

In attendance:

Raimund Krob
Dave Noble
Marianne Collins
David Taylor
John Charest
Helmut Bock
Eleonora Kolar
Paul Wood
Ken Boyce

Regrets:

Tom Miller
Bryan Thomas
Brooke Hooykaas
Ed Hovanec
Joe Sildiryan
Troy Hebert

(Quorum met)

Agenda:

1. Warm welcome to all and any & all "listener-inners"
2. Reviewed, amended, & accepted minutes of February 15th meeting:

3. Regional Coordinator's Reports:

3.1. Tom Miller, East 2 (Brockville, Cornwall, Ottawa)

Nothing to report other than the Miller family is growing (again ☺).

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

Ice Floe Race, Mar 6 was a success, with 6 teams competing.

EUC came in first. Scarborough Underwater Club Inc. was awarded the "Best Club Participation" trophy.

Canadian Sport Divers, Belleville, held their monthly meeting on Feb 23. Working on their summer dive schedule.

Nautilus Club, Cobourg, Nothing new.

New Peterborough club. 2 people showed up at last meeting Feb 27. Will try again last Sunday of March.

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

Actually you have my report on the 2 Shows.

Both were great lots of exposure. Busy on the Outdoor show all three days almost packed. Demo tank worked out much better this year and everyone had a good time doing their shows in total there were 6 local clubs involved as well Olympus Canada. There were a lot of board members and club representatives helped out at the OUC boot thanks to all that were there.

3.3.1. Raimund to interview Joe about OUC @ UTS 2011 and OUC @ OAS 2011, and also write-up Shipwrecks and Scuba Swap for OUC Newsletter

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

No report provided

3.4.1. Bryan to submit Regional Coordinator's report:

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

3.5.1. SCSD to nominate candidate

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

I attended the SWODA General Meeting. Things were discussed about the this year's upcoming season.

On Aug 6 SWODA will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a get-together with all current and past members.

I brought them up to date on upcoming events that OUC was having.

On March 9 Sarnia Underwater Club had a meeting and had Jim and Pat Stayer presented 2 videos on diving in the south on

dive destinations

- 3.7. Position Vacant, Regional Coordinator, Ontario North (Sudbury, North Bay, & surrounding area)**
 - 3.7.1. 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)**

No report provided

- 3.8.1. Troy to provide Regional Coordinator's report:**

4. Board of Director's Reports:

4.1. Raimund Krob, President

- 4.1.1. Report on assisting / guiding team members
 - 4.1.1.1. Paul Wood & safety portfolio
 - 4.1.1.2. Brooke Hooykaas & Ice Floe Race
 - 4.1.1.3. Eleonora Kolar & Membership portfolio

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

- 4.2.1. Safety Report
- 4.2.2. Report on progress taking on Director, Sport Safety role
- 4.2.3. Reported on meeting with Dirk Huyer, Regional Coroner's Office re: Birmingham Crane dive fatality in summer of 2010, and recommendations for OUC's 72-hour Scuba Incident Report, on Tuesday, March 1st, in Guelph (targeting to finish recommendations by April 15th, review with Coroner and Family, and then publish by May 15th, Dave Noble volunteered to help)..
- 4.2.4. Report on OUC's Aviva Barth Memorial Program (ABMP), to educate boaters and divers on the meaning and use of the "diver below" flag.
 - 4.2.4.1. Boat Launch Ramp Signs (made inquiries with printer)
 - 4.2.4.2. Floating Key Fobs for Boaters & Divers, see example of idea attached (made inquiries with foam cutter)
 - 4.2.4.3. Flyers
 - 4.2.4.4. Articles in Boating Magazines
 - 4.2.4.5. Mandatory questions in all Boat Operator License exams
 - 4.2.4.6. Partner with OPP, Canadian Coast Guard, etc.

Report on OUC's "Scuba Diver Safety Awareness Program" for Fathom Five:

4.3. Eleonora Kolar, Membership Director's Report

Club Membership

17 Clubs have joined & paid their membership:

- Aqua Knights of Hamilton
- Canadian Sub Aqua Club
- Dolphin Aquatic Club
- EUC
- Hart House Underwater Club
- London Skin & Scuba Club
- Mississauga Club
- OUE
- Scarborough Underwater Club
- SOS
- Steel City Sport Divers
- SWODA
- Toronto Rainbow Reef Rangers
- York Sub Aqua Club

3 clubs that have since paid are:

- Ajax Scuba Club (38 members)
- Barrascuba Underwater Club (2 members)
- Canadian Sport Divers (12 members)

4 Clubs we have not yet heard from. They are as follows:

- Nautilus Scuba Club
- North Bay Scuba Club
- Sarnia Underwater Club
- The Great Lakes Scuba Club

I'm assuming that they will be rejoining but haven't got around to it?

Will need to send out a polite nudge to the clubs to send in their memberships.

Also need to remind them that they are without insurance.

Mississauga Scuba Club – their mailing address was changed in our records but not their pool address.

Commercial Membership

Presently we have 10 commercial memberships.

Dean's Sport & Dive is still not shown on the Commercial membership list (as provided by Brian).

We attained 3 additional commercial members since the last meeting from the Adventure Travel Show

- Design Travel Ltd
- Sault Scuba Centre Ltd
- Squba Holidays

Commercial members renewal are as follows

- 4 out of 10 are due in April, 2011
- 2 out of 10 are due in June, 2011
- 1 out of 10 is due Jan, 2012
- 3 out of 10 are due March 2012
- 1 is not shown on list – Dean's Sport & Dive (editor's note – this turned out to be The Dive Academy)

EI to review Commercial Membership.

Individual Membership

See Feb 15/11 Minutes.

