

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the July 27, 2016 Meeting

Call to Order –by Jim Kaller

Carol Rose, Brandi Easter, Dennis Belcher, Daniel Schwartz, and Larry Ankuda were present.

Membership –Carol Rose

Carol and others are busy sorting out the various payments methods (checks via direct mail, PayPal, cash/checks at events) of both Cen-Cal and USOA dues.

Financial Report—Carol

She has paid the insurance bill for the year and sent out invoices to groups requesting coverage. The August 20 skindiving event at Albion campground has been insured.

We have \$6000 in the account of which \$2000 is for legal defense.

Cen-Cal will host the RAAC in November and it will cost us about \$200.

The fall newsletter will cost about \$350 for printing & mailing.

Website—Larry Ankuda

Larry took the shark by the gills and taught himself enough html and coding to create a new site. Check it out at www.cencal.org.

In order to add social media links to the website Larry needs someone with a Facebook or other account to assist with setting this up.

More pages/tabs could be added. What are user's preferences for items such as:

Dive shops, retailers w/out shops, mfr-wholesaler.

DFW, MBNMS, SCAN, WDHOF, NCOF.

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Insurance, membership, PayPal

Financial

AVPs

Scholarship—Jim

Larry explained that there is no application form on the website because we have not yet decided on when the next scholarship will be awarded and associated application deadline. Discussion followed and we set October 15th as an application deadline.

UW Hockey—Carol

Talk at the 2016 nationals at Denver in June led to the idea for an ‘old timers’ event, so one was scheduled at the same facility in Denver on Sep. 17-18. It will be laid back, starting at 10 AM and finishing by 4 PM.

The PCCs will be held in Santa Clarita Oct. 15-16.

Teams are forming and try-outs will be held for the 2017 world championships in Australia and 2018 in Quebec.

Photography—Jim

NCUPS needs more volunteers to work at organizing various photo events. Backscatter has helped by pretty much taking over sponsoring the Monterey Shootout.

UW Rugby—Carol

They have paid their dues & insurance and are playing away.

Skin Spearfishing—Brandi Easter

The bank account is flush but it will be needed for the 2017 National meet.

2016 National skin and scuba spearfishing meets in Beaver Lake, AR, June 22-25, hosted by the Midwest Council. The first day was a fun tournament aimed at striped bass. The second day was skin diving only competition. The third day featured skin and scuba international invitational tournaments. Three teams from New Zealand competed.

Nor-Cal will host an August 20th meet at Albion that will also be a qualifying meet for the 2017 Cen-Cal nationals. All of the rules are now posted on the skindiving website, along with a button for registration. \$5 of the \$15 registration fee will go to USOA for insurance. Dennis Belcher is coordinating the meet so he will have to ensure that each competitor is a USOA and Cen-Cal member and has signed a risk waiver.

The 2016 World Meet will be in Greece Sep. 15-19.

RAAC (Recreational Abalone Advisory Council)—Carol

The March 12 meeting minutes are published. To view go to CA DFW and search for RAAC, or request them from Carol or Larry.

Some interesting facts: About 25,000 abalone cards were sold in 2015. The fund is slowly reducing yearly, so expenses will have to be reduced to stay solvent. The current income/expense shortfall is about \$100,000.

Telephone interviews have been held for the 3 nominees for the south sport seat and 6 nominees for the north sport seat. The final selections are not yet published.

Red abalone seedlings were outplanted at 3 sites around Palos Verdes point and are being monitored periodically this year.

Dramatic subtidal community structure changes are being monitored at 10 sites along the Sonoma and Mendocino coasts. Major changes seen are harmful algal bloom in 2011, sea star wasting disease in 2013, purple urchin explosion in 2014. These have resulted in

reducing food available for abalone the last 2 years. Abalone density is being followed biennially at the ten standard gridded sites.

A meeting site search is underway for a northern CA meeting place for the RAAC on November 5th.

Old Business

A Mark II Zodiac has been donated by Nancy Caruso in Pittsburg, CA: Dennis Belcher picked it up for Cen-Cal. The bag it is in has dry rot, and Dennis was told that a couple of the valves would not allow air to be held, so hopes are not high. It is still in his garage and he will get to it when he gets back from Hawaii.

New Business

Pebble Beach access: Daniel Schwartz:

Barbary Coast diver Daniel Schwartz wanted to shoot at Fire Rock last year for the Monterey Shootout. At the entry kiosk he was told that beach access was closed but he drove in anyway. There were 2 big dumpsters in the parking area near the pier and it was roped off. There Daniel was approached by security and also a woman from the beach house. They told him he was trespassing and took photos of him & car. He then left but came back next day & recorded video with his cell phone at the kiosk and at the parking lot & pier.

He then contacted the Coastal Commission and finally hooked up with Serise Taylor (sp?). Serise then talked to the beach house woman & higher ups with Pebble Beach Co. He was told the dumpsters in lot were for work during the week and Pebble Beach forget to open lot for the weekend.

In the past 10 parking spaces along the hedgerow had been reserved for beach users.

There is a phone number to call but Daniel said it just goes to a recording.

On March 17 Daniel got documents from the CC with his rights, etc. Beach users now have 6 spots by the pier for beach access, but users are still supposed to call first. The hedgerow parking is still available to us.

Daniel also said there is supposed to be a coastal trail from Spanish Bay (Asilomar) to Carmel Beach built by Pebble Beach Co. This was delineated in the Del Monte forest land use plan. He intends to look into that farther.

Fisheries and Aquaculture: Brandi:

On August 10 the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture will host presentations and discussions of this season's crab fishery and associated factors affecting it. This will be in the State Capitol building, Room 3191 from 1-4 PM.

USOA Athlete of the Year: Brandi:

This award has been neglected for years but there are plans afoot to resurrect it under new affiliation. Glen McGuire is leading the charge and has put together an AOY committee with representatives from each US region. The AOY committee has just recently started discussions.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal's next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 28th and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 9:14 PM.

