

ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL
2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes
SUNDAY February 9TH, 2014
10:30AM – 2:00 p.m.



	In Attendance:	Affiliated with / Representing:	Delegate Votes
OUC Board:	President – Rick Le Blanc	Scarborough Underwater Club Inc	
OUC Office:	Office Administrator, Brian Craig (scribe)	Ontario Underwater Council	
OUC Club Delegates and Observers:	Not Represented	Aquaknights of Hamilton	12
	Not Represented	Canadian Sub Aqua Scuba Club	39
	Bruce Beattie (Delegate) Marianne Collins, Elois Davis, Kenneth Boyce	Etobicoke Underwater Club	51
	Tammy Grenier (Delegate)	Hart House Underwater Club	79
	Brant Telfer (Delegate)	Ontario Underwater Explorers	51
	Not Represented	Save Ontario Shipwrecks	9
	Ron Bogart (Delegate)	Scarborough Underwater Club Inc	27
	Rick Le Blanc (Proxy)	South Western Ontario Divers Association	18
	Not Represented	Steel City Sport Divers Inc	19
	Not Represented	Superior Underwater Exploration Society	8
	Not Represented	The Great Lakes Scuba Club	11
	Not Represented	York Sub-Aqua	18
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	Dave Noble, Patricia Sideris, Doug Rosser		
Total membership	January 1 st , 2014 – February 9 th , 2014		342
Membership represented at the meeting	50% needed to form quorum achieved		216

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AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1. Brian determined Quorum	Brian let the delegates know that we have 342 club members – in order to proceed with the meeting we need 171 members in attendance. We have 216 members in attendance.
2. Call to Order	Rick called the AGM to order at 11:24
3. President's Welcoming Remarks	Rick welcomed everyone to the AGM and thank everyone for attending. Moment of silence was held for Fred Harley, Carlos Fonseca and John McBride.
4. Review and Approval of minutes of 2013 Special Meeting	Rick referred the membership to the minutes of the 2013 Special Meeting and asked them if there are any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes as published. No changes. Rick asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2013 Special Meeting: Moved by: Bruce Beattie, EUC Seconded by: Brant Telfer Outcome: Carried
5. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors' Reports	Rick referred the membership to the Board of Directors' reports of the President, Membership and Sport Safety, starting on pages 5-9 of the AGM package and ask if there are any questions or edits. No questions. Rick to ask the Membership for a motion to approve the Board of Directors' reports. Moved by: Ron Bogart, SUCI Seconded by: Bruce Beattie, EUC Outcome: Carried
6. Presentation and approval of the 2013 Financial Report	-Doug Rosser in place of OUC Finance Director David Taylor, referred the membership to review of the OUC's financials - January 1 st 2013 to December 31 st , 2013. (2013 fiscal year) -These reports have been sent to an OUC member with knowledge (Charter Accountant) for comment -OUC had an operating surplus of \$3,500 -wrote off the remaining invoices from the client who owed for the Air Test program -overall in good shape but very tight operating margins
7. Amend OUC By-Laws	<u>No motion to amend OUC By-Laws at 2014 AGM</u>
8. Awards	Rick referred the Membership to the 4 Awards presented by OUC, along with their criteria, on pages 27-29 of the 2014 AGM Package.

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	<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>The "BRAVERY" AWARD For an individual, group or organization who has displayed exceptional bravery in rescuing individuals on scuba. Nominees for this award need not be members of the Ontario Underwater Council, nor member of the diving community.</p> <p>No Nominations were received for any of these awards.</p>
<p>9. Announcements</p>	<p><u>OUC Announcements:</u> Rick informed Membership of the planned OUC 2014 events and request Delegates to 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 was held January 25th & 26th, 2014 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place. Had a good turnout and there were lots of questions at the booth - The OUC-coordinated Scuba Demo Tank and Information Booth at the Outdoor Adventure Show, February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2014 at the International Centre, Hall 5 - The OUC Ice Floe Race, Sunday, March 9th, 2014, 4km north of Peterborough, on Route 32 at Lock 24 – event will be cancelled due to weather conditions. The river is frozen and Environment Canada is not calling it to get warm enough for the ice to melt. - The Niagara Divers Association Symposium, Saturday, April 5th, 2014 in Welland. - The Ontario Underwater Explorers Scuba Swap. The Swap will be cancelled this year due to the Olympian closed for repairs

