

Council General Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2017



Meeting held at Giovanni's (Clairemont Mesa)
Called to order at 6:49 pm by Joel Tracey

Board Members Present:

President: Joel Tracey
Secretary: Liz Tuttle
Directors: Scott Anderson, At Large
Craig McDowell, Webmaster
Committee Leads: John Leek, Historian
Members/Guests: Sandra Anderson, member
Ken Hunrichs, member
Marie Hunrichs, member

Board Members Absent:

Vice President/3Rs Dir: Marc Henning
Treasurer: Tony Guerrero
Directors: Mike Russell, Fundraising
David Pierce, Interagency Relations

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

1) Open Forum

- a. Observations and comments were given about the 2017 3Rs season. A suggestion was shared that during briefings instructors should emphasize how important it is for participants to get through the surf zone quickly. They should stress that once the water depth is sufficient, participants should begin swimming immediately.
- b. It was agreed that this could be a point of focus at next season's Instructor & Safety Swimmer Training. Additional suggestions such as providing demonstrations by Instructors/Safety Swimmers during briefings to better explain the skills being described, and on days when conditions allow, to provide a fully-suited diver to demonstrate how the site's physical attributes and surf conditions are applicable to a diver's entry.
- c. **John Leek** informed the Council of the status of his attempt to acquire an **"Incidental Harassment Authorization"**. Due to his contact and communications with NOAA officials during his attempts to maintain a record of the tagged seal & sea lion population in La Jolla, John felt it necessary to obtain such a permit. Especially now that signage has been posted that the public must maintain a 100-yd distance from these pinnipeds. As of this date, he has not obtained any judgment from authorities that he will be given such a permit. He wished to advise the Council that he will continue to pursue this line of action until he is issued the permit, or until he receives correspondence that such a permit is unnecessary. In the event that he receives notice that an **IHA** is indeed required, he will inform the Council so that an application by this organization can be submitted for the 3Rs program to continue without impediment.

- d. **John** also suggested that to improve our 3Rs attendance and Council membership, the Council might promote the 3Rs program as great free training to the students of local freelance instructors.

2) Officer's Reports

a. **Treasurer's Report (by Liz Tuttle in Tony's absence)**

- i. Current account balances: not available
- ii. Income: 3Rs donation by Roger Ferrini (via PayPal 9/16) \$4.55
Membership renewals: Deena Ream-Robinson (via mail); Tony Guerreo (via PayPal 9/7) \$30.24
New Membership: John Rahm (10/17) \$15
3Rs T-Shirt sales \$167.72
***PayPal & Ream-Robinson deposits made by Liz; Rahm dues & t-shirt sales to be deposited.*
- iii. Expenses: not available

b. **Secretary's Report**

- i. Received a notice from CA Fish & Game (distributed at the meeting) regarding recreational red abalone regulations. Season is scheduled to open April 1, 2018. Red abalone may only be collected by skin diving or rock picking during low tides, and only north of a line drawn at SF Bay. Options for proposed regulatory actions to improve critical impacts were sited. For additional information, go to <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2017/index.aspx>.
- ii. Received a notice from the IRS they have no record of the Council filing the 990 form for 2016. Will pass this notice on to Tony to resolve the situation.
- iii. Received an email from Dawn Bailey, marine biologist, offering her presentation services. Please let Liz know if your club would be interested so that she can pass the contact information onto Dawn. *"I wanted to offer to give a talk at one of your dive club meetings in the future (2018). I'll be hosting a screening of Chasing Coral in January where I will have a panel of experts give short presentations on actions we can all take to help preserve our ocean resources, both locally and globally. I'll be sure to send out invites to the dive clubs but I thought I'd give you a heads up as I would be happy to give follow-up talks to all the local dive clubs."*

c. **Vice President/3R's Director's Report**

- i. Marc Henning submitted a proposed schedule for the 2018 Rocks, Rips, & Reefs program via email to be presented at the meeting. The schedule was reviewed and some revisions were suggested.

2018 Rocks, Rips & Reefs Schedule (tentative)

#1. June 9th - LJ Cove/ Boomer
tides: 2.6 at 9am, decreasing to 1.4 at 11am

#2. June 23rd - N. Bird Rock
3.06 at 9am, decreasing to 1.62 at 11am

#3. July 7th - ~~Goldfish Point Caves~~ Marine Street
1.9 at 9am, decreasing to 1.6 at 11am

#4. July 21st - ~~Marine Street~~ Goldfish Point Caves
2.5 at 9am, decreasing to 2.0

#5. August 4th - Shell Beach
1.86 at 9am, increasing to 2.58

#6. August 18th - Hospital Point
2.34 at 9am, increasing to 2.66 at 11am

#7. Sept. ~~1st~~ 8th - Sunset Cliffs
2.5 at 9am, increasing to 3.8 at 11am

#8. Sept. ~~15th~~ 22nd - Children's Pool
2.7 at 9am, increasing to 3.8 at 11am

a) **Revisions suggested by those in attendance switch locations on July 7th & July 21st to avoid any residual holiday crowding at the Cove.**

b) **Postpone September dates to take the Labor Day holiday weekend into consideration.**

- ii. Marc Henning sent an email to be presented at the meeting regarding his efforts to set up a Council of Divers wall calendar as means to raise funds. The calendar will be available to purchase online from a link on the Council website and may include local photos/photos contributed by local photographers. A sample was sent to the Council by email prior to the meeting for review.

d. President's Report

- i. Joel Tracey has had no response from the City since his meetings with the representative for City of San Diego Councilmember Lorie Zapf in June and then with the representative for Councilmember Barbara Bry in July for support of the Rocks, Rips & Reefs program.
- ii. Joel suggested we revisit Marc Henning's and Mike Russell's proposal to organize a "Meetup Group" for the Council to increase membership. We need to research the cost of doing this type of online group before discussions can continue.

3) Director's Reports

a. Webmaster (Craig McDowell)

- i. As mentioned above, the 3Rs t-shirt campaign has been a success and raised funds totaling \$173.99 (less reimbursement of \$6.27 to Craig for shipping). He still has some clothing in his possession that has not been claimed. (2) shirts that have been paid for and not collected, ordered by Dennis Burns & Henry Cook. (1) hoodie NOT YET PAID FOR and not collected, ordered by Cindy Raterex. If you know these individuals, please have them contact Craig.

The next general Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm. Location: Giovanni's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Liz Tuttle