

# OUC Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 15th, 2011, Minutes

## In attendance:

Raimund Krob  
Paul Wood  
Eleonora Kolar  
Tom Miller  
Dave Noble  
Marianne Collins  
Helmut Bock  
Ken Boyce  
John Charest  
Bryan Thomas (joined at ~8:30)  
Brooke Hooykaas (joined at ~8:30)

## Regrets:

David Taylor  
Ed Hovanec  
Joe Sildiryan  
Troy Hebert

## Minutes:

1. Warm welcome to all and any & all “listener-inners”
2. Reviewed & accepted minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting
3. **Regional Coordinator's Reports:**
  - 3.1. **Tom Miller, East 2 (Brockville, Cornwall, Ottawa)**
    - 3.1.1. Tom requested we completely revamp Education section of our website and is willing to assist in the effort.
    - 3.1.2. **Ed Hovanec to remove all reference to Air testing program on OUC Home Page**
    - 3.1.3. **Eleonora Kolar to remove all reference to Air Testing Program from Membership web-pages and documentation.**
    - 3.1.4. **Eleonora, Brian, Dave, Marianne to update all docs and web-pages with Ontario Diving School's OUC Commercial Membership.**
    - 3.1.5. I contacted Ron Player from the Ottawa Outdoor Show.

I explained to him that we are not for profit and he would reap many benefits from our being invited to his show. We would require a booth and supplied electricity.

He agreed in principal however would contact me at a later date to confirm our arrangement.

Local diving celebrity Tom Miller will be appearing tomorrow in a full page newspaper article in the local paper from Alexandria. With it's circulation of at least four thousand

I am sure his dive shop Ontario Diving School will be bursting on Saturday at the Open House event. Home made cookies and diving stories to be given to all who attend!

If you don't think this is an amazing story, just go to [www.ontariodivingschool.com](http://www.ontariodivingschool.com) and click on contact and look where we are on the google map. It is akin to a dive shop in Antarctica. Or you can ask Raimund...

### **3.2. Helmut Bock, Regional Coordinator, Ontario East 1 (Oshawa, Peterborough, Kingston)**

Hi Raimund, Here is my report:

1. Belleville Club Canadian Sport Divers, Held their first meeting of the year on Jan 26, 2011.
2. Cobourg Nautilus Scuba Club had their first meeting of the year on Feb 13, 2011. The new board was elected (same board as last year), the dive schedule was begun for the year and pretty close to finalized. The club dive boat repairs were discussed and work parties were arranged, it was decided that the hull would have to be rebuilt. Club and OUC fees for the year were collected. Treasurer will mail those into OUC before the end of the month. There was no interest in participating in the Ice Floe Race.
3. Terry Ethridge held an initial meeting for a new Peterborough Scuba Club on Jan 30. There were 8 attendees and quite a bit of enthusiasm for a new club in Peterborough. Club name and fees are still to be determined. Next meeting on February 27th.

Cheers, Helmut Bock:

### **3.3. Joe Sildiryan, Regional Coordinator, Ontario Central-East: (GTA East of Yonge Street, to Ajax):**

If the meeting is tonight I won't be able to make it. If its cancelled for next week then I can attend.

The travel show was good I was told it was busier than last year. The Booth looked great and we had a lot of interest. The demo tank was good as well. Thanks to Etobicoke Underwater club because of them tank was busy all the time we had divers in it at all times. They kept it occupied. We also had MSNBC and few other local stations videotaping the demo tank so I think we had great coverage. The only problem I had was Walter forgot to order electricity for us and Saturday morning I had a lady bugging me for two hours trying to get 200,00 bucks for electricity. I refused and after her departure with permission I plugged in to our neighbours source. The MSNBC told me they would be at the Outdoor show doing video segments. I think it will be a good coverage. Also The final Schedule was submitted to The Outdoor show management on time with demo tank being full. I might be doing a slight change Because OUE just messaged me yesterday and will be asking couple of time slots.

