

OUC Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 19th, 2011

Minutes

In attendance:

Raimund Krob
Tom Miller
Dave Noble
Ken Boyce
Marianne Collins
John Charest

Regrets:

Eleonora Kolar
David Taylor
Bryan Thomas
Brooke Hooykaas
Joe Sildiryan
Troy Hebert
Helmut Bock

(Quorum met)

Agenda:

1. Warm welcome to all and any & all "listener-inners"
2. Reviewed, amended, & accepted minutes of March 15th, 2011 meeting:
3. **Ken Boyce's Report on the 2011 Sportsman's Show:**
 - There appears to be a lot of people attending this five day event which covers fishing, boating and other outdoor activities. This event is not recommended for club participation unless there is a sponsor for the demo tank since there are very few demos present at the show that would draw a large audience (a scuba demo would probably be well attended in this event but the cost would be too great for OUC to take on by themselves).
 - The OUC should be involved in this show since the demographics of the visitors at this show are mainly from all over the province of Ontario but only if the rental of the booth is affordable and/or they (OUC) could affiliate itself with Tourist Canada, Sports Canada and/or Boating Canada, etc...
 - Ideally this show would be a great opportunity for the OUC to truly represent its' member clubs throughout Ontario and re-enforce safe scuba, diver down flag, Aviva B memorial and perhaps increase membership (basically getting the info out to the public)
4. **Regional Coordinator's Reports:**
 - 4.1. **Tom Miller, East 2 (Brockville, Cornwall, Ottawa)**

No report provided

 - 4.1.1. Tom to submit Regional Coordinator's report:
 - 4.2. **Helmut Bock, Regional Coordinator, Ontario East 1 (Oshawa, Peterborough, Kingston)**

Report provided - Nothing to report this month.
 - 4.3. **Joe Sildiryan, Regional Coordinator, Ontario Central-East: (GTA East of Yonge Street, to Ajax):**

No report provided

 - 4.3.1. Raimund to interview Joe about OUC @ UTS 2011 and OUC @ OAS 2011, and also write-up Shipwrecks and Scuba Swap for OUC Newsletter
 - 4.4. **Bryan Thomas, Regional Coordinator, Ontario Central-West (GTA, West of Yonge Street)**

No report provided

 - 4.4.1. Bryan to submit Regional Coordinator's report:
 - 4.5. **Position Vacant, Regional Coordinator, Ontario South (Hamilton & surrounding area)**
 - 4.5.1. SCSD or Barrascuba to nominate candidate
 - 4.6. **John Charest, Regional Coordinator, Ontario West (London, Sarnia, Windsor)**
 - 4.6.1. NAS 1 course will be May 6th, 7th, 8th, with classroom and confined water in London and open water on the Gladstone in Sarnia.
 - 4.6.2. For more info go to www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca or www.divewithmar.ca
 - 4.7. **Position Vacant, Regional Coordinator, Ontario North (Sudbury, North Bay, & surrounding area)**
 - 4.7.1. Sudbury Dolphin Aquatic Club or North Bay Scuba Club to nominate candidate.
 - 4.8. **Troy Hebert, Regional Coordinator, Ontario North-West (Thunder Bay & surrounding area)**

No report provided

 - 4.8.1. Troy to provide Regional Coordinator's report:

Board of Director's Reports:

4.9. Raimund Krob, President

- 4.9.1. Board reviewed and accepted resignations as of dates submitted.
- 4.9.2. Board reviewed and accepted minutes of Special Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 5th, 2011
- 4.9.3. Report on OUE Scuba Club's 20th annual Scuba Swap 2011 this past Saturday, April 16th, 2011, **Thank-you to Marianne Collins, Ken Boyce, Dave Noble, Eleonora Kolar, Bryan Thomas, for helping me staff the OUC display!**
- 4.9.4. Update on communications with OPHEA (recommended OPHEA only permit scuba instructional programs from recognized scuba certification agencies, and that all scuba instructional programs and personnel always meet all applicable certification agency standards)
- 4.9.5. Update on communications with Town of Innisfil (OUC responded by deadline and recommended that the Town a) provide basic amenities such as washroom facilities, change facilities, garbage & recycle receptacles, and picnic tables, b) allow OUC to post informational signs for boaters and divers on how to safely share the same water (OUC's ABMP), c) award permits fairly, d) work with OUC to help communicate the outcome to the Ontario scuba diving community.
- 4.9.6. Report on Commercial Membership errors, findings, corrective action, and recovery (Dean McConnachie of The Dive Academy, ~50% communications and ~50% system. Raimund addressed communications gaps and Bryan addressing system gaps, and for recovery Eleonora Kolar supported offering Dean an additional year's OUC Commercial Membership at no cost. **Raimund to apologize, explain, and extend offer to Dean.**
- 4.9.7. Report on member inquiry about a Kingston-area Scuba Retailer allegedly condemning scuba tanks.
- 4.9.8. Report on Coaching & assisting fellow Board Members in their portfolios:
 - 4.9.8.1. Eleonora Kolar & Membership portfolio

