

Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of April 13, 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
Directors: Marc Henning, 3Rs
Craig McDowell, Webmaster
David Pierce, At Large
Heather Best-Troiano, Community Outreach
Delegates: Kelly Fulton, Dive Animals
John Leek, San Diego Sea Dogs
Randy Thomas, San Diego Dive Club
Terry Thomas, San Diego Dive Club -Alternate

Minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting, previously distributed through the email list, were approved by voice vote with no objections. The minutes will be posted to the Council website.

1) Officer's Reports

a. President's Report

- i. Joel asked that delegates please make sure to pass on to their clubs the, Fish & Game, Sportfishing Conservancy, Citizen Scientist, etc, announcements Liz forwards on to them.
- ii. As council delegates we need to motivate members to be more active. Let's brainstorm for group activities. Events like trips to Catalina, Project Heartbeat and more to get different club members to work together, and reach out to the community as well.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. Current account balances:
Checking \$2,785.29
Savings \$ 500.69
- ii. Deposits since March consisted of \$55.24 in membership dues.
- iii. Expenses March-April in the amount of \$58 consisted of 2 payments for storage facilities.

c. Secretary's Report

- i. Correspondence – nothing major to speak of.
- ii. Council members are all current with their dues. Joel Tracey and Marc Henning are the next members up for renewal. Dues are due in June.

d. **Webmaster**

- i. Check out the website – a number of pages have been updated.
- ii. The site's PayPal links have been updated and are operational.
- iii. Membership sign-ups are also updated and operation.
- iv. The 3Rs page has been updated with sites and dates. Hosts to be updated upon announcement from Marc.
- v. If anyone else notices problems with the website, please forward this information on to Craig at webmaster@sddivers.com.

2) **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Insurance.** As of this meeting date, the Council is still without insurance for the 3Rs. Joel continues to research options. Does anyone have any insight or suggestions regarding this insurance coverage matter?
- b. **Corporate Sponsorship Drive.** Joel would like to have a strong push for corporate sponsorship of the Council. He has created a sponsorship letter which Liz will pass onto directors and delegates for you to assist in obtaining sponsorships. These could be in the form of money, goods, and/or services.
 - i. Please go to your clubs during this month and see if your club and its members can get sponsorship for any upcoming Council events/activities, such as the 3Rs. Industry-related sponsors like SCUBAPRO, AquaLung, dive shops, etc., would be great.
 - ii. Joel announced a possible sponsorship from San Diego Divers. The dive shop is interested in helping, but have not decided yet if that will be in the form of funds or equipment.
 - iii. David suggested O'Neill has sales where they donate a portion of the proceeds to non-profit organizations. He agreed to look into for the Council.
 - iv. If we receive sponsorship, we need to agree on how we are going to thank our sponsors by means of promotion of their company/foundation.
- c. **Casa Reef Project Update.** This project is still in the planning stages. Joel is currently working with a science advisor to design the project objectives. More info to follow at a later date. One way to promote a project like Casa Reef is to get your club members active with a citizen scientist organization like REEF. Becoming an "eco-diver" will heighten awareness of the dive environment and promote good stewardship.
- d. **Children's Pool Access Update.** Beach access through the Children's Pool is currently closed due to pupping season. David Pierce informed the board that a hearing took place in Orange County on March 16 and a tentative ruling was released. It stated that the City of San Diego and the State of California had no authority to close the pool during pupping season because they lack the backing of Federal Authority. No final decision has been ruled upon yet.

3) **New Business**

- a. **Marc Henning – Rocks, Rips & Reefs.** The 3Rs schedule has been posted to the website. Only a few sites have been assigned to clubs. Open dates/sites are still available. If your club has not been assigned a site, contact Marc asap to snag the site you want. Please contact Marc for more information at mhenn05@gmail.com.

3) New Business a. **Marc Henning – Rocks, Rips & Reefs (continued)**

- i. Sites/Dates assigned:
 - a) Boomers/La Jolla Cove (June 11) – Bottom Bunch
 - b) Marine Street (June 25) – Blue Ocean Dive Club
 - c) Goldfish Point/LJ Caves (July 16) – Dive Animals
 - d) Hospital Point (August 13) – Sea Dogs
- ii. Marc is coordinating with Mike Russell and Joel Tracey to organize “Safety Swimmer” refresher training. (Tentative date Sunday, May 22 from 9am to 1pm.) Training will include both water and land skills.
- iii. 3Rs site hosts are asked to provide 2 safety swimmers on their respective dates. These individuals would preferably be Rescue Divers with current CPR certifications. If you need to renew your CPR/First Aid skills, please contact Joel president@sdivers.com (or Marc) to make arrangements.
- iv. If a club does not have certified rescue divers it can entice to volunteer, anyone with current CPR/First Aid skills would be helpful to act as surface support at their respective sites.

b. Project Heartbeat – Public CPR/AED Training Day

- i. This event previously scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at La Jolla Shores from 9-11am, had to be postponed due to rain. Joel is working with Project Heartbeat to reschedule this event – possibly in May.
- ii. It was suggested to maybe relocate the event from La Jolla Shores to another location with better parking, like Crown Point or Ski Beach. Joel took this under advisement and will let the board know date & location after coordinating with Project Heartbeat.
- iii. Joel requested that when club delegates receive this event flyer, that they not only pass this on to their club members, but pass it out and post in in public areas to further promote this **FREE** event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**.

4) Open Forum

- a. **John Leek – The Sea Dogs are the “ancient club” of San Diego County.** As such, the Sea Dogs are extremely interested in going through the Council’s records in storage and organizing some sort of display as a means by which to share the history of diving in San Diego County with the dive community and the public in general. It was brought to a vote and John was appointed chairperson (7 Yea, 1 Nae) to form a committee to organize these efforts and research a location where this historical record may be displayed.
- b. **Heather Best-Troiano – Christi Quill.** Last year Christi set a record for the woman’s longest open saltwater dive to raise cancer awareness. She hopes to break this record on 9/11/2016.
 - a. Heather is looking for divers to support Christi’s underwater efforts. She will have more details and will be recruiting volunteers at a later date.
 - b. She asked if the Council would be interested in having a table at this event to promote awareness of SDCoD. It was brought to a vote and accepted unanimously.

- c. **Marc Henning – 3Rs “Safety Swimmers”**. In consideration of the different skill levels of “Safety Swimmers”, Marc asked the board to consider the purchase of different colored rashguards to be worn by these volunteers to signify their skill set. Craig McDowell suggested he might know of a company that may donate the rashguards or at least the labeling on them. Craig and Marc agreed to work together to research the costs or donation of these items. These items would be the property of the Council (not a gift to the volunteers) to be loaned to the volunteers and returned to the 3Rs organizer at the end of each event.

The next General Meeting open to all members is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 6:30pm at Giovanni’s.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Liz Tuttle