

OUC Annual General Meeting 2011  
Facilitated Discussion Notes



**Question A**

Are we on the right track?

- 1) Better / different communication methods
- 2) Concise "coles notes" – synopsis
- 3) Insurance program – on the right track
- 4) Mandate – stay within our capabilities – do what we do well
- 5) Widen our volunteer / member base – new sources
  - a. Link to commercial base
  - b. Use air test program as access to members
  - c.
- 6) Foster inter-club training
- 7) Bring back underwater sports eg. UW hockey
- 8) Include new sports eg free diving
- 9) Focus volunteer commitment to short / specific timeframes
  - Parcel volunteer time
- 10) Need commercial membership value propositions – lessons to be learned from others
- 11) Expand green initiatives
  - eco advocacy
- 12) Use more social media for information dissemination
- 13) Media visibility – higher profile of the council
- 14) Member packages – OUC promotion within clubs
- 15) Fun - where it is?
- 16) Retain more members that we (clubs) train
  - advanced training opportunities
  - expand specialty courses
- 17) Refresher courses?
  - a. Mandatory renewals?
  - b. OUC leadership?
- 18) Keep things fun – value anecdotal history
- 19) Use clubs more to run the programs
- 20) Mandatory Club Participation in OUC program
- 21) Look outside OUC to implement advance training
- 22) Encourage ALL scuba Community to keep up current skills, take refresher courses, workshops
- 23) Leadership Guidelines
- 24) Overlapping mandates – rebalance direction
- 25) Promote sport to ALL Ontario divers not just OUC members
- 26) OUC as liaison between clubs
  - a. More inter-club opportunities
- 27) Link up facebook pages
  - a. Various clubs / OUC / Stores

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- 28) Open affiliations between clubs
- 29) Mandates need commitment from members to implement
  - a. Proportional representation
  - b. Job sharing / partnering
- 30) Mandatory board participation for at least clubs
- 31) Move away from "Must do" encourage "want to"
- 32) Maintain self governance / advocacy role
- 33) Interagency Cooperation
- 34) Media Visibilities – see item 13.
  - a. Re: safety standards
- 35) Bring back / promote interclub
  - a. Events
  - b. Regional
  - c. blog
- 36) Google search for "underwater" successful?
  - a. Look at our names - does general public know what "underwater" means
- 37) Work with Clubs for events
  - a. OUC leadership
  - b. Clubs implementation
- 38) Take better advantage of skills / knowledge inter club & beyond
- 39) Scuba community directory
  - a. Add list of hyperbaric chambers – new tab
- 40) Agencies vs organizations
- 41) Scuba incident reports we want this to continue

**Question B**

What new things do we want to do?

E-letters to the Editor

E-letters to the board

Continued Feedback

Discussion Board on Website / Blog?

-New Tobermory hyperbaric chamber support from OUC ie Fund raising

What might / do we not need OUC to do:

Don't need:

- 1) expanded minutes / long communications