

Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2016



**Meeting held at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
Called to order at 6:40 pm by Joel Tracey**

Board Members Present:

President: Joel Tracey

Vice President: vacant

Treasurer/Secretary: Liz Tuttle

Delegates: Craig McDowell, Blue Ocean Dive Club
Randy Thomas, San Diego Dive Club (Terry Thomas)
Marc Henning, San Diego Dive Club – Alternate
John Leek, San Diego Sea Dogs

1) Open Forum

- a. Craig inquired as to what was the status on the Council's backing of the **La Jolla Shores map**. Joel informed the board that he was in attendance when Nick LeBeouf from the La Jolla Shores Association made his presentation to the Bottom Bunch and San Diego Dive Club and it appeared the majority of both clubs were in favor of the proposed project as it was presented. Craig noted he had not heard of any objections from the Blue Ocean Dive Club either. *At this time, unless the Council hears of any objections from other member*

clubs, it appears the Council will move forward with providing Nick with a letter of support for the project.



(Photo provided for your information.) This image is an early rendering of the proposed project and does not include the return fence to block traffic from using the concrete along the sand pit as a path, or show the proposed path to improve access to the street through the landscaped area at the southern end of Kellogg Park.

- b. Randy inquired as to **when construction would be completed at the Children's Pool**. Joel had no current information as to the projected completion date, but would make inquiries with the San Diego Lifeguard Services to see if they had any recent updates.
- c. Marc announced that **the Santana HS Ecology Club will be hosting a beach clean-up** at La Jolla Shores on Sunday, February 21st from 10am-12noon and invited the Council and all its members to participate in this event.

2) Correspondence

Liz informed the Board that all pertinent correspondence discovered at the Council's PO box had been forwarded to club delegates via email by the close of 2015, including the Glorietta Bay Amendment that did not seem to affect divers directly. She had stopped by the post office today to check the box and no mail was present.

3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Nov 17, 2015 had been approved by end of November 2015 and distributed to club delegates via email.

4) Officer's Reports

- a. **President's Report** – Joel informed the Board he is in the process of organizing goals & activities for 2016. He will be transitioning the position of Treasurer over to Liz Tuttle, and will have Volker Hoehne removed as a signer on Council bank accounts to be replaced with Liz.
- b. **Secretary's Report** – No update.
- c. **Treasurer's Report** (by Joel Tracey)
 - i. Current account balances:
 - Checking \$2,951.37
 - Savings \$ 500.65
 - ii. Joel made a recent deposit of \$80 in membership fees and a \$5 donation.
 - iii. The Council has an expenditure of \$29 this month to pay for storage fees.
 - iv. The expenditure of membership to the AED monitoring program for 2015-2016 was forgiven by Project Heart Beat. The regular monitoring program fee of \$50 per year will be assessed upon the Council in September of 2016.
 - v. Insurance coverage for the 3R's program is still pending and amount of expenditure is still unknown. Of the money reimbursed by the City for 2015 insurance, one-half is owed to the San Diego Dive Club as repayment of their loan to this program - the exact amount will be determined between SDCOD and SDDC once future insurance has been procured.
 - vi. Joel made a motion to create a **petty cash fund of \$50** to be used to cover the expense of non-alcoholic beverages and food consumed during the course of a Board of Directors meeting as a means of thanking officers for their service (maximum of 4 meetings per year covered). *A vote was conducted and motion passed.*

5) Unfinished Business

- a. **2016 Calendar:**
 - January 14, 2016 (Board of Directors)**
 - February 18, 2016 (General Meeting)**
 - February 10-21 – SDCOD Rescue Diver Course
 - March 4-6, 2016 – Catalina Trip
 - March – Sponsorship Drive
 - April 14, 2016 (Board of Directors)**
 - April – CPR/AED event with SD Project Heart Beat
 - May 19, 2016 (General Meeting)**
 - May 21 – Refresher Training for 3R's Instructors and Safety Swimmers (other dates TBD)
 - June - 3R's (Boomer & North Bird)
 - July – 3R's (Caves & Shell Beach)
 - August 18, 2016 (General Meeting)**
 - August – 3R's (Marine Street & Hospital)
 - September 15, 2016 (Board of Directors)**
 - September – 3R's (Sunset Cliffs & Children's)
 - October – Diver Safety Event; 3R's Banquet
 - November 17, 2016 (General Meeting) & Elections**
 - December – Environmental Conservancy Efforts (Beach/Dive Site clean-up & public education)

- b. **Webmaster/Site Update/Paypal Account – Craig McDowell agreed to become the new Webmaster** to update and organize the Council website so that we only have one site (www.sddivers.com), that the “info” email address will be forwarded to the current officers so that inquiries may be responded to in a timely manner, and work with Liz to set up a PayPal account connected directly to the Council’s checking. Marc Henning agreed to contact Chad Jackson (previous webmaster) to obtain the necessary site information for Craig to achieve these goals.

