

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the November 29, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order – at 7:51 PM after Carol called Larry to remind him of the meeting.

Membership –Carol

Cen-Cal membership is now at 191.

Financial Report—Carol

The balance in the Chase account hasn't changed from the September report. USOA owes CenCal \$945 in dues and CenCal owes USOA \$195 in dues.

Website—Larry

Information about the Black Friday shark attack has been added in the “GW Encounters” page.

Scholarship—

Thinking about 2018, Jim will make an “executive decision” on a cut-off date for receiving applications. He will probably go with late spring before schools let out for the summer.

UW Hockey—Carol

PCCs were Oct 14-15 in Santa Clarita.

The Battle of Altitude (Denver) will be held January 26-28, 2018.

A CanAm tournament will be held Feb 10-11 in Orlando.

Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC) will be April 13-15, 2018 in Quebec.

2018 U/W Hockey Nationals will be June 8-10 in Denver.

The World meet are will be in July, between the 8th and the 28th. Teams are now forming.

Photography—

No news.

UW Fin Swimming—Carol

A World Cups event will be hosted by USOA in Coral Springs, FL, May 13-15. Swimmers arrive on Sunday; swim Monday & Tuesday.

UW Rugby—Carol

Sea Bass, a Cen-Cal UWR team say they will host a tournament in May, 2018; we will check on dates. Sea Bass plays at Eagle Pool in Mt. View and also Martin Luther King Pool in San Francisco.

The Junior World Championships will be in Germany over our Thanksgiving weekend. It will be a four day tournament.

Skin Spearfishing—Carol

The 2018 national meet will be in St. Petersburg, FL, on June 27-28. It will be a two day meet.

The World Meet will be in Portugal September 6-10. One diver from FL, one from HI, and our Paul Young are planning on going.

The Spear bank account balance is \$16,053.92, with some reimbursements still to be paid. That Nationals P/L is not yet finalized.

Brandi would like to be relieved as Spearo Treasurer; who will volunteer?

Old Business

The FGC meeting October 11-12 narrowed down the options for the 2018 abalone harvest. The big decisions will be made Dec. 6-7.

New Business

A date for the next RAAC meeting date has not been set, but it will probably be in January. Carol will look for a room in the Santa Rosa area.

A shark attack occurred last Friday in Stillwater Cove, a couple 100 yards off Pebble Beach. Skindiver Grigor Azatian, a S. CA diver, was spearfishing with his father when he was severely bitten on the right thigh. He was transported to Natividad Hospital in Salinas where he has undergone at least 2 surgeries. Doctors believe he will recover to be able to walk again. A GoFundMe account has been started by his family and can be found at: <https://www.gofundme.com/grigors-shark-attack-medical-fund>.

Purple sea urchins have been a topic of discussion among BA Diving and others, specifically should there be an effort to rid the reefs of them. Bruce Watkins has proposed to the Fish and Game Commission to change the rules to allow unlimited take, which involves 4 changes: 1) removal of the “wanton Waste” rule, 2) strike the 35 urchin bag limit, 3) remove the requirement to have a fishing license, and 4) allow the take of purple urchins in specified MPAs. This proposal was accepted last week and will be formally presented to the Commission at their Dec. 6-7 meeting. Brandi will attend this meeting.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal’s next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2018, and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:22 PM.