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	<p>If your Club is not planning on supporting (actively attending, participating, or volunteering for) any of these events, please tell us what you WOULD support.</p> <p>If OUC does not receive what it deems to be sufficient commitments of support by January 6th, 2014, the planned event/s in question will be cancelled and all parties will be notified. IMPORTANT: No response will be interpreted as a “No” response.</p> <p><u>Rick asked if any other announcements from the floor:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EUC will be running a ‘Dive for a Cause event’. Details to follow – Saturday August 23rd – Centennial Beach 2. UHMS Canadian Chapter annual Diving & Medicine Symposium – in Montreal this year 3. SOS Forum and AGM – Date and location to be announced 4. SUCI Shoreline Cleanup in September. National – doing one in April and September 5. Kim Barton, former OUC President, is putting together a dive trip to the Philippines and has some spots open for anyone interested --- Marianne provide more information
<p>10. Correspondence from the Membership</p>	<p>Rick informed Membership of correspondence received from public and membership and how OUC responded.</p>
<p>11. Old Business</p>	<p>Rick asked the Membership if there was any old business from the floor. None</p>
<p>12. New Business</p>	<p>Rick asked if there was any new business from the floor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rick asked for a motion to accept the proposed increase in annual Commercial Membership to \$145.00 from \$130.00. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Moved by: Bruce Beattie, EUC 1.2 Second by: Ron Bogart, SUCI 1.3 Outcome: Carried 2. Discuss the status of the Tobermory hyperbaric chamber. Do we want to ask membership and divers for their financial support for a new Toby chamber? An eBlast with donation/payment can be sent. 3. Update on Ripley’s Aquarium. OUE membership toured the facility on Dec. 7th. About 30 members thoroughly enjoyed the aquarium. 4. Rick Le Blanc, in place of David Taylor, informed the clubs that their members will be responsible for paying the PST (8%) on the insurance liability. Member clubs were submitting \$10/member. For the 2015 policy it will be \$10.80 per member 5. Rick Le Blanc informed that Marianne Collins asked Pearson and Dunn for a price on \$4, \$5 and \$10 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. \$10M is \$32 +PST with a \$15,000 deposit. This is for discussion and knowledge for our 2014 and/or 2015 policy. Please inform your clubs for points of discussion. Court claims are mounting. Please ask clubs for feedback. Payouts for scuba differs and can result in settlements of a lesser amount compared to “contact” sports. 6. Rick informed that Dave Noble has resigned from being an OUC advisor.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Asked for feedback on the content of the new website. What should be transferred from old site to new site. 8. 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. Show SUCI's website. 9. Power Point Presentation on Safety and the recommendations and findings from 2012-2013 investigations, 10. Brian has created a spreadsheet to monitor clubs who have paid OUC twice for a member because the member has joined more than one club. He is also tracking Solo divers 11. Rick asked the membership about the December Imax presentation and would they participate in future Fall events 12. Rick Le Blanc to open things up to the floor. 13. Rick Le Blanc to open up for discussion.
<p>13. Election</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rick asked Brian Craig, OUC Office Administrator, if he agreed to be the Election Officer and Scrutineer. Agreed 2. 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" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Moved by: Marianne Collins, Lifetime Member 2.2. Seconded by: Bruce Beattie, EUC 2.3. Outcome: Carried
<p>13.1. Election of the Board of Directors</p>	<p>Director of Sport Safety 2014-2016 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 2014-2015 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</p> <p>Director, Communications 2014-2015 Brian referred the membership to the duties of the Director of Communications in the AGM package. Brian advised the Membership he did not receive any nominations for the position Director of Communications Brian asked the floor for final nominations for the position of Director of Communications - Ron Bogart from Scarborough Underwater Club, nominated Patricia Sideris from Ajax Scuba Club. Patricia currently looks after social media with Ajax Scuba.</p>

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	<p>Director, Finance 2014-2016 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 e - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced David elected to the position by acclamation</p>
<p>13.2. 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) Wayne Plumb will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further nominations Brian asked Ontario East-2 Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations. - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Wayne elected to the position by acclamation</p> <p>Ontario East 1 – (Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough) Wayne Plumb will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further nominations Brian asked Ontario East-1 Membership Delegates if there were any final nominations. - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Wayne elected to the position by acclamation</p> <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. - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Joe elected to the position by acclamation</p> <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. - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Ken elected to the position by acclamation</p>

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	<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) Chris Fields of SWODA 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"> - No nominations from the floor - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced Chris elected to the position by acclamation <p>Ontario North – (North Bay, Sudbury) Brian informed the Membership that the position is vacant 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) David Sheppard of Superior Underwater Exploration Society will be standing for re-election Brian informed the Membership he did not received any further 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 - Only 1 candidate, Brian pronounced David elected to the position by acclamation
<p>13.3. Closure of Elections</p>	<p>Brian to inform Membership that the OUC 2014 Elections are now closed Brian asked the floor for a motion to close the 2014 OUC Elections Moved by: David Noble, Lifetime Member Seconded by: Marianne Collins, Lifetime Member Outcome: Carried</p>
<p>14. Guest Speaker: Stephanie Verkoeyen</p>	<p>A PhD student currently interested in analyzing the travel patterns of divers in the GTHA region, through time and space, by capitalizing on dive log data. Part of this may involve more of a social network approach.</p>

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<p>15. Adjournment & date of next AGM</p>	<p>Rick to ask the floor for a motion to adjourn OUC's 2014 Annual General Meeting Moved by: Bruce Beattie, EUC Seconded by: Tammy Grenier, HHUC Outcome: Carried <u>OUC's next regular AGM will be held on Sunday February 8th, 2015 at 10:30</u> Rick to invite members to a "meet and greet" for non-alcoholic drinks and food. Get to know your fellow club representatives and exchange success stories.</p>
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