I personally Thank to all who helped setting up and tearing down the Travel show booth .Raimund, Elenora and couple of members of EUC were great helping set up and tear down. It was also great to see bunch of you to come out and tend the OUC booth. More help need it at The Outdoor Show.

I would again appreciate if you guys can help out setting up and tearing down the booth also if you can help tending the Booth couple of hours at a time I will really be happy. The show is on From Friday February 25th 12 noon to 9.00 then Saturday 26th 10.00 to 6.00 and Sunday 10.00 to 5.00 setting up is Thursday afternoon and tearing down is right after the show. It takes close to 2 hours to set and 30 min to an hour to tear down. So please come out and help and if you submit your name please make sure you are there on time in fact you show up. (Brooke is an exception she was sick.)

**3.4. Bryan Thomas, Regional Coordinator, Ontario Central-West (GTA, West of Yonge Street)**

3.4.1. Bryan to submit Regional Coordinator's report:

**3.5. Position Vacant, Regional Coordinator, Ontario South (Hamilton & surrounding area)**

**3.5.1. Position vacant, SCSD or Barrascuba to nominate candidate**

**3.6. John Charest, Regional Coordinator, Ontario West (London, Sarnia, Windsor)**

Hello Raimund

This my Report Submitted on Tuesday Feb 15,2011

I Attended SUC Feb Meeting I discussed the happenings of what is going on with OUC's Events and Mentioned the OUC Ice Floe Race, Outdoor Adventure Show, at the Meeting The SUC Club said they were going to get the OUC Dues out as soon as possible

On Feb 28 I will be attending the General Meeting of SWODA in London and bring them up to date on the Events and News of OUC

I want to plan to visit other Clubs in the Windsor Area and maybe do a presentation of OUC using the Power Point Presentation

And I will work with Raimund to help give helpful ideas and pictures of the Presentation in the Theatre for the Diving the St Clair River

Thanks

John Charest

**3.7. Position Vacant, Regional Coordinator, Ontario North (Sudbury, North Bay, & surrounding area)**

3.7.1. Position vacant, Sudbury Dolphin Aquatic Club or North Bay Scuba Club to nominate candidate.

**3.8. Troy Hebert, Regional Coordinator, Ontario North-West (Thunder Bay & surrounding area)**

3.8.1. Troy to provide Regional Coordinator's report:

**4. Board of Director's Reports:**

**4.1. Raimund Krob, President**

4.1.1. Reported on assisting / guiding team members

4.1.2. Report on correspondence from Provincial Coroner's Office re: 2010 Oakville Harbour Scuba fatality

**4.2. Paul Wood, Sport Safety Director's Report:**

4.2.1. Report on progress taking on Director, Sport Safety role.

4.2.2. Report on OUC's Aviva Barth Memorial Program (ABMP), to educate boaters and divers on the meaning and use of the "diver below" flag.

4.2.2.1. Boat Launch Ramp Signs

4.2.2.2. Floating Key Fobs for Boaters & Divers (see example of idea attached)

4.2.2.3. Flyers

4.2.2.4. Articles in Boating Magazines

4.2.2.5. Mandatory questions in all Boat Operator License exams

4.2.2.6. Partner with OPP, Canadian Coast Guard, etc.

### **4.3. Eleonora Kolar, Membership Director's Report**

#### **4.3.1. OUC insurance was due Jan 31, 2011 and we have not yet paid that due to shortage of funds from membership**

