

**ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL  
2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
11:00 am – 12:00 noon**



**In Attendance:**

<b>OUC Board</b>	President - Raimund Krob Director, Safety - Dave Noble Director, Membership – Karen Theriault Director, Finance – David Taylor Director, Communications – David Black	
<b>OUC Regional Coordinators</b>	Ontario Central-East, Joe Sildiryan Ontario East 2, Tom Miller Ontario South, Elaine Elliott Ontario West, Mike Napran	
<b>OUC Office</b>	Office Administrator, Brian Craig (scribe)	
<b>OUC Clubs</b>	Ajax Scuba Club Barrascuba Underwater Club Etobicoke Underwater Club  Hart House Underwater Club London Skin & Scuba Club Save Ontario Shipwrecks Scarborough Underwater Club Steel City Sport Divers  SWODA	Paul Wood Elaine Elliott, Bob Peters Marianne Collins, Don Macintyre, Art Penney, Mary Maguire, Elois Davis Scott Holmes, Ross Coates, Art Kitching, Dale Johnson; Mike Yano, Michaela Kelly Mike Starr, Bob Belcher, Courtney Gibson Mike Napran, Chris Napran Brian Prince, Marg Barber Marilyn Ricci, Mike Durst Brooke Hooykaas  Patrick Briscoe, Mar Smith
<b>OUC Gold Members</b>	Julien LeBourdais Don Macintyre	
<b>OUC Commercial Members:</b>	None	
<b>Not-yet-Member Observers/Guest/s</b>	None	

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1. <b>Call to Order</b>	OUC President Raimund Krob called the meeting to order at 11:00 am
2. <b>President's Welcoming Remarks</b>	Raimund welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanked everyone for attending, and reminded everyone of OUC's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wine & Cheese reception in support of the Aviva Barth Memorial Program after the AGM.
3. <b>Review and Approval of minutes of 2007 AGM</b>	<p>Raimund directed the membership to the minutes of the 2007 AGM and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes as published.</p> <p>Marianne Collins noted that in the 2007 minutes Don Macintyre should be listed as a Gold Member as well as part of Etobicoke Underwater Club. Also Bob Belcher was listed as a member of EUC and should have been listed as being a member of Hart House Underwater Club.</p> <p>Raimund asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2007 AGM as amended.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Elois Davis, EUC  <b>Seconded by:</b> Mike Star, HHUC  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to accept minutes of 2007 AGM as amended, carried.</p>
4. <b>Review and Approval of the Board of Directors' Reports</b>	<p>Raimund directed the membership to the Board of Directors' reports and asked if there are any questions or edits. There were none.</p> <p>Raimund asked a motion from the floor to approve the Board of Directors' reports.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Ross Coates, EUC  <b>Seconded by:</b> Mike Napran, LSSC  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to accept Board of Directors' Reports carried.</p>
5. <b>Presentation of the Financial Report and approval of the Auditor's Report</b>	<p>OUC Finance Director David Taylor directed the membership to the OUC Financial Report and to (OUC Accounting Firm) Graham Mathew &amp; Partners' review of the Financial report.</p> <p>David asked the membership if there are any questions.</p> <p>Mike Napran asked about the Dave Cooper Fund. It was explained that the fund is to provide the Brockville area with a Hyperbaric chamber. OUC Director of Sport Safety David Noble suggested that maybe the funds could be used for a new-technology "Hyperbaric Stretcher". Suggestion noted for future assessment.</p> <p>Raimund asked for a motion from the floor to approve the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Patrick Briscoe, SWODA  <b>Seconded by:</b> Elois Davis, EUC  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to accept OUC Financial Report and OUC Auditor's Report carried.</p>
6. <b>Amend OUC By-Laws</b>	<p>Raimund directed the membership to the proposed OUC By-law change to change the fiscal year end of the Corporation from end of March to the 30th of June in each year.</p> <p>Ross Coates asked whether the proposed changes had been given to the membership 42 days prior to the meeting as required in the bylaws. Brian Craig informed that the proposed changes had been mailed and emailed to all voting members prior to the 42 day deadline.</p>

