

ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL
2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2012
12:30 noon – 2:30 p.m.



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	In Attendance:	Affiliated with / Representing:	Members incl Students and Gold	Delegate Votes
OUC Board:	President – Rick Le Blanc	Scarborough Underwater Club Inc		
	Director, Safety – Mar Smith	South Western Ontario Divers Association		
	Director, Finance – David Taylor	Save Ontario Shipwrecks		
OUC Office:	Office Administrator, Brian Craig (scribe)	Ontario Underwater Council		
OUC Club Delegates and Observers:	Paul Wood (Delegate), Terry Moore	Ajax Scuba Club	69	69
	Not Represented	Aquaknights of Hamilton	22	22
	Elaine Elliott (Delegate), Cate Wheaton	Barrascuba Underwater Club	13	13
	Tyler Caughill (Delegate), Rob Curtis	Canadian Sub Aqua Scuba Club	67	67
	Not Represented	Sudbury Dolphin Aquatic Club	75	75
	Not Represented	Deep River Underwater Club	18	18
	Bruce Beattie (Delegate) Marianne Collins, Art Penney, Mary Maguire, Elois Davis, Kenneth Boyce, Dave Noble	Etobicoke Underwater Club	98	98
	Carlos Fonseca (Delegate) Michelle Slute	Great Lake Technical Divers	7	7
	Jason Grenier (Delegate), Tammy Grenier	Hart House Underwater Club	108	78
	Not Represented	London Skin and Scuba Club	76	67
	Derek Graham (Delegate), Martin Smithson	Mississauga Scuba Club	32	32
	Not Represented	Nautilus Scuba Club	17	17
	Brant Telfer (Delegate), Rohan Omrow, Ted Endean	Ontario Underwater Explorers Scuba Club	117	117
	Not Represented	Sarnia Underwater Club	14	14
	David Taylor (Delegate),	Save Ontario Shipwrecks	68	68
	Ron Bogart (Delegate), Raimund Krob, Jillian Gobrecht,	Scarborough Underwater Club Inc.	78	78
	Derek Causarano	South Western Ontario Divers Association	14	14
	Not Represented	Steel City Sport Divers Inc	67	67
	Not Represented	The Great Lakes Scuba Club	13	13
	Not Represented	Toronto Rainbow Reef Rangers	24	24
	Not Represented	York Sub Aqua Club	16	16
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Individual Gold / Lifetime	Marianne Collins, Dave Noble, Raimund Krob, Peter White, Art Penney		24	5
Independent	Ken Nakamura, Ayisha Hassanali			0
Commercial	Not Represented		0	0

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1. Call to Order	Rick called the AGM to order at 12:30
2. President's Welcoming Remarks	Rick welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for attending. Rick gives special thanks to Raimund, Marianne, Dave, Ayisha, Stephen, Doug and Brian for making the transition as smooth as possible and providing a wealth of knowledge to help move OUC forward.
3. Review and Approval of minutes of 2011 AGM	<p>Rick referred the membership to the minutes of the 2011 AGM on pages 28-36 of the AGM package and ask them if there are any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes as published.</p> <p>A few grammatical changes were brought forward</p> <p>Rick asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2011 AGM as reviewed/amended.</p> <p>Moved by: Raimund Krob, Gold Member</p> <p>Seconded by: David Noble, Gold Member</p> <p>Outcome: Carried</p>
4. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors' Reports	<p>Rick referred the membership to the Board of Directors' reports starting on pages 6-8 of the AGM package and asked if there are any questions or edits.</p> <p>Rick asked the Membership for a motion to approve the Board of Directors' reports.</p> <p>Moved by: Derek Causarano, SWODA</p> <p>Seconded by: Ron Bogart, SUCI</p> <p>Outcome: Carried</p>
5. Presentation and approval of the Financial Report of the July 1 st 2011- December 31 st and January 1 st , 2012 to October, 2012 Financial Year.	<p>OUC Finance Director David Taylor referred the membership to review of the OUC's July 1st 2011 to December 31st and January 1st, 2012 to October 31st, 2012 the Financial Report conducted and Adrian Van Vroenhoven</p> <p>July 1st to December 31st, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lost \$15,000, due to no income and insurance being amortized over each month <p>January 1st to current, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cash flow is running low, only banking about \$5,000 -Have a large accounts payable – due to the outstanding air-test invoices – money slowly coming in. -Suggest writing these off on the books but still trying to collect. -Will put final finance report online to view <p>Insurance (\$5,000 + PST) will need to be paid on January 1st, to help pay for it, asked for clubs to start renewing members and send to OUC as soon as possible. Marianne has mentioned that EUC will forward \$1500-\$2000 before December 31st.</p> <p>David asked the membership if any questions</p> <p>Asked if membership fees would increase, no they will not for 2013.</p> <p>David asked for a motion from the floor to approve the Financial Report.</p> <p>Moved by: David Noble, Gold Member</p> <p>Seconded by: Derek Graham, Mississauga Scuba Club</p>

