

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the May 29, 2019, meeting

Call to Order— at 7:34 by Jim Kaller
Also present were Carol Rose and Larry Ankuda.

Membership—Carol
CenCal membership stands at 114, with the main groups being Aqua-Tutus (41), NorCal (23), and Club Puck (19).
USOA membership from our area is at 46, with Club Puck being the big one due to the necessity for insurance coverage.

Financial Report—Carol
Income has been enhanced by \$345 since the last report, which was NorCal membership receipts for 23 divers. USOA owes CenCal about \$600 in dues so far this year. Balance in the checking account is about \$6K.
P.O. box rent of \$154 will be an upcoming expense.
Larry transferred \$62.20 in from PayPal memberships on 4/11 and \$62.51 on 4/22 and \$47.94 on 5/21.
Carol is working with USOA to ensure that insurance coverage continues.

Website—Larry
More people have used PayPal via the website to join. Mike Ban of Elbert, CO, joined USOA and CenCal on May 6th so that he could be on a CenCal team for the upcoming National Meet.
A donation of \$50 was received from John Murphy on April 11.
Larry reported that in order to have risk waiver forms signed and returned electronically we would have to hire help to have these processed securely. Another alternative may be uploading our waivers to a service such as DocuSign, AdobeSign, or HelloSign. Then

anyone needing a waiver would have to indicate this by emailing a specific person within CenCal, who would then pass this to the service, and the service would verify the interested party and signature via email. Records of this would be available to each party. The cost for this would be \$25 per month. An upgraded service from AdobeSign says that a fillable form could be made available on our website for interested parties. The cost for this is \$40/month.

Larry asked Carol if USOA could have more than one agency listed on their waiver so that persons needing a waiver could obtain USOA and CenCal in one pen stroke. Carol will check this.

Scholarship—Jim

Jim hasn't received any applications even though he has received at least 3 interests via email. Also, Carol did mail Jim a packet but he hasn't received that either. Jim suspects that these may have gone to his old address at 155 Montgomery Street due to a mixup at the post office; he will look into this.

Jim brought up the idea of making the scholarship application process electronic. Carol said that WDHO applications are completely electronic. Larry said that may be aided by one of the services discussed under the "Website" section.

UW Hockey—Carol

Overall, hockey is very active, as usual, and going well.

ACC (Atlantic Coast Championship), held in Quebec City, Quebec on April 26-28 happened, but we know of no results because CenCal did not send a team.

UWH Nationals will be held June 21-23 in Orlando, FL. Carol will be going.

The S. F. Sea Lions club only has 6 members listed but need more for insurance coverage. They probably have more playing so Carol will check into this.

Photography—Jim

The Monterey Shootout dates are set for Aug. 22—25. The planned events and sites will be very similar to last year. Carol and Helga Mahlmann are working on this with show sponsors and providing appropriate insurance coverage.

UW Fin Swimming—Carol

Fin swimming is in the doldrums in the U. S.

UW Rugby—Carol

The California Cup competition at the College of Marin on April 20-21 was well attended, well received, and fun. There was easy access to the college and close parking to the pool. About 60 swimmers participated, formed into about 6 teams. Most players were from the northeastern US, where rugby is popular.

Sea Bass club has been quiet lately.

Skin Spearfishing—Carol

The Skindiving Nationals will be held June 7 at Lake Mead, NV, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Council. It will be a boat-based meet. Boulder City is the nearby metropolis and rooms at the local casino run about \$39/night. To date, 54 divers have registered—

from Hawaii, Florida, New Mexico, and California. It should be a lot of fun as there are no limits of the take of allowed species. Tilapia exists in the lake and is not indigenous, so is allowed for take. Striped bass is also allowed. Two years ago, on the last day of the meet, 30 divers shot 10,000 pounds of carp (yes—ten thousand pounds!). The diver with the most pounds of take for this meet will be the winner, and in the event of a tie the one with the heaviest individual fish will be proclaimed the winner. The carp are trucked away and turned into cat food.

The Randy Fry Big “X” meet date has been changed to June 8th. See www.cencal.org for details.

NorCal Skin Divers will host a CenCal team spearfishing meet at Ft. Ross on Sep. 21. The weigh-in will be at Ocean Cove. Carol plans to get a newsletter mailed out to highlight this event, and will cover other noteworthy items.

Old Business

The SFO Dive Show at the Santa Clara convention center on April 26-27 had very poor attendance according to one diver who attended.

New Business

The red abalone FMP meeting of May 22 saw Carol and Brandi Easter attending. About 30 people were there. Historically, the AMRP was passed in 1997 when the species crashed in S CA, due significantly to commercial take & withering foot syndrome. In 1999 MPAs were instituted. Since then a new idea for a Fishery Management Plan was started with lobsters, and was then instituted for red abalone, but then the die-off at Ft. Ross and now the purple sea urchin devastation took over. At the May 22 meeting, an idea of opening the season in a very restricted manner was discussed, such as has been done with tags for animal hunting. But the red ab population is in terrible shape. So now a series of 6 meetings—3 in person & 3 webinars—is being planned. DFW has hired a professional facilitating group to conduct the meetings. Openings exist for interested active divers to attend and provide input at all 6 meetings. Carol will pass on the meeting dates when she learns of them.

The RAAC may reconvene in the beginning of 2020.

Next meeting

CenCal’s next meeting will be on July 31. Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:36 PM.