Marc Henning, Vice President
John Leek, Secretary
Joel Tracey Treasurer
Scott Anderson, Ex-officio President

Members absent were:

Cary Humphries, Director
David Pierce, Director

Old Business:

- Thank you letters to the dive clubs that produced large donations for 3Rs insurance will be sent out by Marc.
- Volker held a dual meeting with the Bottom Bunch on Oct 1. Though lightly attended, it produced some input from that club about desired future directions.
- The California Franchise Tax board still had some missing input from 2011 and issued a computerized request for estimated back taxes. The Secretary sent in the needed documents and forms and that ended the matter.
- Membership stands at 42. There are 16 life members but most of them no longer participate.
- The 26 membership fees for this year (\$390) was just adequate to cover our storage fees. Other means of income are needed.

New Business;

- There will be the traditional ceremony to honor and reward the 3Rs instructors.
- Joel suggested he should seek a different bank with lower fees. All agreed.
- It was suggested we publish some kind of digest of issues brought to our attention through the website or other diving councils. The secretary receives these.
- A Council meeting was suggested in January to vote on diver input Volker gets from his dual meetings. So far, at the Bottom Bunch, possible issues were: Likelihood lead weights could be banned, a compressor at the Cove would be nice, Can we get the City to move the marker buoy to the new MPA boundary north of Boomer?, Can we deploy marker buoys at favorite dive sites?
- A beach cleanup was suggested, particularly at South Casa Beach in order to preserve our adoption of that site. It was suggested the Friends of the Children's Pool be invited to join. That would get Children's Pool beach cleaned too.
- The Diver Safety Event at the Shores will be attended by Scott A., John L., and Mike Russel for sure.

- The bylaws have to be revised and given to the state Franchise Tax Board to reflect our current 501(c)(4) status. The Secretary wrote a suggested update to the bylaws that also more closely reflected current operating practices.

Updating the Bylaws:

- Joel Tracey and Marc Henning were previously appointed to a bylaws update project so they shall be principle in the draft composition.
- Article I Deleting the “Constitution” part of the titles was rejected.
- Article II Two references to 501(c)(3) status were updated
- Section 1: The reference to our former name “Council of Diving Clubs” was deleted.
- Section 4: ...shall not carry on.... legislative activities,.... for office prohibited under 501(c)(4).
- Article III, sec 2 Member clubs, still have to submit applications in writing, but not a roster. Acceptance by the Board is still required.
Corporate member annual fee dropped to \$100, still subject to board approval
Bottom Scratcher members are still cited as honorary members.
- Article IV, section 2. Changes in membership fees no longer delayed 6 months
- Article V, section 1, requirement for 7 directors dropped.
- Section 5, member clubs no longer need submit letters naming their delegates.
Member clubs get one delegate vote for each 5 Council members.
- Section 6, Officers serve 2 year terms.
- Article VII, section 1, There will be at least 6 meetings per year, including at least 2 public meetings. Difference between public and Board meetings noted.
- Article VIII, section 1, checks are signed by treasurer OR president.
- Section 2, Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board.
- Section 3, Public meetings are publicized. (Board meeting still by invitation)
- Section 6, a quorum is different for public or Board meetings. 1/3 of member delegates for a public meeting, 2/3 of officers for a Board meeting.
- Article IX Section 2 (former section 3) Projects are initiated by any member, subject to Board approval and selection of a committee head.
- Section 3 (former section 2) Committee chair reports to the Executive Board, through a director.
- Article XI, section 2, Bylaws amendments are approved by 2/3 majority of the Executive Board alone.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm

Submitted October 23rd 2014 by Secretary, John Leek.