

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the April 11, 2018, meeting

Call to Order— at 7:35 PM by Jim Kaller

Also present were Carol Rose and Larry Ankuda. This meeting had been postponed because Larry's telephones were inoperative on March 28th.

Membership—Carol

CenCal had 23 paid members as of January, mostly from the Aqua-Tutus. USOA had 7 members join from our area. Many other memberships are on the way from hockey and rugby groups.

Financial Report—Carol

There is little change in the bank balance since the last report. The post office box fee has been paid.

Website—Larry

If a member needs a risk waiver, it must now be downloaded to paper for completion and signature, then submitted to Cen-Cal membership, either by (1) scanning the completed document and completing and emailing it or (2) mailing it via USPS.

Recent updates are for (1) warnings of many DO NOT EAT sport harvested shellfish affecting all of CenCal's ocean-front counties and (2) campaign to harvest purple sea urchins (PSU) to allow kelp and associated lifeforms to reestablish. Considerable discussion ensued about PSU and the root cause: global warming. CenCal supports any efforts to combat PSUs but we feel that this is a problem on a grand scale and a very long time-line.

Scholarship—Jim

The April 30 cut-off date has been advertised. Carol usually checks the PO box weekly, but has not yet seen any applications.

UW Hockey—Carol

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 Quebec City in July, between the 8th and the 28th. Teams are formed: Elite Men/Women, Masters Men/Women (over age 35).

A Pacific Coast Championship meet will be held in the fall, still no date known.

The Old-Timers (Alzheimers?) tournament will return to Denver Sep. 15-16. It is a biennial event; the first one was held in 2016, and like the first one will be a fundraiser for the UWH Junior tournament the following year.

The Junior Tournament in 2019 will be in Sheffield , England. Juniors are the under 19 age bracket.

Photography—Jim

The Monterey Shootout will be August 9-11. Berkeley White has taken over most of the hosting from NCUPS and Backscatter will advertise this event soon. The Shootout had over 100 entries last year.

UW Fin Swimming--Carol

A World meet will be in Serbia this summer. CenCal may have 2 or 3 swimmers participating.

UW Rugby—Carol

Sea Bass, a Cen-Cal UWR team, will host a one day potluck tournament on Sunday, April 15; in the Los Gatos H. S. pool. Invitations have been released and the public is invited to view and cheer. The games start at 9:00 and will run until about 2:30 PM. Sea Bass routinely plays at Eagle Pool in Mt. View and also at Martin Luther King Pool in San Francisco.

The Junior (under 21) World Championships will be in Germany but has been moved back a week so it is now November 14-18. It will be a four day tournament.

Skin Spearfishing—Brandi

2018 Freshwaters National Meet will be hosted by RMSA on June 8-9 in Lake Powell. This tournament is a qualifier for Freshwater Worlds to be held at Lake Taupo, New Zealand, on March 9-10, 2019. Ann Doherty and Brandi Easter will be diving in both, representing RMSA.

The 2018 national meet will be in St. Petersburg, FL, on June 27-28. It will be a two day meet. It is unknown who from CenCal will be attending.

The World Meet will be in Portugal September 6-10. The U.S. team is Joe Fernandez, Captain, and divers Ryan Myers, Paul Young (of CenCal), and Kelston McGuire (Mike's son). Coaches are Cameron Kirkconnell, Dr. Erick Salado, and Mike McGuire. You may support them by buying T-shirts, available online at teamusaspearfishing.bigcartel.com.

Changes to USOA Skin Spear rules:

3.2.2 Mixed team: A mixed team can be made up of one of the following combinations: 1) Two adults of the opposite sex.

2) An adult diving with a minor (2018).

3.2.2.1 *A minor aged diver is one who is under 18 years of age on the first/only day of competition.*

3.2.4 Each USOA member Council and/or Independent Club may enter three (3) men's and three (3) women's teams and three (3) mixed teams in the National Championships for the first 40 USOA members or portion thereof (2003). *The Hosting Council and/or Independent club may enter one extra team in each division (2018).* The bank balance in the Spear account is \$15,436.20. The return of the USOA \$1000 deposit for the 2017 National meet is still waiting. Brandi understands that the tournament organizers need to provide team entry forms.

Old Business

New Business

CA form 990 needs to be filed with IRS, according to a message received by Larry. Carol will file this. Jim asked if the California AG RRF1 form has been filed; Carol will check this.

Purple sea urchins have been a topic of discussion among the community. A grass roots urchin removal, spearheaded by Josh Russo of the Watermen's Alliance, by any and all volunteer divers is scheduled for Memorial weekend, May 26-27, at an area to be selected near Ocean Cove. DFW is considering removing the sport take limit of 35 urchins per diver. DFW is also considering their own urchin removal project at Noyo River and/or Caspar. Their next FGC meeting is next week, April 18-19 in Ventura, and the agenda includes adoption of emergency regulations on the sport take of PSU to support kelp recovery.

USOA is seriously looking at hiring an IT company to manage their finances and record keeping. There are several companies which do this for sports organizations, and USOA has talked to GoMembership and Sports Engine. There is also the possibility of including website maintenance and newsletter production and distribution. The fees of one such company interviewed would be \$2000 per year.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal's next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 30, 2018, and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:33 PM.