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6. Amend OUC By-Laws	<u>No changes to amend the OUC By-Laws at 2012 AGM</u>
7. Awards	<p>Rick referred the Membership to the 3 Awards presented by OUC, along with their criteria, starting on pages 26-28 of the 2012 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> <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>New this year OUC PROPOSED "BRAVERY" AWARD For an individual, group or organization who has displayed exceptional bravery in rescuing scuba Nominees for this award need not be members of the Ontario Underwater Council, nor member of the diving community.</p> <p>2012 Award is awarded to Elliot Cristofoli --- Ladies and Gentlemen, Delegates and Observers: It is now my privilege to present a very special award. This past spring, on Friday, April 13th, 2012, OUC Member Elliott Cristofoli had just finished a dive off Humber Bay Park West and was loading his equipment back in his vehicle when a cyclist approached him and said there was "a problem" down at the beach. Elliott, who still had his dry-suit on, grabbed his mask and ran down to see what was the matter. When he got there, he saw a diver (Eric Tolton) standing in about 2m / 5' of water, about 10m / 30' from shore. Eric's dry-suit was half-open and filled with water, he was shouting for help, and he appeared to Elliott to be moments away from going under. Elliot ran into the very cold (~43°F / 6°C) water, made his way out to Eric, and then rescued him by dragging him back to the safety of shore. After making sure Eric was out of immediate danger, Elliott then plunged into the water a <i>second</i> time to look for the other diver (Eric's wife, Judy Ann Swann). Once he got out about 15m / 45', Elliott saw Judy's outline at the bottom about 3m / 10' below but without fins or scuba unit, he could not reach her. Elliott swam back to shore as quickly as he could and ran to his car to get his scuba tank and regulator.</p> <p>When he returned, the bicyclist handed Elliott Eric's fins. Donning Eric's fins, and holding his tank in one hand, Elliott plunged into the water a <i>third</i> time, swam out, and then descended when he saw Judy below.</p>

