

**ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL
2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2009
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.**



In Attendance:

OUC Board

President - Raimund Krob
Director, Safety – Scott Holmes
Director, Membership – Karen Theriault
Director, Finance – David Taylor

Affiliated with:

Scarborough Underwater Club Inc, SOS Toronto Chapter
Etobicoke Underwater Club
Ajax Scuba Club
Save Ontario Shipwrecks

OUC Regional Coordinators

Ontario East 2, Tom Miller
Ontario East 1, Position vacant
Ontario Central-East 1, Joe Sildiryan
Ontario Central-West, Bryan Thomas
Ontario South, Brooke Hooykaas
Ontario West, Mike Napran
Ontario North, Position vacant
Ontario North-West, Troy Hebert

Ajax Scuba Club
SOS Toronto Chapter
Steel City Sport Divers, Burlington Marlins, SOS Toronto
London Skin & Scuba

OUC Office

Office Administrator, Brian Craig (scribe)

OUC Clubs

Ajax Scuba Club
Canadian Sub Aqua Club
Etobicoke Underwater Club

Hart House Underwater Club
London Skin & Scuba Club
Ontario Underwater Explorers
Save Ontario Shipwrecks
Scarborough Underwater Club
Steel City Sport Divers
SWODA
Toronto Rainbow Reef Rangers

Paul Wood, Rick Bates, Audrey Wood
John Berkhuijsen, Tyler Caughill, Art de Waard
Marianne Collins, Don Macintyre, Art Penney, Mary Maguire, Elois Davis
Dale Johnson, Bozidar Andric, Kenneth Boyce
Bob Belcher, Courtney Gibson
Mike Napran, Jim Root, Marie Root
Paul Jensen, Ro Omrow
Brian Prince, Marg Barber
Mike Durst, Walter Chang
Brooke Hooykaas
Patrick Briscoe, Nic Chalmers, Geoff Faulkner, Ed Hovanec
Rick Lambert

OUC Gold/Lifetime Members

Peter White, Don Macintyre, Fred Harley, Dave Noble, Geoff Faulkner

OUC Invited Guests

Dr. Simon Spooner, Katherine Kirzati

Individuals

Ken Nakamura

OUC Commercial Members:

None

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1. Call to Order	Raimund to call the meeting to order at 12:32 pm
2. President's Welcoming Remarks	Raimund to welcome everyone to the AGM and thank everyone for attending.
3. Review and Approval of minutes of 2008 AGM	<p>Raimund to refer the membership to the minutes of the 2008 AGM on page 29 of the AGM package and ask them if there are any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes as published.</p> <p>Raimund to ask for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2008 AGM as amended.</p> <p>Moved by: Bob Belcher, HHUC</p> <p>Seconded by: Tyler Caughill, Canadian Sub Aqua Club</p> <p>Vote: All for, none against</p> <p>Outcome: Motion to accept minutes of 2008 AGM, carried.</p>
4. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors' Reports	<p>Raimund to refer the membership to the Board of Directors' reports starting on page 7 of the AGM package and ask if there are any questions or edits.</p> <p>No questions/comments</p> <p>Raimund to ask the Membership for a motion to approve the Board of Directors' reports.</p> <p>Moved by: Brooke Hooykaas, Steel City Sport Divers</p> <p>Seconded by: Elois Davis, EUC</p> <p>Vote: All for, none against</p> <p>Outcome: Motion to accept Board of Directors' Reports carried.</p>
5. Presentation of the Financial Report and approval of the Auditor's Report	<p>OUC Finance Director David Taylor to refer the membership to the OUC Financial Report and to (OUC Accounting Firm) Graham Mathew & Partners' review of the Financial report.</p> <p>The ministry of labour inspected our air testing facility this year. With the inspection came a list of upgrades that we were asked to do in order to become a certify air testing facility. Because of repairs/updating of the testing equipment air test revenue has decreased this year by \$8,000. The number of air tests decreased during this period as well, one of our major clients has taken their business elsewhere.</p> <p>Membership fees were down this year. We are down approximately 109 members from last year.</p> <p>Peter White asked what was included for the furniture and equipment, did it include the air test equipment, is it possible to ask the auditors to break it down into, furniture, air test equipment, etc.</p> <p>David to ask for a motion from the floor to approve the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report.</p> <p>Moved by: Patrick Briscoe, SWODA</p> <p>Seconded by: Jim Root, LSSC</p> <p>Vote: All for, none against</p> <p>Outcome: Motion to accept OUC Financial Report and OUC Auditor's Report carried.</p>
6. Amend OUC By-Laws	<u>No plans to amend OUC By-Laws at 2009 AGM</u>
7. Election of the Board of Directors	