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	<p><b>Moved by:</b> Ross Coates, EUC  <b>Seconded by:</b> Elois Davis, EUC  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to change OUC By-Laws carried.</p>
<p><b>7. Election of the Board of Directors</b></p>	
<p><b>7.1. Selection of the Scrutineer</b></p>	<p>Raimund asked Brian Craig, OUC Office Administrator if he would please be the Election Officer and Scrutineer. Brian accepted.</p>
<p><b>7.2. Review of Open Board Positions</b></p>	<p>Raimund reviewed the following positions open for Election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Director, Sport Safety, 2 year term ending at the 2010 AGM</li> <li>- Director, Finance, 2 year term ending at the 2010 AGM</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.3. Election</b></p>	<p><b>Director of Sport Safety</b>  No nominations were received prior to the meeting.  Raimund called to the floor for any final nominations.  Ross Coates, EUC President, nominated Scott Holmes of EUC for the position. Scott accepted the nomination.  Joe Sildiryan, ASC, nominated Paul Wood of Ajax Scuba Club. Paul accepted the nomination.  Raimund asked both nominees to address the membership.  Both Scott and Paul addressed the membership, giving members a bit of their backgrounds, their qualifications, and how they wanted to serve the OUC and the greater Ontario scuba community.  Raimund reminded the nominees and the membership that even though only one nominee would bear the title, that his expectation was that post-election, the two nominees would form an alliance between themselves and with outgoing Director of Sport Safety, Dave Noble, to lend even more strength to the role.</p> <p>Raimund asked for a motion from the floor that the election of Director of Sport Safety be held via secret ballot.  <b>Moved by:</b> &lt;Moved, but mover not recorded&gt;  <b>Seconded by:</b> &lt;Seconded, but seconder not recorded&gt;  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to hold election via secret ballot carried.</p> <p>OUC Election Officer and Scrutineer Brian Craig informed the voting membership verbally of the numbers of their respective votes. Brian handed out voting ballots to all voting members.  The membership voted and returned the ballots to Brian.  Brian and Tom Miller tallied the votes and returned the results of the election to Raimund  Raimund announced that the results were very close, and that the membership had elected Scott Holmes to the position of OUC Director of Sport Safety.</p>

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	<p>Raimund also welcomed EUC back to the “Platinum-Level” of OUC-Supporting Clubs that have a member sitting on the OUC Board of Directors.</p> <p>Raimund asked for a motion from the floor that the secret ballots be destroyed.  <b>Moved by:</b> Brian Prince, SOS  <b>Seconded by:</b> &lt;Seconded but seconder not recorded&gt;  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to destroy secret ballots carried.</p> <p><b>Director of Finance</b>  Raimund asked incumbent, David Taylor of SOS, if he was standing for re-election.  David confirmed that he was.  No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting.  There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received.  <b>Outcome:</b> David Taylor elected to the position of Director of Finance by acclamation.</p> <p>Editor’s note: Here are the “Platinum-Level” OUC-Supporting Member Clubs that have a member sitting on the  <b>OUC’s Board of Directors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scarborough Underwater Club Inc. (Raimund Krob, OUC President)</li> <li>• Etobicoke Underwater Club, (Scott Holmes, OUC Director of Sport Safety)</li> <li>• Ajax Scuba Club, (Karen Theriault, OUC Director of Membership)</li> <li>• Save Ontario Shipwrecks, (David Taylor, OUC Director of Finance)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: David Black, OUC’s Director of Communications is presently unaffiliated</p>
<p><b>8. Elections of the Regional Coordinators (for 1-year terms)</b></p>	<p><b>Ontario East 2 – (Brockville, Ottawa, Cornwall)</b>  Raimund asked incumbent, Tom Miller of Seaway Valley Divers, if he was standing for re-election.  Tom confirmed that he was.  No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting.  There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received.  Tom Miller elected to the position of OUC RC Ontario East 2 by acclamation, congratulations and welcome to your 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Tom!</p> <p><b>Ontario East 1 – (Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough)</b>  Position Vacant  No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting.  There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received.  The position will remain vacant until further notice.</p>