4.10. Dave Noble, (interim) Director of Sport Safety's Report:

- 4.10.1. Safety Report
 - Firstly – I accepted this as an interim appointment to help maintain quorum and consistency. If another member comes along who would like this portfolio, I would be more than pleased to step aside and assist instead. I have enough on my plate at the moment in addition to my healing issues and job situation.
 - I have contacted TotalRepro to arrange printing of ABMP signs for EUC. Problems with printers delaying project.
 - I received the Coroner's Report re: Oakville Accident 2010
 - Reviewed with Dr Ron Linden (Hyperbaric / Scuba medicine) and Art Penney (ACUC Instructor Trainer)
 - Put together a document containing 35 questions, references, assumptions and a suggestion for a Scuba Accident Reference Manual (to supplement existing documents the coroner, Police investigators may already have). Forwarded to Raimund for next step.
 - Cause of death per Coroner: Air Embolism Due to Barotrauma in a Scuba Diver with Acute Oxygen Toxicity.
 - Update to 2010 Incident report expected mid-May.
 - Discussions initiated with Parks Canada for revisions to documentation for SDSAP program and create new Powerpoint. Look to add technical diving to discussion.
 - Reviewed training standards for IANTD Recreational Trimix Diver with Raimund & Marianne to see if this would be covered by OUC's liability insurance. Because the limits for Rec Scuba are depth and deco related, we agreed that the specifics of gas did not affect coverage provided that an appropriate certification was held by the user/instructor and dives were conducted within recreational limits.
- 4.10.2. Raimund 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.
- 4.10.3. **Dave to submit draft recommendations to Raimund.**
- 4.10.4. **Raimund to submit draft recommendations and future questions to Dirk Huyer**
- 4.10.5. Report on Fathom Five "Scuba Diver Safety Awareness Program" and discussions with Ethan.

4.11. Eleonora Kolar, Membership Director's Report

No Report provided

- 4.11.1. Raimund reported on Individual, Club and Commercial membership.
- 4.11.2. Brian Craig advised still working on E-Reg auto-notification of new OUC Memberships to all team members.
- 4.11.3. **Eleonora to report on where Non-Insured Club Membership is at and next steps**
- 4.11.4. Report on updating Commercial Membership website.
- 4.11.5. Report on Membership Value Proposition for divers certified by Commercial Members (Raimund called meeting for tomorrow).

4.11.6. Eleonora to advise how Commercial Members get notified of pending expiration.

4.11.7. Eleonora to contact all Clubs that have not yet renewed.

4.11.8. Eleonora to review and revise Commercial Membership Certificate.

4.12. Tom Miller, (interim) Director of Communications' Report:

4.12.1. Report on OUC communications channels:

4.12.1.1. Website: Dave doing an awesome job, thank-you!

4.12.1.2. Newsletter: Marianne helping greatly, thank-you!

4.12.1.3. Mailing List Manager: **Raimund to tackle next mailing**

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

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

4.13.1. David on vacation, see attached e-mails.

5. Portfolio Coordinator Reports:

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

Directory has been updated with current Club and Commercial members from Brian's lists as of yesterday and posted on the OUC website.

5.2. Marianne Collins, OUC Insurance Program Coordinator Report:

Received one inquiry as to the use of TriMix for Recreational diving. Affirmed insurance coverage for TriMix as a valid recreational gas provided that all other criteria are met ie. certification for use, observing recreational diving limits etc. In Progress:

- Add questions and answers to Q&A webpage
- Policy Summary will be included in upcoming Spring 2011 OUC newsletter

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

- OUC corporate program for CAA membership to offer to OUC membership
 - Only for new CAA members
 - Approx. 15% discount for 1st year
 - Requires minimum 5 members to set up
 - Looking into renewal discounts for future
 - Looking into group health benefits package
 - see proposal document, brochures, application
- OUC corporate program for DEMA membership to offer to OUC membership
 - Did this 1 year - 2007??
 - Could re-instate – possibly charge a nominal fee for processing to submit names to DEMA.
 - Fee would cover office expense and possibly DEMA membership
 - Would allow any OUC Club Member to attend as an employee regardless of professional status
- Nautilus Lifeline – Personal Locator GPS/Beacon/VHF radio
 - This will be offered by DAN shortly, pre-booking now
 - There are several dealers already advertising in Ontario – none in GTA / S.Ont.
 - s/b approved for Transport Canada registration shortly, can be registered in other countries also
 - I would like to offer these to Clubs/members at a special price.
 - To open market at Retail price
 - Would like to consider an OUC rental program for travelling divers. (similar to DAN's Sat Phone rental program)
 - Have received documents for OUC to be dealer
 - See documents: dealer price sheet, technical specifications, purchase order
- Updates to new Member pages on web site - See Webmaster Report
- OUC roll-up banners – new one from Doug Rosser (only issue – not a freshwater picture)
 - see 2 draft roll-ups banners.