EI to review Individual Memberships

Please note that Brian has now completed all the lists (except for those few members that have been submitted this week) for the clubs, club members, commercial and individual members.

Report on E-Reg Membership corrections (Brian to provide)

- There was some discussion amongst a few, due to Dean's Sport & Dive in Kitchener not being shown as a OUC Commercial member. I agree with Raimund's suggestion of keeping the page up and improving / automating parts of the Commercial Membership joining/renewal process.
- For the Commercial Member joins/re-joins (on-line), E-Reg should automatically send an e-mail notification to everyone on the OUC Team. Once the team is notified then they can do whatever needs to be done to process & update the new member.

Report on Non-Insured Club Membership

See Feb 15/11 Minutes

4.3.4. Report on progress taking on Director, Membership role.

- I am familiarizing myself with the website
- I am familiarizing myself with the reports

- OUC passed a proposal at last meeting put forth by EI & developed by Dave Noble & Marianne Collins regarding student memberships.

Report on updating Commercial Membership website.

- On my to do list

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

- On my to do list

Other

The Student Membership proposal that was passed last meeting is in full effect and the outline is on the website.

I received the receipt & OUC membership card & the dates are wrong on the receipt.

The receipt says:

Applicant	Description	Total	
Eleonora Kolar	Club Member 2011 (2011Jan01 to 2012Jan31) Blue Membership Rate	\$22.00	CAD
Total		\$22.00	CAD
Cheque	Eleonora Kolar	\$22.00	cr CAD
CAD Dollars Owing		\$0.00	CAD

And the membership card says

This card confirms that Eleonora Kolar is an Ontario Underwater Council “Blue (\$22)” member in good standing.

Etobicoke Underwater Club

* OUC Club members are covered under the provisions of OUC’s group liability insurance policy, subject to applicable terms & conditions published on OUC’s Club Membership website.

OUC Membership #:

Valid Until: 2011-12-31

OUC

The date on the receipt should be changed to 2011 Jan 01 to 2011 Dec 31.

EUC is hosting the Dive 4 a Cause (D4C) and want to display/ advertise @ the table @ Shipwrecks.

- can we send D4C flyers to stuff into the bags

- Event to be posted in the OUC website.

4.4. Ed Hovanec, Director of Communications’ Report:

No report provided

4.4.1. Ed to submit Director of Communications’ report:

4.4.2. Ed to advise if planning on continuing in role, and if there is anything we can do as individuals or as a Board to help.

4.4.3. OUC Website communications channel (**Dave Noble volunteered to fill in until we hear back from Ed**)

4.4.4. Report on OUC Mailing List Manager communications channel (**Raimund volunteered to (try to) fill in until we hear back from Ed**)

4.4.5. Report on OUC Newsletter communications channel

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

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

4.4.8. Etc.

4.5. David W. Taylor, Finance Director's Report:

- Our net income for the end of February 2010-11 is -\$10,067 compared with -\$8,526 for end of February 2009-10
- This is calculated using the full cost of the insurance paid in January.
- I am told that there is a deposit of \$4,500 going in later this week and there was another deposit (amount not specified) that went in earlier this month.
- Neither are reflected in the above numbers. Also the ice floe amount is just registration of \$455.
- According to Doug the same clubs are renewing but with smaller numbers.

5. Portfolio Coordinator Reports:

5.1. Marianne Collins, OUC Scuba Community Directory Coordinator Report:

Nothing to report

5.2. Marianne Collins, Ice Floe Race - Graphics

- My report: picture attached - Ice Floe race crest sample approved. Production runs in progress.

5.3. Marianne Collins, OUC Insurance Program Coordinator Report:

Nothing to report

5.4. David Noble, OUC's "Dive Ontario!" Directory Coordinator's Report:

Nothing to report

5.5. Report on Technical Advisory role

- **Dave Noble to remove all reference to Air Testing Program on OUC Home Page**

5.6. Brooke Hooykaas, Chair OUC Ice Floe Race 2011

Raimund Krob, President & Assistant to Ice Floe Race Chairs reported:

From a Safety perspective (our #1 priority):

- Our safety equipment was not delivered so we contacted EMS and asked them to be on stand-by for us
- One racer got cold and had to be evacuated via Safety Boat to the Finish Line (helping us test our EAP).

From a Race perspective:

- Etobicoke Underwater Club took back first place from Colt Creek with a time of 1:00:37, one of the longest times on record I believe.

From a give-back-to-the-community perspective:

- we collected 14 large bags of donations for our designated benefitting organization, Crossroads Women's Shelter

From a happy winner perspective:

- Gillian Harding one of SUCI's "Menacing Mermaids" won the one-week Blackbeard's live-aboard dive charter in the Bahamas

From a financial perspective:

OUC Ice Floe Race 2011, Financials					
Description	Revenue / Expense Source	Actual Revenues	Actual Expenses	Actual Balance	Remarks
Totals:		\$1,962.25	\$1,191.12	\$771.13	

From a membership perspective

- the race netted us 16 new memberships
- And post-race, by a unanimous vote, Scarborough Underwater Club Inc. was awarded the "Best Club Participation" trophy.

6. Administrative Office Reports:

Brian Craig, OUC Administrative Office Report:

- Report on Administrative stuff (Club Membership renewals received.)

Doug Rosser:

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

7. New/other business:

Suggest insert into Shipwrecks 2012 loot bags, OUC, Membership, what we do, who we are.

Raimund tabled a motion to authorize Eleonora to incur costs for receipted LD expenses not to exceed \$100 for the purpose of contacting potential commercial and club members before

8. Adjourned Meeting as of 21:24 hrs., next meeting Tuesday, April 19th, 2011, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Reference Documentation:

None