

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the November 30, 2016 Meeting

Call to Order—by Jim Kaller at

Also present were Brandi Easter, Carol Rose, Dennis Haussler, Dennis Belcher Bob Burres, and Larry Ankuda.

Membership—Carol Rose

Cen-Cal membership is currently at 192. USOA membership in our area is 156.

Financial Report—Carol

The bank balance is \$4333 after \$250 was expended for the RAAC meeting. Separately, the legal fund retains \$1993. As much as \$600 may yet be due to Cen-Cal from USOA for membership fees.

Expenses remaining for 2016 are the \$1000 scholarship, the newsletter (\$100 + \$60 mailing) and \$100 to print & mail member information. After these are paid the 1/1/2017 balance will be around \$3000.

The 2017 newsletter: We plan to go digital in the second half of 2017 so most recipients will be accessing it online.

Major expenses expected in 2017 are two newsletters (\$320), insurance (\$2000), and the scholarship (\$1000).

Confusion with collecting dues continues, said Carol. Various ways to pay Cen-Cal and/or USOA have led to inability to track the funds. Bob will help her with this.

Website—Larry Ankuda

In order to add social media links to the website Larry needs someone with a Facebook or Bob and Brandi will assist Larry in setting up and then administering an account.

Scholarship—Jim

No entries at all have been received for the scholarship. He wanted to set a new deadline and suggested Friday, Feb. 17. Larry will make the change.

UW Hockey—Carol

The PCCs were held in Santa Clarita Oct. 15-16.

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

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

Cen-Cal has 3 teams 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.

Photography—Jim

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

NCUPS is unsure if SEA will continue next year.

UW Rugby—Carol

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

Skin Spearfishing—Brandi

The bank account balance is \$14,738.14.

Athlete of the Year (AOY) award is being handled by Glen McGuire and is in the process of updating for 2010 and 2012 through 2016.

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

The VOIT needs cleaning and the others need repairs, which Glen has a volunteer for gratis. All need updating. These and the AOY are USOA issues; Carol suggests asking spearfishing club for donations or some sort of crowd funding. All are tax deductible.

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

The 2017 National Meet will be hosted by Cen-Cal. The date has been moved earlier in August to avoid school hours and will be held on the 3rd. It will be in Fort Bragg, CA. Qualifying teams are now listed, and these can be found via links from our website.

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

An invitational freediving spearfishing meet for Lake Mead is being organized by Mike McGuire. It will be held May 18-20 and USOA will host it.

RAAC (Recreational Abalone Advisory Council)—Carol

The Nov. 5 meeting was held in Rohnert Park. The abalone population trigger set in ARMP was reached which requires a plan to reduce take 25%. DFW presented several options: reduce the yearly bag limit to 9 was one, or close November and/or April with a less reduced yearly bag limit. The basic problem is fourfold: warm water, death of starfish, explosion in urchin populations, and a warm water blob. As a result abalones are starving. Some are so weak they wash off their rock in heavy surge and roll up on the beach.

The MRC committee of the DFW met Nov. 15 in Los Alamitos. They reviewed abalone take laws of the last few years, followed by notice of the need for further emergency action and DFW's proposed changes. Josh Russo attended on behalf of divers and came away with a possible of reduction to 12 (rather than 9) and month closures of April & November. Also on the table is the thought to shut down abalone take completely for one year. M/S/P poll Cen-Cal members with the options. Brandi will work to write up the

options; Bob will arrange with DoodlePoll or a similar service; Larry will send/collect votes/notify. Larry is to send an alert e-mail now to the members. A Cen-Cal letter written with poll results will be submitted to the F&W Commission December 5th. An additional 2 hour RAAC meeting via phone is to be held by DFW on Dec. 1 at 5:30 PST. The toll-free call-in number is 888-808-6929 and the meeting access code is 9961539#. This is a RAAC follow-up meeting; public comment is usually limited to 10 minutes and each speaker limited to 2-3 minutes. Saturday, Dec. 3 another meeting initiated by divers will be held in Ft. Bragg from noon to 4 PM to discuss abalone management. DFW representatives will attend. It will be at the CV Starr Center, 300 S. Lincoln Street. A final decision on how to meet the 25% harvest reduction will be made at DFW Commission meetings in San Diego Dec. 7-9. Any emergency action taken is limited to 180 days, then can be renewed for 90 days and then another 90 days.

Old Business

Dennis Belcher reported that the Mark II Zodiac donated to Cen-Cal probably needs new valves installed, which would probably cost more than the boat would bring at auction. This item was not fully discussed.

New Business

A MLMA orientation will be held Dec. 13th from noon to 1 PM via telephone. The conference phone number is 218-339-7800 and the conference ID is 727150.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal's next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2017, and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:59 PM.