



In attendance:

Raimund Krob (D)
Dave Noble (D)
David Taylor (D)
Ken Boyce (listener)
John Charest
Helmut Bock
Marianne Collins

Regrets:

Tom Miller (D)
Bryan Thomas
Brooke Hooykaas
Joe Sildiryan
Troy Hebert
Eleonora Kolar (D)

Called to order 19:35hrs
(Quorum met – Dx3)

Agenda:

Congrats to Dive 4 A Cause from SUCI participants
Warm welcome to all and any & all "listener-inners".
Apologies for last week's cancellation - RK
Reviewed, amended, & accepted minutes of Aug 23rd meeting: Motioned RK 2nd DN

Regional Coordinator's Reports:

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

No report provided

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

Canadian Sport Divers went to Rockport in September. Dove Kinghorn and Vickery.
Nautilus did not do anything this month
Raimund - has anyone expressed any desire to serve on OUC – Helmut - No

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

No report provided.

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

No report provided

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

SCSD to nominate candidate

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

Missing diver in St Clair River found on Sunday.
John removed all lines from shore to wrecks to help prevent new divers.
After discussion with SWODA and Mar, etc. They agree to interview all divers wishing to dive the river who ask for info.
Raimund recommended all strangers be required to sign Liability Release to get details or to dive with someone else from the group. In other words, those providing assistance should cover their behinds.

John is officially new Committee Chair of Huron Shores SOS Chapter and a new VP is also in place.
Survey of beach wreckage on hold till next year, it was inventoried and tagged after the tornado to keep pieces from being removed as debris.

ACTION ITEM: John - Please update status on Maitland Star scuttling plans

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

Sudbury Dolphin Aquatic Club or North Bay Scuba Club to nominate candidate

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

No report provided

OUC Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 20th, 2011

Minutes

Board of Director's Reports:

Raimund Krob, President

Mass mailout of news blast went out via CCMail to 2800 email addresses.
No responses to date

OUC AGM - request to move date from Doug Rosser cannot be accommodated.
Raimund to get quotes on various rooms and issues for pre-registration.

ACTION ITEM: Dave – put shark petition info on website

Report on OUC AGM, Sunday, November 13th, 2011, and what we have to do if Member Clubs do not nominate new candidates for all 5 OUC Board positions. To be discussed at end of meeting.
AGM meeting – request all Board Members provide reports for year-end
No update on OUC CAPIP Assets disposition.

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

- nothing to report

Eleonora Kolar, Membership Director's Report

No report provided

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

No report provided

David W. Taylor, Finance Director's Report:

Report

Doug has been unable to send me figures for this year (July, August 2011) Based on this time last year and ignoring the amortized insurance cost plus the film venue rental, I expect that we will be showing a loss of about \$1000. Helping this will be the \$389 OUC fees arising from the NAS 1 course that SOS gave in New York State in August.

Membership numbers are down this year which leads to a loss of \$1008 on the insurance account (gain of \$1800 for 2009/10). I propose an increase of the insurance fee that members pay from \$7 to \$10. Based on this year's membership numbers, this would lead to a gain of \$1428 on this account. Anyone know when the insurance fee last increased?

Doug is going to help us in the current year with a reduction of the monthly admin fee from \$600 to \$500 and a reduction of the net monthly rent by \$150. He suggests that we disconnect the direct OUC phone line with incoming calls going straight to Brian. This would save about \$50 per month.

Applying these changes to the 2010-11 account would reduce our loss to \$1286 for the year (Current loss is \$7607.76, see July report below).

We may want to increase the membership fees. Based on this year's numbers, an increase of Blue from \$15 to \$20 and Household Principal from \$20 to \$25 would increase this revenue stream from \$13584 to \$15049 leading to a slight gain Any one know when the membership fee last increased?

Too many changes at once?

I am working on a comparison with our budget made in October 2010. May be in time for the meeting.

Discussion

Several members joined SOS and OUC
Numbers of members are down – approx. \$1000 less

Dave Taylor motioned to increase insurance fees, Raimund seconded
Marianne mentioned a meeting with Nancy Au.
Discussion was held

Raimund amended motion to increase OUC Individual Club Member insurance fee to a minimum of \$10 pending the outcome of meeting with the insurer in October. Seconded by Dave Taylor.

Discussion of Club Insurance fees
Several members recommended increase to Training Club insurance fees.
Delay discussions to next meeting after Marianne meets with insurer.

Raimund did not like the idea of dropping the OUC listing.
Suggested dropping fax line #. Can we use Doug's instead for website?

Discussion on increase in OUC membership fees.
Remove household
Increase in all Blue and Gold fees.

ACTION ITEM: David Taylor - need to prepare a justification for membership

ACTION ITEM: Marianne – look up requirements for notification to present changes to fees to a General Meeting

Here are the passages of the By Laws relevant to the Fixing of the Dues. It appears that the Dues are to be voted on by the membership at a meeting called for the purpose (ie a General Meeting) and that notice of the meeting is to be given **10 days** (ie. Wed Nov 2 depending on how you count), in advance but that the proposed fees do not need to be announced in advance.

