

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of July 29, 2020

This meeting was virtual via a Zoom video conference arranged by Dave Clutts. Also present at 7:31 PM were Carol Rose, Glen McGuire, and Larry Ankuda.

Membership—Carol

Members: CenCal has 116 members and 35 also joined USOA via our Council.

Masks: Since the last meeting Carol & Larry agreed on the idea of buying face masks imprinted with the CenCal logo as a way to protect members and give them something tangible while promoting CenCal. They shopped and ordered 250 masks. Carol just received them today and will send one to each CenCal member and associated individuals (RAAC, DFW). The final cost comes to almost five dollars each. We plan to make the rest available: one for an \$8 donation; 2 for a \$12 donation. These can be ordered from Carol Rose. Larry will attempt to modify the website to accommodate this.

Financial Report—Carol

Insurance for the July 1—June 30 year was purchased from USOA. Several groups then purchased from CenCal for 2020, but with retightening of COVID restrictions adjustments may be made into 2021.

The “CenCal Spear” account balance of \$15,670.20 was transferred to the general account on June 20, but it will be tracked as a set-aside account as the legal defense fund is. This was done because (1) spearfishing has not had a financial secretary for 1-1/2 years, (2) Larry, who volunteered to take that position, was a signer on the main account but not on spearfishing, and (3) Chase Bank said that 2 accounts with the same routing number was not within banking guidelines.

USOA owes CC \$405 in dues

Website—Larry

People can join CenCal and buy insurance via the website, but otherwise it is pretty static.

U/W Hockey—Carol

Pools are closed so hockey is not happening in California. One pool in Seattle is now open and one group in the Florida keys never stopped playing.

The National meet is canceled.

U/W Rugby—Carol

This sport is at a standstill, too

The Nationals were canceled.

Skin Spearfishing—Dave

The CenCal competition meet, hosted by NorCal Skindivers and scheduled for August 8th, has been canceled.

The National meet was canceled. Glen brought up the 2021 national meet. Since GLACD's plan to host this year's meet was canceled their Paul Romanowski said they may not bid for 2021. Dave suggested maybe jointly hosting next year's Nationals with GLACD, but USOA spearfishing director Scott Turgeon said the West Palm Beach was on the list to host next year. The possibility of co-hosting the PCC meet was then mentioned.

Old Business—Carol

RAAC—Carol attended a Zoom meeting on July 11. It is likely the emergency abalone closure will extend for 4-5 years more. Abalone will be discussed at the next Commission meeting August 19-20.

New Business—Carol

The Marine resources Committee, a subcommittee of the DFW Commission, met this morning. They stated that 90 % of the kelp is still gone and then recommended the emergency abalone closure be extended through 2026. They expect that the abalone population will take 40 years to reach 2014 levels. But DFW does need dozens of abalone every year for study, so discussion continues on having some sort of sport lottery to supply their needs.

Sea Grant has grants available for kelp studies, Carol reported. They now have a \$2.1 million program. Glen said that kelp beds as thick as ever are reported in the Gualala area, but Carol said that these are bull kelp, which is an annual growth, not the macrocystis, which is the perennial that has disappeared. Dave said that more than normal bull kelp is also being seen in the Monterey area.

Directorships--Carol wishes to step down from the position of Treasurer and Larry wishes to fill the vacancy. Larry wishes to step down from the position of Secretary and Carol wishes to fill the vacancy. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting

CenCal's next meeting will be on September 30. Dave will set it up; Larry will publish an agenda beforehand.

Adjourn at 8:14 PM.