

Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.



Minutes of the September 28, 2016 Meeting

Call to Order –by Jim Kaller at 7:37 PM.

Also present were Carol Rose, Bob Burres, Bear Whittington, and Larry Ankuda.

Membership –Carol Rose

Cen-Cal membership stands at 177 and USOA is 150. A digression about waivers ensued between Carol & Bob.

Financial Report—Carol

The bank balance is \$6416, which includes \$1993 of legal defense funds. We owe USOA \$120 but USOA owes us \$450. We also owe spearfishing \$90 in meet fees. We received \$1750 in fees for insurance coverage this year.

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

The fall newsletter will cost us \$400, plus \$100 in postage. Our Daly City printer has retired so Carol will look for another in the Santa Rosa area. We plan to go digital in the first half of 2017 so most recipients will be accessing it online.

The scholarship will dun us another \$1000 this year.

Website—Larry Ankuda

New pages are “Abalone Armageddon” to present scientific notes and diver observations on this important resource of ours, and “GW Encounters” to gather local diver interactions with great whites in central California.

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.

Scholarship—Jim

Notices were posted and Jim has received a few emails of interest but no applications have been received to date. He will send out reminder emails to schools.

UW Hockey—Carol

Bob Burres was elected into the USOA U/W hockey committee.

The ‘Old Timers’ event in Denver on Sep. 17-18 was not only a lot of fun, but an auction of donated goods and services was held to help fund the Juniors’ trip to Australia next year. The auction raised \$20,000.

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

National championship games for 2017 will be June 16-18 in Cincinnati.

Teams are forming and try-outs will be held for the 2017 world championships in Australia (July 12-22) as well as for 2018 in Quebec.

Photography—Jim

The Monterey Shootout was quite a turnaround. Backscatter was the force behind the event this year. They cut the entry fee and ended up with more entrants (104). The ocean conditions those 2 days were great--flat water and good visibility. The Sunday seminars were interesting and well done. Results are posted at www.montereyshootout.com.

UW Rugby—Carol

Sea Bass is playing in Mt. View.

Skin Spearfishing—

The bank account balance is \$14,739.

The 2016 Nationals was held in Beaver Lake ,AR, near Bentonville. Wednesday was a money tournament for striped bass. Thursday was the skin diving national event, which Cen-Cal won. Friday was an open skin/scuba event.

At the 2016 World Meet in Greece Sep. 15-19 the US finished 9th overall.

The 2017 National Meet will be hosted by Cen-Cal. The date has been moved earlier in August to avoid school hours and will be held on the 3rd. It will be in Fort Bragg, CA. Qualifying teams are now listed, and these can be found via links from our website.

Pan American championship is scheduled in Argentina for March 8-12.

An invitational freshwater spearfishing meet for Lake Mead is being organized by Mike McGuire. It will be held May 18-20 and USOA will host it.

RAAC (Recreational Abalone Advisory Council)—Carol

The open sport seat selections have been made. Nancy Caruso(sp?) is the new south and Josh Russo got the north seat.

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

Old Business

The Mark II Zodiac donated to Cen-Cal: We are awaiting Dennis Belcher’s report on its condition.

New Business

David (Bear) Whittington is moving and retiring from his active participation in Cen-Cal. Thank you, Bear, for many years of service, and particularly cooking at events.

Next meeting

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

Adjourn at 8:32 PM.