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	<p>Elliott grabbed Judy’s foot and even though his hands were numb from the cold, dragged her into shallower water and inflated her Buoyancy Compensating Device..</p> <p>As soon as Judy’s head broke the surface of the water Elliott turned her to face upward and commenced giving rescue breathes. Elliott dragged Judy to shore and then another bystander called 911, and started helping Elliott with rescue breaths and chest compressions. Elliott and the bystander continued rescue breaths and chest compressions until they were relieved by the Metro Toronto Marine Unit. Eric Tolton survived and although Judy’s heartbeat re-started, her brain never did, and she was disconnected from life support 2 days later. On behalf of the Ontario Underwater Council and the greater Ontario Scuba Community, I would now like to call up Elliott Cristofoli to accept OUC’s first-ever Bravery Award.</p> <p>Presentation, photo, handshake, applause</p> <p>In addition to this award, OUC will also be nominating Elliot for the Governor General of Canada’s “Medal of Bravery”, which recognizes “acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.”</p> <p>OUC can think of no more worthy a recipient than Elliott and hopes that the nominations committee will agree.</p> <p>Congratulations Elliott!</p>
<p>8. Announcements</p>	<p><u>OUC Announcements:</u></p> <p>Rick referred the Membership to pages 21-22 of the 2012 AGM package, Rick informed Membership of planned OUC 2013 events and request Delegates identify which OUC-coordinated events they will plan on supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The OUC-coordinated Scuba Demo Tank and Information Booth at the Ultimate Travel Show, January 26th & 27th, 2013 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place - The OUC-coordinated Scuba Demo Tank and Information Booth at the Outdoor Adventure Show, February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2013 at the International Centre, Hall 5 - The OUC Ice Floe Race, Sunday, March 3rd, 2013, 4km north of Peterborough, on Route 32 at Lock 24. <p><u>Rick asked for any other announcements from the floor:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OUE Scuba Swap on April 20th, 2013 2. EUC will be running a ‘Dive for a Cause event’ on August 24th. Details to follow 3. Hart House 3 winter talks.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. SWODA 24 hour relay 5. UHMS Canadian Chapter annual Diving & Medicine Symposium, Halifax – first week of November 6. NDA Shipwrecks on April 6, 2013 7. NDA “Dive for a Cure”- October 6th, Welland Scuba Park 8. SOS Forum and AGM – April 13 –14, 2013 in Port Dover 9. SUCI Shoreline Cleanup in September. Details to be announced
9. Correspondence from the Membership	N/A
10. Old Business	Rick asked the Membership if there is any old business from the floor.
11. New Business	<p>Rick to ask if there is any new business from the floor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter White discussed the status of the Tobermory hyperbaric chamber. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Park budget has been cut 22% and some staff have lost jobs -Fees for the park will be going up in 2013 -the medical clinic in Tobermory is no longer funded -Have built a new clinic with a larger chamber -Looking for OUC Assistance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Peter given George and community kudos on behave of OUC b) Suggested identifying qualified people to help get chamber up and running ie electricians, steamfitters, etc c) Suggested donating some funds that OUC has in the Dave Cooper Fund – money set aside to help fund a chamber in Eastern Ontario – be used for the one in Tobermory. It will take about \$40,000 to get operational <p>Rick has spoken with Helen Cooper, wife of Dave, she is still trying to get a chamber for Eastern Ontario but if it is not possibly would consider giving funds to Tobermory. Should be decided by the end of the year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Rick Le Blanc informed that Marianne Collins has asked Pearson and Dunn for a price on \$4 and \$5 million dollars of liability. The price per member for \$4M is \$15.00 + PST with a \$7500 premium deposit and for \$5M is \$18.00 +PST with an \$11, 250 deposit. This is not being implemented for 2013 BUT only for discussion and knowledge for our 2014 policy. Please inform your clubs for points of discussion. Court claims are mounting. Please ask clubs for feedback. 3. Rick informed that Dave Noble and Richard Price are working on a new website design. 4. Rick informed the membership that OUC is in need of Dive plans and Emergency Action Plans. These plans will be put into a set format and uploaded to OUC’s website to make the planning of a particular dive site that much easier for all divers.
12. Election	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rick asked Brian Craig, OUC Office Administrator, if he agreed to be the Election Officer and Scrutineer. 2. Brian agreed 3. Brian asked 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”

