

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the January 25, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order –at 7:33 PM

Present were Brandi Easter, Carol Rose, Alex Reynaud , Dennis Haussler, Larry Ankuda, and Dennis Belcher.

Membership –Carol

Cen-Cal membership remains the same as the last meeting.

Starting this year individuals can pay their USOA individually online rather than through clubs. USOA website is now set up for that.

Financial Report—Carol

2016 income was \$2320 dues, \$1750 insureds, \$300 donations, and \$15 misc.

2016 expenses were \$2000 insurance, \$742 Odyssey, \$500 RAAC, \$286 print/postage, \$200 PO box, \$200 office, and \$20 State fee.

2016 started with a balance of \$2772 plus \$1993 legal defense funds. As of 1/15/2017 the balances are \$4164 and \$1993.

Major expenses expected in 2017 are insurance (\$2000) and the scholarship (\$1000).

Newsletter costs are unknown as we are working on going digital. USOA gave up their bulk permit so we can no longer use that.

Donations from Mike Gower and Steve Campi and at least one other member in support of the RAAC were received.

Website—Larry

A Facebook link has been added to the website.

The name of the “Contact Us” page has been changed to “Officers +” and now lists directors also.

The Calendar page is being updated this month as clubs come up with their plans.

Scholarship—

Carol checks the P.O. Box and said that no applications have been received.

UW Hockey—Carol

This coming weekend there will be a regional tournament in Denver, which may include some Cen-Cal players.

March 11-12 will be the Atlantic Coast Championships in Orlando, FL.

National championship games for 2017 will be June 16-18 in Cincinnati.

USOA has 3 teams, which include some Cen-Cal players, going to the 2017 world championships in Australia (July 12-22). Carol is looking for mentors for these teams since many players are juniors.

Teams are also forming for 2018 worlds in Quebec. Both masters and elite categories will compete.

Photography—

The Monterey Shootout dates have been set for 2017 and are Aug. 25-27.

UW Rugby—Carol

Still being played in Mt. View. They are up on Facebook.

Skin Spearfishing—Alex and Brandi

The bank account balance is \$14738.14 as of 1/23, not including \$90 received from Cen-Cal for 2017 meet fees, pending a question for Carol.

Athlete of the Year (AOY) award has been updated by Glen McGuire. Super job!

The Owen Churchill, Kate Miller, and PCC's VOIT trophies are in Glen's possession for cleaning and updating.

A newer Churchill trophy (built when the original was missing) is in Mike Gower's possession. He is hoping it will be updated by someone and taken to the Ft. Bragg meet in August.

The 2017 National Meet will be hosted by Cen-Cal in Ft. Bragg, CA. The date is August 3rd. Our bid, the full schedule, and qualifying teams can be found on the spearfishing website, www.cencalspearfishing.org. The Little River Inn has been booked for our awards dinner at special room rates. The Inn will also accept all of the fish and distribute them to several charities. Alex has yet to notify DFW about the meet. The registration packet should be distributed in the next 3-4 weeks. Brandi asked how many mens teams and how many mixed teams may Cen-Cal enter? The answer is 5 and 5. The previous National team has dissolved and will not be defending their title, so we will not have to host their dinners.

Pan American championship is scheduled in Argentina for March 8-12.

An international freediving spearfishing meet at Lake Mead is being organized by Mike McGuire for May 18-20. USOA will host it and the plan is to hold it biennially with the 2019 meet planned for New Zealand.

RAAC (Recreational Abalone Advisory Council)—Carol

The DFW Commission's decision on how to meet the 25% harvest reduction was to reduce the annual bag limit to 12 and eliminate April and November as harvest months. The next meeting will be held March 11, either in Petaluma or Rohnert Park.

Old Business

Dennis B. took the donated Mark II Zodiac to Eagle Marine for evaluation. It needs two new valves installed (\$80 each) and it needs some patching. It is also supposed to have a wooden floor. The boat has not been registered for 30+ years. Carol moved and Dennis H. seconded to give it to Nor Cal Dive Club. Passed.

New Business

Brandi moved to elect Dennis B. as Catch Records Director. Larry seconded the motion. Passed.

Larry moved, Dennis H. seconded Dennis B. for Vice President. Passed.

USOA annual meetings will be held March 23 in NJ, reports Carol. There are many changes to the Bylaws, but they are minor.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal's next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2017, and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:25 PM.