

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the November 27, 2018, meeting

Call to Order— at 7:39 PM by Jim Kaller

Also present were Brandi Easter, Carol Rose, and Larry Ankuda.

Membership—Carol

CenCal membership has remained the same because all dues paid after 10/15 carry over and belong to 2019. So CenCal is at 165 and USOA is 74. Since there were 2 major UWH events, Carol is sure that some dues came in but she has not received an updated list from USOA.

Financial Report—Carol

The balance in the working account is \$5335.92.

The defense fund balance is stable at \$1993.

USOA will owe CenCal some major bucks for UWH players on January 1.

Website—Larry

Scholarship winner Casey Sheridan's biography and photo are now posted.

Scholarship—Jim

Casey Sheridan's bio and photo were forwarded to Larry. The scholarship check has cleared the bank.

Jim is favoring a May cutoff for applications for the 2019 scholarship applications received, but the cutoff deadline will be decided later.

UW Hockey—Carol

Pacific Coast Championship meet was a great success. Over 20 teams participated, so it was a very active weekend. It was held in Santa Clarita, CA, on November 10-11.

The AGE tournament, as called by CMAS in Sheffield, England, will be in mid-August of next year. Teams are under 19 and/or under 23 men and women. USOA will likely

send U19 men/women. Juniors may now be in the under 19 and under 23 age brackets. It is difficult to set teams with schools starting, but efforts are being made. The San Francisco group usually supplies the base for U19 men.

Photography—Jim

The Monterey Shootout photos are available online.

UW Fin Swimming--Carol

No news.

UW Rugby—Carol

Giant Sea Bass held a one day intro event on November 17.

Giant Sea Bass is seriously considering hosting the 2019 National Meet in May. A possible location is Gunderson High School in San Jose.

Our U/W rugby rep is Cyrus Katrak available at katrakc@gmail.com.

Skin Spearfishing—Brandi

The 2018 PCC meet did happen when Wasen Ventura took the lead. Paul Romanowski and team placed first.

World freshwater meet in New Zealand's Lake Taupo will be held on March 9-10, 2019. This is the 2nd WFSC (The 1st was held in the USA at Lake Mead, 2017). Eight teams (16 divers) will be heading there.

The Skindiving Nationals will be held June 7 at Lake Mead, NV. This will replace the saltwater nationals and will be posted by the Rocky Mountain Council. It will be a boat-based meet and more information is forthcoming.

The bank balance in the Spear account today is \$16,436.20. There has been no activity since the USOA deposit of \$1000 from the 2017 Nationals.

The Skin Spear Account will stay as is in a separate account if no one steps up when Brandi Easter retires. Carol and Dennis Haussler have access rights, but we will be missing Brandi greatly.

Old Business

Another purple sea urchin collection event was held September 29-30 at Ocean Cove.

Another one is scheduled for January 12-13 at Van Damme. For more information contact Josh Russo at joshandleslie2@sbcglobal.net.

New Business

Abalone closure: We can safely state that abalone take will be closed for the years 2019 and 2020. This will become official on December 12.

Kelp loss is a world-wide issue. Tasmania is now suffering.

USOA has a brand new website: www.underwater-society.org. Take a look. CenCal clubs should register there to get information via the web site. All CenCal members can now pay their USOA dues there and all UWH and UWR can pay their CenCal dues there. All CenCal members can also pay their CenCal dues on www.cencal.org.

Next meeting

CenCal's next meeting will be held January 30 and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:42 PM.