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7.1. Selection of the Scrutineer	Raimund to ask Brian Craig, OUC Office Administrator if he would please be the Election Officer and Scrutineer. Brian to accept.
7.2. Review of Open Board Positions	Brian to review the following positions open for Election, and the order in which they will be elected: 1. President, 2 year term ending at the 2011 AGM 2. Director, Membership, 2 year term ending at the 2011 AGM 3. Director, Communications, 2 year term ending at the 2011 AGM
7.3. Election	<p>Brian to ask for a motion from the floor: “That if there is more than one candidate for any one position, that votes for the ensuing election be cast by secret ballot, and that those secret ballots be destroyed post AGM”</p> <p>Moved by: <Raimund to record> Seconded by: <Raimund to record> Vote: <Raimund to record> Outcome: <Raimund to record></p> <p>President Brian to refer the membership to the duties of the President on page 16 of the AGM package. Brian to ask Raimund Krob of Scarborough Underwater Club and SOS Toronto if he will stand for re-election to the position of President. Raimund to advise yes, he will. Brian advised the floor that he did not receive any nominations for the position of President. Brian to ask the floor for any final nominations for the position of President. None - Brian pronounced Raimund elected to the position of President by acclamation.</p> <p>Director, Membership Brian to refer the membership to the duties of the Director of Membership on page 17 of the AGM package. Brian to ask Karen Theriault of Ajax Scuba Club if she will stand for re-election to the position of Director of Membership. Karen to advise Brian advised the floor that he did not receive any nominations for the position of Director of Membership Brian to ask the floor for any final nominations for the position of Director of Membership. None - no candidates, Brian pronounced that the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate.</p> <p>Director, Communications Brian to refer the membership to the duties of the Director of Communications on page 18 of the AGM package.</p>

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	<p>Brian to advise the Membership that David Black of (presently unaffiliated) will not be standing for re-election to the position of Director of Communications, and that David sends his greetings and regrets that he cannot attend as he is working today.</p> <p>Brian informed the Membership that he received 1 nominations for the position of Director of Communications from SWODA for Ed Hovanec.</p> <p>Brian asked the floor for any final nominations for the position of Director of Communication. None</p> <p>- only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Ed elected to the position of Director of Communication by acclamation</p>
<p>8. Elections of the Regional Coordinators (for 1-year terms)</p>	<p>Brian to inform the Membership that he will now proceed with the election of the OUC Regional Coordinators, Brian to refer the Membership to the description of the OUC Regional Coordinator role starting on page 19 of the AGM package</p> <p>Ontario East 2 – (Brockville, Ottawa, Cornwall)</p> <p>Brian to ask Tom Miller (presently unaffiliated) if he is standing for re-election.</p> <p>Tom is standing for re-election.</p> <p>Brian advised the floor that he did not receive any additional nominations for the position</p> <p>Brian to ask Ontario East 2 Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations. None</p> <p>- only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Tom elected to the position of OUC RC East 2 by acclamation</p> <p>Ontario East 1 – (Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough)</p> <p>Brian advised the floor that he did not received any nominations from Canadian Sport Divers / Nautilus Scuba Club</p> <p>Brian asked Ontario East 1 Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations. None</p> <p>- no candidates, Brian pronounced that the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate</p> <p>Ontario Central-East (East of Yonge St. including Oshawa)</p> <p>Brian to ask Joe Sildiryan of Ajax Scuba Club if he was standing for re-election</p> <p>Joe is standing for re-election.</p> <p>Brian informed the Membership that he did not receive any additional nominations for the position</p> <p>Brian to ask Ontario Central-East Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations. None</p> <p>- only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Joe elected to the position of OUC RC C-E by acclamation</p> <p>Ontario Central-West (GTA West of Yonge St. including Mississauga and north to Tobermory)</p> <p>Brian to inform the Membership that Michael Starr of Hart House Underwater Club stepped down in August of 2009 and will not be standing.</p> <p>Brian to inform the Membership that he has received a nomination for the role for Bryan Thomas, from Jonathan Ferguson, SOS Toronto Chapter Chair.</p> <p>Brian asked Ontario Central-West Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations from the floor. None</p> <p>- only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Bryan elected to the position of OUC RC C-W by acclamation</p>

