

Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015



**Meeting held at Marc Henning's Residence
Called to order at 7:00 pm by Volker Hoehne**

Officers Present:

President: Volker Hoehne
Vice President: Marc Henning
Interim Secretary: Liz Tuttle
Treasurer: Joel Tracey

1) Treasurer's Report

a. Current account balances:

Checking \$861.84 (\$571.95 is 3Rs donations/\$289.89 is general fund)

Savings \$501.00 (maintaining required balance of \$500)

b. 2015 Income to date:

3R's (\$691)	Boomers/LJ Cove	\$ 90
	N Bird Rock	\$ 85
	LJ Caves	\$125
	Shell Beach	\$118
	Marine St	\$ 96
	Hospital Point	\$ 38
	Sunset Cliffs	\$ 39
	Children's Pool	TBD
	Gift (Craig McDowell)	\$100

Membership Fees (\$337)

c. 2015 Expenses to date:

Storage Unit (\$292) - annual expense (\$384)

d. Trauma Pack & O₂ Bottle:

Joel requested that if the SD Freedivers are still willing to donate the funds to cover the cost of the trauma pack & O₂ bottle that he be reimbursed the amount of \$370.87. In addition, Joel also purchased additional AED pads and battery at the cost of \$316.00.

If SD Freedivers are not willing to cover all these expenses, Joel requested that the Council submit these expenses to the City of SD for reimbursement by the Council's grant.

e. AED Annual Monitoring Fee:

In addition to the equipment expense above, to maintain an operational AED to be used by the public, it is required to have medical oversight. Joel presented the Council with a Program Management Service Agreement with San Diego Project Heart Beat to provide certification training as needed and program management services. The cost of this annual service agreement is \$75 for the first year and \$50 each year after that. The Executive Board gave its approval for Joel to sign this agreement. It was also agreed that this expense would be paid by 3R's allocated funds.

2) Grant Status

- a. Marc informed the Board that at this point in time the Council is ineligible to apply for a renewal of our City of SD grant due to the fact that we no longer have insurance coverage. Individual instructor coverage as discussed in previous meetings does not qualify to meet the City's requirements.
- b. Marc stated that he will follow up on the status of reimbursement by the City for the last expense receipts submitted which include the insurance expense paid by the San Diego Dive Club.
- c. It was proposed that maybe the proper City of San Diego Councilperson should be invited to the 3Rs event at Sunset Cliffs to promote good relations between the two Councils and encourage the continuation of the 3Rs grant so that the Council would have funds for insurance coverage.
- d. Volker set a deadline of the close of August as the date by which the selected insurance coverage option be solidified.

3) 3Rs Insurance

- a. Marc will continue to pursue the possibility of obtaining insurance for the Council as a PADI Resort Dive Facility.
- b. Volker will research the possible option of obtaining individual event insurance for each 3R's site to satisfy the City's requirements.

4) Rocks, Rips & Reefs Program

- a. Joel suggested that the Council implement a more rigorous refresher/certification program annually for instructors and safety swimmers to include first aid, CPR and AED certification and/or review, as well as rescue skills.
- b. In reviewing the 2015 income from the 3R's events, it was agreed upon by the Board that we should be more proactive in soliciting donations at each event.
- c. It was suggested that the Council be more active in promoting these events next season by posting them more broadly by means of traditional and social media (ie, Facebook, Craig's List, Divebums, The Reader, etc.). It was cautioned that the Council should clearly state a level of prerequisites so that these events are not misinterpreted as "Learn to Snorkel or Swim" events.
- d. David suggested putting on the 3R's event calendar next season a Pot Luck/BBQ to follow a 3R's to encourage more attendance promote social interaction with Council members.

5) Proposed Children's Pool Policy

- a. Marc presented his revisions to the current Children's Pool Policy present on the Council's website. It was discussed that this version was too lengthy and contained too much commentary. He agreed to compose a more succinct, brief statement, possibly separated into 2 sections (1. History, 2. How to Properly Access) and resubmit to the Board via email prior to presenting the proposed policy at the next Council public meeting.