To change membership categories requires a By Law change with **42 days (Sunday Oct 2)** advance notice.

ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL BY-LAWS

AS REVISED NOVEMBER 16th, 2008

19. DUES

Fees payable by members shall be from time to time fixed by a two thirds majority of the votes registered at any Annual or other meeting called as provided in Section 20, and only on notice that such meeting is being called, in part, for that purpose.

20. ANNUAL AND OTHER MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

No public notice or advertisement of members meetings, annual or general, shall be required, but notice of the time and place of every such meeting shall be given to each member by sending the notice by prepaid mail, fax, or email, **ten days** before the time fixed for the holding of such meeting provided that a majority of members of the Corporation as defined under Section 27 are present thereat or represented by proxy duly appointed, and at such meeting any business may be transacted which the Corporation at annual or general meetings may transact.

ACTION ITEM: Marianne – look up requirements for notification to present changes to “Membership Categories” in the bylaws to a General Meeting

25. VOTING

The Corporation's By-Laws shall not be amended or repealed wholly or in part, except by a two-thirds majority vote of all Delegates present in person or by proxy. Written notice of any proposed change of the By-Laws must be given to the membership at least forty-two (42) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

Portfolio Coordinator Reports:

Marianne Collins, OUC Scuba Community Directory Coordinator Report:

- Community Directory – updated – added new commercial member from BC
- Action item

Marianne Collins, OUC Insurance Program Coordinator Report:

Meeting due in October

- Wishlist (ie)
 - Access without OUC
 - Technical
 - Commercial

Marianne Collins, OUC Newsletter Editor Report:

- Newsletter – to be published in next week
- Need presidents corner – Raimund to provide for Sunday
- Raimund to provide Diving with PFOs

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

Nothing to report

ACTION ITEM: Raimund to provide Board with "Dive Ontario!" Guide to Diving the Upper St. Clair River. (outstanding from last meeting)

David Noble, OUC's Technical Advisory role - Visibility

OUC Clean Air Program.

- Raimund to be available Thursday afternoon to meet with Amaircare regarding next steps

OUC corporate program for DEMA membership to offer to OUC membership.

Raimund checked – not available to membership – only to staff.

ACTION ITEM: Dave to send out request for interest to Board

OUC Crisis Counselling benefit.

ACTION ITEM: Marianne investigating this option with Insurer – nothing yet.

David Noble, OUC's Web Content Editor / Associate Webmaster

Updated the Board Minutes on Archives page.

Administrative Office Reports:

Financial Reports

Email from Doug Rosser

The OUC is only two months into the new fiscal and there has been virtually no financial activity during July and August. I will try this weekend to get an updated report to David (Balance Sheet) so that you can understand your current cash position, which is not too bad.

Email from Brian Craig –

No changes, no nominations received at the office

Old business:

ACTION ITEM:

All board members are asked to review Marianne's comments regarding possible restructuring. These are revised below:

Suggestions for Restructuring OUC:

Submitted by Marianne Collins

1. **Suggestion 1:** I propose a structural change to the OUC Board such that Board positions become Club responsibilities rather than relying on individuals to come forward. In the same way that Ice Floe race requires 2 dry volunteers to help, Clubs would indicate their choice of one position to be responsible for on their OUC renewal application (first come fist served basis) including all portfolios and Regional Coordinators... sort of an extension of the Liaison/ Listener-Inner concept. Any Club member could serve as an Alternate to attend meetings and Club would be responsible for replacing the individual if their original Designate needs to step down. Extend to Commercial members too?

Downside: Resistance from Clubs. Don't know how attendance or job performance would be enforced. Don't want OUC to be perceived as dictator of this idea. Would prefer that this proposal come from a club or member rather than from OUC Board for the membership to vote on at the AGM.

2. **Suggestion 2:** Scale back OUC executive to 5 Board members by eliminating Regional Coordinators, portfolios like Shipwreck and Community directory, Ice Floe and Adventure Show committees etc, to cut down on workload. Only keep 5 essential positions to run the store in a diminished capacity while the Board concentrates on membership drive, commercial member value proposition and long term Visibility Plan.

Downside: Without any programs or benefits, OUC membership would be even harder to justify.

3. **Suggestion 3:** It is becoming obvious that OUC cannot function on membership fees alone. Doug has suggested that OUC needs an event that raises additional funds ie. Adventures Underwater?

Downside: As always, who will do the work? Adventures Underwater already suffered from same lack of commitment from the committee.

4. **Suggestion 4:** Look into corporate or private funding. Apply for grants from Trillium, Project Aware, RBC Blue Water, others. Perhaps refocus OUC's mandate on eco advocacy.

Downside: Not sustainable

New/other business:

Need to arrange to appoint a Trustee of Dissolution as last act prior to elections, maybe in bylaws

Question from Ken – why is there no representation from Commercial interests?

Answer – they choose not to

Adjourned Meeting as of 21:11 hrs., next meeting Tuesday, October 18th, 2011, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Reference Documentation:

none