5.3.1. Report on Technical Advisory role

Dive Ontario! Coordinator

- Updates to Dive Ontario! Pages
 - Redesigned to remove the Google Earth technical page and change to a promotion of diving in Ontario.
 - New Google "MAPS" based Directories (browser based). Allows for members to submit their own maps.
 - New Site Summary to discuss the various areas of the province and what is available
 - New background page on statistics of each lake, how the Great Lakes were formed, and how Ontario benefitted. Why dive in Ontario?, etc..

Web Content Editor / Associate Webmaster

- New page "Volunteering" to help in the recruiting of Board positions / portfolios / committees
 - Currently the link is <http://underwatercouncil.com/?action=cms&cmspage=careers>
 - Note: Safety Director and Communications Director are still listed as open.
- New page to replace "About the OUC" page
 - Currently the link is <http://underwatercouncil.com/?action=cms&cmspage=advocacy>
 - Discusses each of the points of the mission statement (current (not revised) version) with examples of how OUC fulfills each point.
 - Discusses the role of OUC as a "de-facto" PSO
- Updated member pages to reflect the currently renewed Commercial members.
- Updated the Home page.
- Moved the mission statement into the Header area to show on every page.
- Removed expired events
- Updated SOS events
- Acknowledged new commercial member – Design Travel
- Question for the Board – Do we allow Commercial Members to advertise events, courses, etc. on the website (Home Page) under Member Events and on the Events Calendar?

5.3.2. Motion to extend CAA benefits to OUC members discussed, voted on, and accepted, **Dave to identify next steps.**

5.4. Brooke Hooykaas, Chair OUC Ice Floe Race 2011

Ice Floe Race:

- Brian mailed out all OUC Ice Floe Race 2011 Crests to Team Captains and individuals. Thank-you Marianne, the crests look AWESOME!

Just to let everyone know, I've moved up to Ottawa. Have a new job up here and things are going well. I have also become a member of the Ottawa Beavers scuba club (have even offered to take on the role of executive secretary with them)

I have also been in contact with Luc Lafontaine of the SOS Ottawa Chapter.

6. Administrative Office Reports:

6.1. Brian Craig, OUC Administrative Office Report:

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

6.2. Doug Rosser's report

6.2.1.

7. New/other business:

7.1. CAPIP assets, Raimund to volunteer to do this

7.2. Could DAN qualify as a Club member a la S.O.S.? Would that make all Ontario DAN members eligible for OUC Liability Insurance? Would we give DAN advertising space? Club listing?

7.3. Great Canadian Shoreline clean-up – Ken Boyce

I would like to suggest that the OUC get involved with the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up event. This event runs from Sept 17-25 but in reality can be done anytime in Sept.

I realize the OUC can't sponsor and/or participate directly (due to cost and logistics reasons) but to act as a liaison between the event and member clubs. What I mean by this is that the OUC could encourage member clubs to be involved in this event and provide the details for this event.

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I figure this is an important event for scuba divers since who really wants to go diving to see garbage and be affected by the water quality that they dive in. I figure by cleaning the streams, rivers, etc. the waters we dive in would be clean, and the sights we see would be shipwrecks, wrecks, and most importantly fish.

Like the old saying "take pictures, leave bubbles" but this can only happen if we (OUC members) do our part.

Here is the info and contact person for more information about this event

Susan Debrececi Susandebrececi@vanaqua.org

Toll free 1-877-427-2422

Direct. 416-764-3092

<http://shorelinecleanup.ca>

One thing we could do is have a contest, challenge and/or totals within the OUC organization.

This is just an idea I would like to present to the OUC since our club, EUC, is currently going into our second year of running a clean-up site.

Raimund commented that SUCI also participates.

Ken to contact Susan and inquire about how she recommends OUC could help promote.

To be clear, this would NOT be a scuba-diving event, but it WOULD be an event that directly benefits divers and that is consistent with the "cultural and environmental awareness" element of OUC's mission statement.

8. Adjourned Meeting as of 22:34 hrs., next meeting Tuesday, May 17th 2011, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Reference Documentation:

1. Resignation of Ed Hovanec of March 14th, 2011
2. Resignation of Paul Wood dated March 28th, 2011
3. Minutes of OUC Special Board Meeting of April 5th, 2011
4. Dave Noble's reports (included)
5. Financial report #1
6. Financial report #2