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	<p>Raimund to approach Canadian Sport Divers of Belleville post-AGM to nominate a candidate for appointment.</p> <p><b>Ontario Central-East (East of Yonge St. including Oshawa)</b>  Raimund asked incumbent Joe Sildiryan of ASC, if he was standing for re-election  Joe confirmed that he was.  No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting.  There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received.  Joe Sildiryan elected to the position of OUC RC Central East by acclamation, congratulations and welcome to your 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Joe!</p> <p><b>Ontario Central-West (GTA West of Yonge St. and Tobermory)</b>  Incumbent Michael Krznanic, after serving for 2 terms (thank-you Mike!), not standing for re-election.  Reviewed nomination received from HHUC for Mike Starr and Courtney Gibson to serve jointly.  Raimund explained that the position of RC requires one candidate to take primeship for the role; HHUC advised that Mike would be the prime candidate and that Courtney would be the supporting candidate.  Call to the floor for final nominations, none received.  Mike Starr and Courtney Gibson elected to the position of OUC RC Central-West as prime and supporting members respectively, by acclamation. Congratulations and welcome to your 1<sup>st</sup> term, Mike &amp; Courtney!  Raimund also congratulated and welcomed HHUC to the “Gold-Level” of OUC Supporting Clubs that have a member/s on the <b>OUC Regional Coordinator Team.</b></p> <p><b>Ontario South (Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls)</b>  Incumbent Elaine Elliott of Barrascuba Underwater Club Inc. after serving for 2 terms (thank-you Elaine!), not standing for re-election  Reviewed nomination received for Brooke Hooykaas from Steel City Sport Divers (and not-yet-member Burlington Marlins)  There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received  Brooke Hooykaas elected to the position of OUC RC South by acclamation; congratulations &amp; welcome to your 1<sup>st</sup> term Brooke!</p> <p><b>Ontario West (Kitchener – Waterloo, London, Cambridge, Sarnia)</b>  Incumbent Mike Napran of London Skin &amp; Scuba Club standing for re-election  No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting.  There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received.  Mike Napran elected to the position of OUC RC West by acclamation, congratulations and welcome to your 3<sup>rd</sup> term Mike!</p>

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	<p><b>Ontario North – (North Bay, Sudbury)</b> Incumbent Jackson Young of Sudbury’s Dolphin Aquatic Club, after serving for 2 terms (thank-you Jackson!), not standing for re-election. No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting. There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received. The position will remain vacant until further notice. Raimund to approach Dolphin Aquatic Club of Sudbury and North Bay Scuba Club post-AGM to nominate a candidate for appointment.</p> <p><b>Ontario North-West (Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Kenora)</b> Incumbent Troy Hebert of Wally’s “Thunder Country Diving” standing for re-election No nominations were received for the position prior to the meeting. There was a call to the floor for final nominations, none received. Troy Hebert elected to the position as OUC RC North-West by acclamation. Congratulations and welcome to your 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Troy!</p>
<p><b>9. Awards</b></p>	<p>The Board received a nomination for the Tin Man Award at the 2007 AGM and subsequently approved the nomination at its January 2008 Board Meeting. <b>The "TINMAN" Award, in memory of Al McIlmoyle, is sponsored by The Scuba Club of Toronto for a diving club, organization or individual for excellence in volunteer service to the non-diving community in Ontario.</b> The Board would like to call on Michael Krznanic as recipient of the 2007 Tin Man Award. Ross Coates, President of EUC, accepted the award on Michael Krznanic’s behalf.</p> <p>The Board received a nomination from Etobicoke Underwater Club for the Distinguished Service Award. <b>The "Distinguished Service Award", to be maintained at the highest calibre, is for an individual, group or organization that has performed an exceptional service to the sport of scuba diving.</b></p> <p>The OUC Award Selection Committee accepted the nomination and presented the OUC Distinguished Service Award to Art Penney, of the Etobicoke Underwater Club.</p> <p>The Board received a nomination from Etobicoke Underwater Club for the Lt. Cdr Ken Grant award. <b>The Lt. Cdr. Ken Grant Memorial Trophy is awarded annually for exceptional service to the Ontario Underwater Council by an Individual, non-salaried, O.U.C. member. It comes with Life OUC Gold Membership.</b></p> <p>The OUC Award Selection Committee accepted the nomination and presented the OUC’s Lt. Cdr. Ken Grant Memorial Trophy to (now-Past) OUC Director of Sport Safety, Dave Noble.</p> <p>Raimund thanked all nominating organizations and reminded all members to review the OUC Awards and Criteria.</p>