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	<p>3.1. Moved by: Derek Causarano, SWODA 3.2. Seconded by: Marianne Collins, EUC 3.2. Outcome: Carried</p>
<p>12.1. Election of the Board of Directors</p>	<p>Director of Sport Safety Brian referred the membership to the duties of the Director of Sport Safety in the AGM package. Brian informed membership that Mar Smith, current Director of Sport Safety, is standing for re-election. Brian advised the Membership he did not receive any nominations for the position of Director of Sport Safety Brian asked the floor for final nominations for the position of Director of Sport Safety. None - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Mar elected to the position by acclamation</p> <p>Director, Membership Brian referred the membership to the duties of the Director of Membership in the AGM package. Brian stated that Rick Le Blanc currently holds this position and the Presidency. Rick will relinquish this position. Brian advised the Membership he did not receive any nominations for the position of Director of Membership Brian asked the floor for final nominations for the position of Director of Membership. None - Brian pronounced the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate. Rick Le Blanc will fill in as Director, Membership.</p> <p>Director, Communications Brian referred the membership to the duties of the Director of Communications in the AGM package. Brian informed the Membership he has not received any nominations for the position of Director of Communications Brian asked the floor for final nominations for the position of Director of Communications. Marianne nominated Lauren O’Keeffe of SUCI. Lauren was not present. Ron Bogart to ask Lauren if she will accept. - Brian pronounced the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate</p> <p>Director, Finance Brian referred the membership to the duties of the Director of Finance in the AGM package. Brian informed membership that David Taylor, current Director of Finance, is standing for re-election. Brian advised the Membership he did not receive any nominations for the position of Director of Finance Brian asked the floor for final nominations for the position of Director of Finance. None - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced David elected to the position by acclamation</p>
<p>12.2. Election of the Regional Coordinators (for 1-year terms)</p>	<p>Brian informed the Membership that he would proceed with the election of the OUC Regional Coordinators, Brian referred the Membership to the description of the OUC Regional Coordinator role starting on page 17-18 of the AGM package</p> <p>Ontario East 2 – (Brockville, Ottawa, Cornwall)</p>

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	<p>Brian informed the Membership that the position is vacant Brian informed the Membership that he received a nomination from David Taylor for Wayne Plumb who resides in Ottawa. Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further nominations Brian asked Ontario East 2 Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No nominations from the floor - Brian pronounced Wayne elected to the position by acclamation <p>Ontario East 1 – (Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough) Helmut Bock, Nautilus Scuba Club will not be standing for re-election. No nominations received prior to the AGM and there were no members for the region at the AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brian pronounced the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate <p>Ontario Central-East (East of Yonge St. including Oshawa) Joe Sildiryan of Ajax Scuba Club will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further nominations Brian asked Ontario Central-East Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Joe elected to the position by acclamation <p>Ontario Central-West (GTA West of Yonge St. including Mississauga and north to Tobermory) Ken Boyce of Etobicoke Underwater Club will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further nominations Brian asked Ontario Central-West Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Ken elected to the position by acclamation <p>Ontario South (Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls) Brian informed the Membership that the position is vacant Brian informed the Membership he did not received any nominations from Steel City Sport Divers or Aqua Knights of Hamilton. Brian asked Ontario South Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No nominations from the floor - Brian pronounced that the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate <p>Ontario West (Kitchener – Waterloo, London, Cambridge, Sarnia) John Charest of Save Ontario Shipwreck will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further nominations Brian asked Ontario West Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derek Causarano from South Western Ontario Divers Association, put forward Chris Fields of SWODA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candidates were not in attendance for remarks. - A vote was had and Brian pronounced Chris Fields elected to the position of Regional Coordinator Ontario West <p>Ontario North – (North Bay, Sudbury) Brian informed the Membership that the position is vacant Randy Cook resigned in April, 2012 and will not stand for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any nominations Brian asked Ontario North Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No nominations from the floor - Brian pronounced that the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate <p>Ontario North-West (Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Kenora) Brian informed the Membership that the position is vacant Brian informed the Membership he did not received any nominations Brian asked Ontario North West Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No nominations from the floor - Brian pronounced that the position will remain vacant until the Board appoints a candidate
12.3. Closure of Elections	Brian informed Membership that the OUC 2012 Elections are now closed
13. Adjournment & date of next AGM	Rick asked the floor for a motion to adjourn OUC's 2012 Annual General Meeting Moved by: David Noble, Gold Member EUC Seconded by: Marianne Collins, EUC Outcome: Carried Adjourned at 2:41pm <u><i>OUC's next regular AGM will be held on Sunday November 10th, 2013 at 12:00 noon</i></u> Rick invited members to a "meet and greet" for non alcoholic drinks and food. Get to know your fellow club representatives and exchange success stories.