6) 2016 Elections

- a. Nominations are now open for the 2016 Officer Elections to be conducted in November. Volker will post a public announcement as well as bring this matter to the attention of Council members at the next public meeting.
- b. The floor was open to nominations by the current Executive members.
 1. Joel Tracey nominated Marc Henning for the office of President. Marc accepted.
 2. Liz Tuttle nominated Joel Tracey for the office of Vice President. Joel accepted.
 3. Volker Hoehne nominated David Pierce for the office of Director. David accepted.

7) Next Scheduled Council General Public Meeting

- a. The Council's next general public meeting has been scheduled for October 20, 2015 at 6:30pm to take place at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Topics of discussion are to include 1) 3R's presentation of awards (jackets gifted by SDF have been ordered and will be delivered soon, to be presented as a "thank you" to instructors), 2) new Children's Pool statement of access, and 3) 2016 officer election nominations.
- b. Volker will post the meeting announcement on Facebook and via email list. Liz will post on Divebums closer to the meeting date.
- c. Joel presented a motion to propose a more structured meeting calendar for the Council. He suggested the Executive Board meet during the months of January, April and September, while public Council meetings be held during the months of February, May, August and November. Motion was seconded by David and called to a vote. This motion passed with the stipulation that exact meeting dates could be flexible within that month if there was a significant scheduling conflict, and that additional "emergency" meetings could be held if necessary.

8) San Diego Freedivers Proposal Regarding MPA's

- a. Volker presented a proposal from the San Diego Freedivers to join with other environmentally-concerned organizations (ie, SD Coastkeeper, Surfrider, Wild Coast, Heal the Bay, etc.) to present a letter to the California Fish & Game Commission insisting there be full implementation of laws enacted to protect marine reserves. Such implementation should include consistent signage and enforcement of the laws.
- b. It was agreed by the Executive board that the Council should have a vested interest in such a letter enforcing regulations as they are currently written, but it must be presented for review prior to being sent to Fish & Game.
- c. It was also agreed upon that this proposal should be presented to all Council members for approval before further action take place.

9) New Guy Lobster Dive

- a. Volker will be hosting the "New Guy Lobster Dive" on Friday, September 18th, at the Marine Room to introduce and educate divers on how to obey the Fish & Game laws when lobster hunting. This will be a "viewing only" experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Liz Tuttle

Meeting Minutes Summary submittal for posting on SDCoD website:

An Executive Board Meeting was held by Council officers on September 17, 2015. The primary topics of discussion included the 3Rs program and the new trauma pack, O₂ bottle and AED, the Council's City of San Diego grant status, the Council's Children's Pool access recommendations, a proposal to support full implementation of Fish & Game laws, and the next public meeting and 2016 elections.

Joel Tracey recently purchased a trauma pack, O₂ bottle and AED kit to be available as necessary during the Council's Rocks, Rips and Reefs events. The cost of this purchase is to be paid for by donations from the San Diego Freedivers as well as possible reimbursement by the City of San Diego Grant.

Research continues to find insurance coverage for next season's 3R's program. Without satisfactory insurance, renewal of the City of San Diego's grant funds for this program will be in jeopardy.

A draft statement suggesting the Council's recommendations for divers using Children's Pool was presented to the Board. Upon further discussion, revisions were made. This statement is to be presented to all Council members at the next public meeting for approval.

A proposal from the San Diego Freedivers was presented to the Board to join with other environmentally-concerned organizations (ie, SD Coastkeeper, Surfrider, Wild Coast, Heal the Bay, etc.) to present a letter to the California Fish & Game Commission insisting there be full implementation of laws enacted to protect marine reserves. Such implementation should include consistent signage and enforcement of the laws. It was agreed that this proposal should be presented to all Council members for approval before further action take place.

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