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<p><b>10. Announcements</b></p>	<p><b><u>OUC Announcements:</u></b> Raimund announced OUC's planned events for 2009 and requested all OUC member Clubs to identify via the form provided in the AGM package, which of the following OUC-coordinated events they planned on supporting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The OUC-coordinated Scuba Demo Tank and Information Booth at the Outdoor Adventure Show, February 20th, 21st, and 22nd 2009 at the International Centre</li> <li>2. The OUC Ice Floe Race, Sunday, March 15th, 2009</li> <li>3. The OUC Treasure Hunt, held on Father's Day weekend in Presqu'île Provincial Park</li> </ol> <p>If your Club is not planning on supporting any of these events, please tell us what would cause you to change your mind. If OUC does not receive sufficient commitments of support by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the event/s in question will be cancelled and all parties notified. No response will be interpreted as a "No" response.</p> <p>Brian Craig announced that the OUC office will be moving to 1 Concord Gate (DVP &amp; Wynford) on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.</p> <p><b><u>Other Announcements:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ontario Underwater Explorers Scuba Club will be running the Scuba Swap in April of 2009, exact date TBA.</li> <li>2. Etobicoke Underwater Club will be running a 'Dive for a Cause event' in August of 2009</li> <li>3. Hart House Underwater Club will be again doing 3 Winter 2008/2009 talks.</li> <li>4. SWODA will be hosting Underwater Olympics the end of January, details to follow.</li> <li>5. Dive Source in Oshawa will be hosting "Dive for a Cure" on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.</li> </ol>
<p><b>11. Correspondence from the Membership</b></p>	<p>OUC received a letter from Doug Rosser and Sue Munro of First Stage, congratulating OUC on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and enclosing a donation to the Reception for the Aviva Barth Memorial Program in the amount of \$250.</p>
<p><b>12. Old Business</b></p>	<p>Raimund called to the floor for any old business There was none.</p>
<p><b>13. New Business</b></p>	<p>Raimund called to the floor for any new business.</p> <p>Brian Prince moved that the OUC Seminars and AGM be held later in the day to make it easier for folks who have to</p>

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	<p>travel long distances to attend. Currently the seminars start at 9:00 a.m. and the AGM at 11:00.                      Subsequent discussion included: starting later meant finishing later, driving and staying Saturday overnight, this should not really be a motion, etc.                      In the end it was decided that the OUC Board of Directors would take Brian's request into account in setting the time for OUC's AGM in 2009.</p>
<p><b>14. Adjournment &amp; Next AGM</b></p>	<p>Raimund called to the floor for a motion to adjourn OUC's 2008 Annual General Meeting at 12:33p.m  <b>Moved by:</b> Ross Coates, EUC  <b>Seconded by:</b> Michaela Kelly, EUC  <b>Vote:</b> All for, none against  <b>Outcome:</b> Motion to adjourn OUC's 2008 AGM at 12:33p.m. carried</p> <p><i><b>OUC's next regular AGM will be held on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 12:00 noon (TBC)</b></i></p>