

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the March 29, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order –Jim Kaller at 7:38 PM

Present were Brandi Easter, Carol Rose, and Larry Ankuda,

Membership –Carol

We have a problem. It is easy to join USOA online but any USOA member must also be a Cen-Cal member and cross-checking memberships is very confusing.

Financial Report—Carol

We are looking at about \$4000 for this year's expenses.

Website—Larry

The "GW Encounters" page has been rearranged. Also, two entries about last week's attack on a kayak have been added.

Scholarship—Jim

One application was received in the mail and Carol will mail it to Jim.

UW Hockey—Carol

March 11-12 were the Atlantic Coast Championships in Orlando, FL, and they went well. National championship games for 2017 will be June 16-18 in Cincinnati. The sport has grown so that the number of teams entering in the future will have to be limited, so some sort of playoffs may have to be instituted.

USOA has 3 teams, which include some Cen-Cal players, going to the 2017 world championships in Australia July 12-22. Final selections are being made this coming weekend.

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

Carol will be going to the CMAS meeting this year in Rome to lobby for hockey.

Photography—Jim

The Monterey Shootout dates have been set for 2017 and will be held Aug. 25-27. There will be diving Friday and Saturday.

The SEA competition will not happen this year.
Photo equipment keeps getting more and more sophisticated and a lot of quality equipment is coming down in price.

UW Rugby—Carol

Only 7 clubs are playing in the entire U.S., with one here, a couple in FL, and the rest in the NE.

Skin Spearfishing—Brandi

The 2017 National Meet will be hosted by Cen-Cal in Ft. Bragg, CA. The date is August 3rd. A logo for the meet was being worked on. Carol said that A \$1000 deposit was to accompany the bid; Brandi will mail this promptly to USOA's Wendy Okafuji.

Pan American championship scheduled for last month was canceled AFTER teams had arrived on site! This will be brought to the attention of USOA.

An international freediving spearfishing meet at Lake Mead is being organized by Mike McGuire for May 18-20. He wants to hold this biennially with the 2019 meet held in New Zealand.

The balance in the checking account is \$14,809.99.

RAAC (Recreational Abalone Advisory Council)—Carol

The 11:00 preliminary preliminary presentation by Josh Russo and Sonke Mastrup explained abalone management and had about 30 in attendance. The first change in the afternoon RAAC agenda was to have Sonke chair it and this went well. There was a lot of concern about divers showing up on April 1 to take abalone, which is a month early. In 2018, the closure of April and November will continue as one year is not enough to make a significant change in population. The RAAC wants to be more involved with the FMP for red abalone, so there will be a one day meeting in July and 2 days in August to get the two groups together.

Old Business

New Business

Carol had the old Cen-Cal slides transferred onto a flash drive, so this is available for presentations. She yet wants to incorporate videos and narrative with these.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal's next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017, and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:58 PM.