

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order –by Jim Kaller at 7:42 PM

Also present were Carol Rose, Steve Campi, and Larry Ankuda.

Membership –Carol

Sea Bass UWR club dues were received to update their status with Cen-Cal. Also one individual membership of \$15 was received. Total membership is now 182.

Jim asked if there will be a mass mailing late in the year reminding divers to pay their dues, and the answer was yes.

Financial Report—Carol

The balance in the Chase account on 8/31 was \$6099.26. We transferred \$256.71 from PayPal on 9/22. Also, USOA has \$900+ in U/W hockey membership money which will be forwarded to Cen-Cal before the end of the year.

Jim asked for expected liabilities are expected before the end of the year. Carol said only a newsletter, which would cost about \$200.

Website—Larry

The web host at MyHosting continues after they apparently recognized that our domain name is current and exists at Network Solutions. Steve stated that Network Solutions bumped the domain name to another host they are associated with. He also opened up the possibility of the host computer being his son's, as it was years ago. The main problem might be a loss of power if his son's house experiences a blackout. Larry said he plans to move from MyHosting next May to bypass their intransigence and 50% fee increase (this year it is costing \$186.72).

Larry said that after much back-and-forth with PayPal it appears that there are different categories of 501(c)(3) corporations, and while we are non-profit we are not a charity so do not qualify for their 2.1% fee, so must pay 2.9% on all withdrawals from them. Carol suggested to go through Facebook and get social media riled up about PayPal.

Scholarship—Jim

Thinking about 2018, we need a cutoff date for receiving applications. No one suggested one so Jim will cogitate on it.

UW Hockey—Carol

PCCs are Oct 14-15 in Santa Clarita.

Teams are forming for 2018 worlds in Quebec. The world meet will be in July between the 8th and the 28th.

The Battle of Altitude (Denver) will be held January 26-28, 2018.

Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC) will be April 13-15, 2018 in Quebec.

2018 U/W Hockey Nationals will be June 8-10 in Denver.

Photography—Jim

The Monterey Shootout: There were about 134 entrants—a new record high. Conditions were calm and many great shots were taken. Host Backscatter had many valuable awards and many out-of-state divers participated.

NCUPS has some young upcoming divers arising and seems reinvigorated.

Video technology keeps improving fantastically. Videos are now accepted at contests and are often of great quality.

UW Fin Swimming—Carol

The Modesto group is the only active one in the area and continues.

UW Rugby—Carol

Sea Bass, a Cen-Cal UWR team will host a tournament in May, 2018. Since Sea Bass is a Cen-Cal club all donations for the event are tax deductible to the donors, but donations must be written to Cen-Cal. Cen-Cal will be charged with paying the meet bills, so coordination with Sea Bass will be necessary. They play at Eagle Pool in Mt. View and also Martin Luther King Pool in San Francisco.

Skin Spearfishing—Carol

The 2017 National Meet ended up being well hosted and successful. About 60 divers participated. Among many other duties, Carol ensured that food was made available for returning divers.

The 2018 national meet will be in St. Petersburg, FL, in mid to late June.

The World Meet will be in Portugal September 6-10. One diver from FL, one from HI, and our Paul Young are planning on going.

Old Business

New Business

The fall RAAC meeting date has not been set.

The next FGC meeting is October 11-12, with marine issues being on the Thursday. They will narrow down the options for the 2018 abalone harvest.

The Trump administration has decided to leave the MBNMS as is, thus not subjecting it to more commercial exploitation.

Next meeting

Cen-Cal's next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2017, and Larry will set it up.

Adjourn at 8:35 PM.