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	<p>Ontario South (Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls) Brian to ask Brooke Hooykaas of Steel City Sport Divers and Burlington Marlins to confirm that she will be standing for re-election Brooke to confirmed she will be standing for re-election. Brian informed the Membership he has not received any additional nominations for the position. Brian asked Ontario South Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations from the floor. None - only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Brooke elected to the position of OUC RC S by acclamation</p> <p>Ontario West (Kitchener – Waterloo, London, Cambridge, Sarnia) Brian to confirm that Mike Napran of London Skin & Scuba Club will stand for re-election Mike to confirm he will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he has not received any additional nominations for the position. Brian asked Ontario West Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations from the floor. None - only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Mike elected to the position of OUC RC W by acclamation</p> <p>Ontario North – (North Bay, Sudbury) Brian inform the Membership he has not received any nominations from Dolphin Aquatic Club of Sudbury and/or North Bay Scuba Club for the position. Brian asked Ontario North Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations from the floor. None - no candidates, Brian pronounced that the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate</p> <p>Ontario North-West (Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Kenora) Brian to inform the Membership that Troy Hebert of Wally’s Thunder Country Diving will be standing for re-election. Brian asked Ontario North-West Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations from the floor. - only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced candidate elected to the position of OUC RC N by acclamation</p>
<p>9. Awards</p>	<p>Raimund to refer the Membership to the 3 Awards presented by OUC, along with their criteria, starting on page 28 of the 2009 AGM Package.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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	<p>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.</p> <p>No nominations were received at the time of the AGM for any of the awards.</p> <p>Raimund to thank all nominating organizations and remind all members to review the OUC Awards and Criteria.</p>
<p>10. Announcements</p>	<p><u>OUC Announcements:</u></p> <p>Raimund to refer the Membership to page 23 of the 2009 AGM package, Raimund to inform Membership of planned OUC 2010 events and request Delegates to identify which OUC-coordinated events they will plan on supporting:</p> <p>- The OUC-coordinated Scuba Demo Tank and Information Booth at the Outdoor Adventure Show, February 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2010 at the International Centre, Hall 5</p> <p>- The OUC Ice Floe Race, Sunday, March 14th, 2010. Some members asked that we move the date of the Ice Floe because it is the first weekend of March Break.</p> <p>If your Club is not planning on supporting any of these events, please tell us what we could do that would cause you to change your mind.</p> <p>If OUC does not receive sufficient commitments of support by November 15th 2009, the planned event/s in question will be cancelled and all parties will be notified. No response will be interpreted as a “No” response.</p> <p><u>Other Announcements:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OUE Scuba Swap, April 18th, 2010 2. EUC will be running a ‘Dive for a Cause event’ Last Weekend of August, last year raised \$4,000 for charity, it is a scuba community event not just EUC event. 3. Hart House 3 winter talks. 4. SWODA Underwater Olympics 5. UHMS GLC Diving & Medicine Symposium 6. NDA Shipwrecks 2010
<p>11. Correspondence from the Membership</p>	<p>Raimund to inform Membership of correspondence received</p>
<p>12. Old Business</p>	<p>Raimund to inform the Membership that in 2007, DEMA engaged Market Research firms to better understand</p>


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	<p>people’s perception of the sport of scuba and to identify any barriers to entry. One of the biggest surprises they found was that the general public’s perception was that scuba was a solitary sport. Further research into this revealed that the main reason for this misperception was the (at the time) overwhelming preponderance of pictures (the kind that are worth a thousand words) and collateral that depicted only a single, solo diver. Raimund advised that progressive scuba organizations have helped improve things somewhat since then and OUC Members take a fresh look at their own pictures and collateral and decide for themselves whether they are helping helping break down this barrier to entry or unwittingly perpetuating / building the barrier to entry. Raimund asked if there was any old business from the floor.</p>
<p>13. New Business</p>	<p>Raimund to report that at DEMA 2009, market research into sport demographics showed that the next generations of scuba divers (the “Echo, X, Y, and Z) generations take social networking for granted and make significant life decisions (what sports to enter, what organizations to join, what purchases to make, etc.) based on social networking mediums. Raimund invited OUC member organizations to look at which of the following 4 most popular social networking media they employ:</p> <p><u>1 facebook.com</u> <u>722,434,829</u> - Inbound Links <u>122,220,617</u> - Compete Monthly Visitors <u>93,300,000</u> - Quantcast Monthly Visitors <u>4</u> - Alexa Ranking. <i>Most Popular Social Networking Websites Updated 11/3/2009 eBizMBA</i></p>  <p><u>2 MySpace</u> <u>345,130,806</u> - Inbound Links <u>55,599,585</u> - Compete Monthly Visitors <u>61,300,000</u> - Quantcast Monthly Visitors <u>11</u> - Alexa Ranking. <i>Most Popular Social Networking Websites Updated 11/3/2009 eBizMBA</i></p>  <p><u>3 twitter</u> <u>628,750,806</u> - Inbound Links <u>23,579,044</u> - Compete Monthly Visitors <u>28,000,000</u> - Quantcast Monthly Visitors <u>13</u> - Alexa Ranking.</p>

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	<p><i>Most Popular Social Networking Websites Updated 11/3/2009 eBizMBA</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>4 LinkedIn.com</i></p> <p><i>29,370,378 - Inbound Links 11,228,746 - Compete Monthly Visitors 11,800,000 - Quantcast Monthly Visitors 113 - Alexa Ranking.</i></p> <p><i>Most Popular Social Networking Websites Updated 11/3/2009 eBizMBA</i></p>
<p>14. Adjournment & Next AGM</p>	<p>Raimund to ask the floor for a motion to adjourn OUC's 2009 Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Moved by: Jim Root, LSSC</p> <p>Seconded by: Brooke Hooykaas, SCSD</p> <p>Vote: All for, none against</p> <p>Outcome: Motion to adjourn OUC's 2008 AGM. carried</p> <p><i>OUC's next regular AGM will be held on Sunday November 14th, 2010 at 12:00 noon</i></p>