

Minutes of Sept 8th, 2009 General Meeting

Meeting held at La Jolla Brew House – called to order at 7:00 pm by Scott Anderson, president.



1. Guest Speaker

We were lucky to catch Joe Barnett in town, between treasure dives. Joe was a lifeguard in the 70's and 80's and retired to become a treasure hunter, like we all wish we had done. He showed photos of some of his wrecks and brought with him old silver coins he had found all over the world. How many folks ever held a doubloon in the hands?

2. 3rs

A review of 3R's season was presented, with pictures from the various events. Special thanks go to the San Diego Dive Club and San Diego Freedivers. San Diego Dive Club sponsored all of the events as a club event so insurance would be available. The Freedivers gave a much needed contribution which allowed us to purchase the safety equipment and cover other expenses. It should be known that with out the help of these two Clubs, the 3R's season would not have been possible. I would like thank the other San Diego Dive Clubs who sponsored the sessions and provided the refreshments.

3. MLPA

The Region Stakeholders Group has submitted the final 3 maps which will be presented to the Blue Ribbon Task Force. These maps may be viewed at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scrsg-dprops-r3.asp>

4. SB 428, the bill to make Children's Pool a "marine mammal park"

The City got a stay of the order to begin restoring CP and moving seals when Schwarzenegger broke his vow to not sign any bill until the budget passed. It would be nice to know how much money was spent on lobbying to get this done.

A suit and unknown sorts of pressure caused the judge on the O'Sullivan case to recluse himself and give the case over to another judge, almost certainly delaying the case and giving the City an edge toward delaying judgment until January, when SB428 would become real law. It will most certainly end up in the State Supreme Court.

The City Council on September 22nd voted to reject its own Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the restoration of Children's Pool, stopping any progress toward sand removal and again defying the courts. The City spent \$260,000.00 of Tax Payers money to create the EIR just to vote against it. The City really only has the option in January to declare Children's Pool to be a "marine mammal park" but it has not said if people would be allowed on the sand in such a marine mammal park.

5. Scattering Milt Beard on the Yukon.

James Beard, son to the late Milt Beard came to the meeting to announce he would be scattering Milt's ashes near "Milt's Tilt" on the Yukon and invite others to join him. Saturday, September 12th, Milt's old friend Tony, James Beard, and John Wagner and ashes launched from Dana Landing. They were accompanied by Scott Anderson, David Pierce, and Bob Jenkins in there

boats. The secretary made a 10 minute video which will be shown at the next Council Meeting October 13th, 2009

4. Next General Meeting scheduled 10/13/09 at the La Jolla Brew House

Guest speaker: Joe Exline.

Joe is a fisherman from Oceanside; CA. He has attended all MLPA meetings and will be speaking on the final set of MLPA Maps for Southern California.

If you have suggestions for a guest speaker, please emails us at: info@sdivers.com

5. Open offices in the Council

We have openings for several offices and will accept nominations at any meeting. In fact we will accept volunteers on the spot. We have more projects than organizers.

6. Membership Cards

Membership cards in the Council have been made, and members in good standing are able to pick theirs up at any meeting. If you don't know if you are a current Council member, inquire at JLeek001@san.rr.com.

Submitted 8/14/09 John Leek, Secretary