##### **4.3.2. Club Membership:**

4.3.2.1. The following 14 Clubs have joined & paid their membership:

4.3.2.1.1. Aqua Knights of Hamilton

4.3.2.1.2. Canadian Sub Aqua Club

4.3.2.1.3. Dolphin Aquatic Club

4.3.2.1.4. EUC

4.3.2.1.5. Hart House Underwater Club

4.3.2.1.6. London Skin & Scuba Club

4.3.2.1.7. Mississauga Club

4.3.2.1.8. OUE

4.3.2.1.9. Scarborough Underwater Club

4.3.2.1.10. SOS

4.3.2.1.11. Steel City Sport Divers

4.3.2.1.12. SWODA

4.3.2.1.13. Toronto Rainbow Reef Rangers

4.3.2.1.14. York Sub Aqua Club

4.3.2.2. The following 7 Clubs have not yet heard from:

4.3.2.2.1.1. Ajax Scuba Club

4.3.2.2.1.2. Barrascuba Underwater Club

4.3.2.2.1.3. Canadian Sport Divers

4.3.2.2.1.4. Nautilus Scuba Club

4.3.2.2.1.5. North Bay Scuba Club

4.3.2.2.1.6. Samia Underwater Club

4.3.2.2.1.7. The Great Lakes Scuba Club

**4.3.3. I'm assuming that all the above will be rejoining but that they just haven't got around to it yet. Will send out a polite nudge to the clubs to send in their memberships. Also need to remind them that they are without insurance.**

##### **4.3.4. Report on Uninsured Club Membership:**

4.3.4.1. Completed first draft of Uninsured Club Membership Application form and sent round to the team for edits.

4.3.4.2. Ready for posting on the website.

4.3.4.3. El reviewing Non- Insured

##### **4.3.5. Commercial Membership**

4.3.6. Presently we have 7 commercial memberships. Apparently we lost a lot when we stopped doing the air testing. Commercial members renewal are as follows

4.3.6.1. 4 out of 7 are due in April, 2011

4.3.6.2. 2 out of 7 are due in June, 2011

4.3.6.3. 1 out of 7 is due Jan, 2012

4.3.6.4. El to review Commercial Membership website, membership application form, etc.

##### **4.3.7. Individual Membership**

4.3.7.1. Presently we have 28 Lifetime memberships

4.3.7.2. Presently we have 22 Individual memberships. Of which the 1st membership renewal is coming due March 27, 2011.

4.3.7.3. El to review Individual Memberships

##### **4.3.8. Report on E-Reg Membership corrections (Brian to provide)**

4.3.8.1. Not sure what is required of me or what Brian has to do here... all the electronic memberships have not been entered by Brian. That will be done by March meeting as per Brian.

##### **4.3.9. Report on progress taking on Director, Membership role.**

4.3.9.1. I am familiarizing myself with the website

4.3.9.2. I am familiarizing myself with the reports

4.3.9.3. Reviewing proposals for membership – ex: students of training clubs that are not yet certified  
**4.3.10. Report on updating Commercial Membership website.**

4.3.10.1. On my to do list

**4.3.11. Report on Membership Value Proposition for divers certified by Commercial Members.**

4.3.11.1. On my to do list

4.3.12. Resolution to be made on what happens to students of training clubs due to clubs starting their Spring courses within next couple of weeks. A proposal was put forth by Marianne Collins / Dave Noble @ last meeting for OUC membership payment of students that were not yet certified. The point is that the student pays for the course and then has to drop out (legit reasons) how do we handle the refund – See attached copy of Dave’s proposal. Would like a vote on this matter tonight since clubs need to know whether those students are covered by insurance.

**4.3.13. Raimund tabled a motion to implement a Student Membership Program whereby Clubs would register Student Membership Information with OUC within 5 days of start of course and defer payment of the associated membership & insurance fees. Clubs would then submit these fees within 5 days of certification, or by the January 1<sup>st</sup> following the start of the course, whichever comes first.**