6) New Business

a. Diver Safety

- i. **Annual Refresher Training for 3R’s Instructors & Safety Swimmers** will be in May. Clubs are asked to provide 2 swimmers each who are rescue certified.
- ii. **3R’s staff to have a CPR/AED; First Aid; rescue skills stations training in May.**
- iii. Joel will offer his training expertise with a highly discounted **Rescue Diver Certification Course** in late February in an effort to increase qualified staff for the 3R’s program. This is a NAUI certification course. Participating divers will be required to pay for the cost of the books and certification card, but Joel will volunteer his time as instructor. *The course will be offered to divers at the price of \$80.00 (regularly \$440) as long as they agree to commit to being a safety swimmer for the 2016 and 2017 seasons.*
- iv. 3R’s will be held Jun-Sep. Marc is to provide a complete schedule by Feb.
- v. Joel would like hosting **clubs to conduct a site dive tour directly after a 3R’s event** to impress upon divers the safe entry/exit skills they just learned.
- vi. Joel is still in the process of researching and securing appropriate Dive Site insurance for the 3R’s program.
- vii. **San Diego Project Heart Beat** has agreed to partner with the Council to host a **free Public CPR day** in April. This is only for familiarization & not certification.
- viii. **Annual Diver Safety Event** with SDLG, SDFD, UCSD, USCG is to be held again at Kellogg Park in October.
- ix. The **head UCSD Chamber physician is willing to be guest lecturer** to talk about the chamber to divers if the Council would like to hold such an event.

b. Recruitment

- i. Joel is in the process of summarizing the surveys he distributed to dive clubs and shops last fall. These surveys will help to determine what topics are of concern to local divers and how the Council should address them or what types of events divers are interested in having the Council host.
- ii. One goal for 2016 is to increase financial support of the Council through a **Sponsorship/Funding campaign in March.**
- iii. Hope to raise awareness and financial support of the 3R’s through its recent video production promoted on the website and a sponsorship campaign.
- iv. Another 2016 goal is to conduct a **K-12 public outreach program** to increase ocean awareness and safety among San Diego’s children.
- v. Event – **Weekend Trip to Catalina.** Liz is in the process of organizing a group trip to Avalon at the end of Feb – beginning of Mar. A flyer with details will be emailed to club delegates and posted on FB soon.

c. Continuing Political Efforts

- i. Continue to oppose City proposal for dive instruction permit/fee. Support and enactment of this matter seems to be fading away.
- ii. Hospital Point – Boomer Point reef ecology study [Meet with Mike Anghera]. Joel is trying to generate interest in this eco study to create a scientific baseline to defend divers' interest in public coastal access.
- iii. Funding of 3R's programs by City is not possible at this time unless we obtain satisfactory insurance that meets their approval. Council hopes to maintain ties and be able to work with the City Lifeguards in some manner in the future.
- iv. **Anti-Poaching** efforts appear to still be a priority to San Diego divers. *Is there a Council or affiliate club member willing to contact the CA Fish & Game Commission to ask a guest speaker to come down for a Council meeting to let us know what the actual poaching numbers are in San Diego?*
- v. The Council continues its support of MPA's
- vi. The Council continues support of public access/disabled access ramp at Children's Pool

d. Other Business

- i. It has been agreed that the Council's PO Box will move from its current location at the Midway post office to the Tierrasanta post office off SR-52 and Santo Road. The Council's address change should take place in February. It was also agreed, in an effort to save money, that the box would be down-sized to the smallest one available.
- ii. **Amendments have been proposed to the Council Bylaws** and will be up for vote at the February 18th General Meeting. The proposed amendments are below. The current Constitution and Bylaws will be sent out along with these minutes for members review.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP in this Council shall be as follows:

- (a) ACTIVE: Active membership carries with it full privilege of participation in Council activities, including the right to vote **at general meetings** and to hold elected or appointed offices. It shall be extended to any person who has paid their current membership dues (deemed a member in good standing).

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

Section 3. ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE

Officers shall be elected from among Council members in good standing as defined in Article III of this document. **Receipt of written notice of resignation by an officer during their time of service will deem them ineligible for holding any office for a period of 2 years from the date of their written resignation.**

Section 5. DELEGATES

~~DELETE~~ this restriction to allow any member of an affiliate club to be a delegate.

- (b) The President and Vice President may not represent a voting entity.

NEW ADDITION

A regular member of the Council may only act as and represent one affiliate club as a delegate or alternate delegate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Liz Tuttle