**4.3.14. Eleonora Kolar seconded the motion and Paul Wood voted in favour, none opposed, motion was carried.**

**4.3.15. Eleonora, Marianne, Dave, and Brian to figure out how to implement and how to communicate to Clubs.**

**4.4. Ed Hovanec, Director, Communications’ Report: (response time may be slower than usual Jan & Feb, 2011):**

4.4.1. Not in attendance & no report received

4.4.2. Report on OUC Website communications channel

4.4.3. Report on OUC Mailing List Manager communications channel

4.4.4. Report on OUC Newsletter communications channel

4.4.5. Report on assisting other OUC Board Members with communications initiatives

4.4.6. Discuss and possibly vote on revising OUC’s Mission Statement.

4.4.7. Edc. ☺

**4.5. David W. Taylor, Finance Director's Report: (will be unavailable Jan 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, and Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011)**

4.5.1. Not in attendance & no report received

4.5.2. Report on OUC Finances, Year to date and YOY comparison.

## **5. Portfolio Coordinator Reports:**

5.1. Marianne Collins

5.1.1. OUC Scuba Community Directory Coordinator Report

I have received a list of bounce backs from a membership email blast that Brian executed using the Directory contact information. I am in the process of following up with updating those listings.

Marianne Collins  
Ontario Underwater Council  
Scuba Community Directory Coordinator  
[www.underwatercouncil.com](http://www.underwatercouncil.com)

5.1.2. OUC Insurance Program Coordinator Report Feb 2011

Continuing to receive feedback and provide clarification on the specifics of the Insurance Risk Management document to inquiring member Clubs. Examples:

- Coverage for Ice Diving course?
- Coverage while travelling in the U.S.?

- Coverage for guest swimmers?

**In Progress:**

1. Add questions and answers to Q&A webpage
2. Makeup and send Policy Summary to Ed for OUC newsletter and to Clubs & Regional Coordinators for their newsletters
3. Grace period is now passed. Confirm Policy premium payment?
4. Interim Student Membership program. Open Water Courses will be starting anytime. Can we proceed with implementation? (YES, DONE)

Marianne Collins  
Insurance Program Coordinator  
Ontario Underwater Council

5.2. David Noble, OUC's Shipwreck & Shore Dive Directory Coordinator's Report:

- 5.2.1. Nothing to report
- 5.2.2. Report on OUC's Shipwreck & Shore Diver Directory
- 5.2.3. Report on Technical Advisory role

5.3. Brooke Hooykaas, Chair OUC Ice Floe Race 2011:

The Ice Floe Race 2011 core team members had another meeting last night.

As of the February 15, 2011 deadline we have the following teams registered:

Etobicoke Underwater Club, Slush Puppies  
Scarborough Underwater Club – 2 teams

Hart House Underwater Club is hoping to obtain a couple more team members to bring their numbers up to fill a team and Ajax Scuba Club is planning to register their team last minute. I will be contacting Ontario Underwater Explorers to see if they are planning on registering for this year's race.

Terry Ethridge explained that the:

“ICE: the ice in the river is frozen across for the last 1.7 Km of the course. This is "frazzle" ice from so many nights of -25 degrees. It is short lived IF we have a warm-up in weather. We had a warm-up for 2 days in late January and two 250 m long leads opened up in the frazzle ice and these are still open. We are expecting above freezing temperatures today and most of next week with the possibility of rain.”

Terry Ethridge is planning on providing Ice Condition Reports tomorrow and again on Friday.

A very special thank you to Marianne Collins for her hard work on the logo, which looks wonderful.  
Thank you!

OUC Ice Floe Race Co-Chair Terry Ethridge will be taking care of any concerns that may arise after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 as my co-chair.

Brooke Hooykaas, Chair, OUC Ice Floe Race 2011

**6. Administrative Office Reports:**

6.1. Brian Craig, OUC Administrative Office Report:

- 6.1.1. Report on Administrative stuff (Club Membership renewals received, Ice Floe Race Registrations received, etc.)

6.2. Doug Rosser:

6.2.1. Report on cancelling OUC's "Adventures Underwater 2011" Show "gracefully"

7. **New/other business:**

7.1.

8. **Adjourned meeting as of 9:32p.m. next meeting Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Reference Documentation:**

- None