



**In attendance:**

Rick Le Blanc (D)  
Mar Smith (D)  
David Taylor (D)  
Raimund Krob (C)  
Marianne Collins (C)  
Ayisha Hassanali – Sport Safety  
Kenneth Boyce – RC for Ont. West  
John Charest – RC for Ont. South West

**Absent:**

Chris Phinney (D)  
Stephen Weir – Sport Safety  
Joe Sildiryan – RC for Ont. Central East  
Randy Cook – RC for Ontario North  
Dave Noble (A)  
Helmut Bock – RC for Ont. East

**Regrets:**

Doug Rosser – FSE

**On the bridge**

Brant Telfer - OUE

Called to order: 19:38

3 Directors - Quorum is met

**Listener**

Meeting called to order 19:38

The board has passed the minutes of the Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Board Meeting.  
Minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting are delayed until David Taylor reviews the minutes, which Rick will send.

## Regional Coordinator's Reports:

**Ontario East 2 Position vacant**

No report

**Ontario East 1 Helmut Bock**

No report

**Ontario Central East Joe Sildiryan**

I thought I would be home for the meeting but still at work sorry. My report on the outdoor show only.

We had an awesome 3 days of busy schedule. The show was busy all 3 days and we had the demo tank covered pretty good. It never stayed empty. SUCI, Hart House, EUC, Mississauga were there to keep the audience occupied by putting their show on. By Thursday the show management asked me if it's ok to do a small demo in the tank for CP 24. We agreed on it but today's technology being so advanced their camera could only go so far and not able to reach the tank for live demo. They offered to do a two min live segment, which was presented by Raimund with his scuba gear answering questions of the speaker. It was short but I think it hit the spot.

Special thanks to all team members who helped with tending and helping at the booth, as well the participating clubs. You all know who you are I won't mention all the names.

I think it was busier then last year and the crowd was larger. Also we had more attendance at the booth compare to last year and also compare to the ultimate travel show. Interest to our booth was big got busy periodically. I think we made more connections including couple of commercial members.

Thanks job well done and thanks for making it look easy on me.



**Ontario Central West Ken Boyce**

Spoke to and introduced myself to some of the clubs and commercial identities that are within the boundaries of my region. I have not approached Toronto Sports Scuba club, leaving it for Dave Noble to do so, since he is more knowledgeable about them than I am.

**Ontario South Position vacant**

No Report

**Ontario West John Charest**

OUC,SOS,SWODA,LSSC had a successful Weekend at the London Boat and Sport Show with having the booth there

SUC will be running for a another year as a Club but will not have OUC Membership but Rick recommended we get a Guest OUC Membership if we want to participate in OUC Events

2 SOS Huron Shores Board members John Charest & Krissy Nickle and fellow Diver Corry Coyea went to the Pt Edward OPP to make a Report about vandalism that happened on the Monarch in the Fall of 2011 and now waiting to see what charges are going to be brought against the diver who is responsible for damaging this heritage site. Criminal charge will be laid after further investigation. OPP will ask Corry for more details.

**Ontario North Randy Cook**

No report

**Ontario North West Position vacant**

No report

## Board of Director's Reports:

### President and Membership Director: Rick Le Blanc

Report on Ice Floe Race: Winner, pictures posted, financials and next year. Winner was Colt Creek with a time of 59 min 33 sec. "Best Participating Club" was SUCI. Pictures on OUC Facebook. We netted \$1821.99 which is \$1000.00 above budget. An email was sent out last week thanking everyone.

Itemized list of Ice Floe materials that Terry wants OUC to buy and/or take possession. Terry will sell 5 items for \$460.00 from the Peterborough storage. I'll meet him on the 27<sup>th</sup> to pick up items belonging to "OUC". The remaining items, OUC will have to source out for all future races. OUC will pay Terry \$460.00 for 1 mega phone, 1 back board stretcher, 12 foot folding table, chaffing dish and heavily insulated, foil lined hot drink box.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Rick will formally announce the resignation of Chris Phinney. He will place the announcement on the website and ask Dave to remove him from the list of current directors and mention his name as a past director.

### Maritime Heritage Advisor update:

Meeting on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, with the Ministry, Stephen, Scarlett and myself at 3pm at 900 Bay Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor. Meeting not a Human Resource issue.

### 2012 planning:

Update members. Send an email to members and post on the website the goals and direction of the Board for 2012.



**Search for directors:**

We continue to advertise on line in the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, Kijiji and Yourclassifieds.ca. We have had one response from Peter who replied to a Kijiji ad. No answer from Peter. Marianne and others suggested advertising in ontariodiving.com and scubaboard.com. Rick will place an ad in both.

**Director of Sport Safety: Marlyn Smith**

Updated notes for the Ontario Scuba Incident and Prevention Report, from Ayisha and Stephen, have been passed along to Dave for uploading onto website.

**Membership Director: Rick Le Blanc**

Membership stands at 17 clubs. Membership count - 435  
Canadian Sport Divers, Sarnia Underwater Club, Great Lakes Scuba Club have not renewed  
Commercial members – 11

Report on RC's "plan of attack" – 20 Pamphlets, 15 self-addressed envelopes will be mailed out the RC's and David Taylor with an email asking them to review the Ontario Community Scuba Directory for accuracy. Once the information is verified, then the office will mail out the Commercial Membership.

**Director of Communications**

position vacant

**Director of Finance; David Taylor**

Financial report

The bank balance is \$8565 and the profit and loss shows a net income of \$11747. I presume that Doug has been paying down some of Accounts Payable but I have still not seen the current balance sheet. I presume it is waiting for the wrap up of the short year July-December 2011

Membership income indicates 435 insured members so we need 65 more to cover insurance costs after which the fees flow through to the insurer

According to Rick there are some cheques to be deposited which could change the all above. Also, the accounting for the ice floe race is not complete. (Profit and Loss shows just \$42.49 as ice floe expenses!)

Our income comes in early but admin costs extend through the year. I am going to work with Doug to get a better feel for our situation ... estimating cost to come.

Based on the ice floe figures that Rick has just sent out the net income should be reduced by \$1529.01 to \$10218.85



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## Portfolio Coordinator Reports:

### **Marianne Collins Advisor to Membership Director and Ontario Diver newsletter editor;**

No report

### **David Noble Advisor to the Director of Sport Safety, Webmaster**

No report

### **Raimund Krob, Past President and Advisor to President:**

1. Helped out in various capacities at the 2012 Outdoor Adventure Show
  - a. Made contact with Steve Bruno of Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation for the purpose of adding scuba to the Ontario Outdoor Adventures Program.
  
2. Received two responses from our RFP for individual member insurance:
  - a. one from Peter Meyer of Willis Canada declining, and
  - b. one from Pearson-Dunn responding in part
  - c. Next steps: Raimund & Rick to meet with Leigh Cappadocio to review.
  
3. Completed the final draft of the Commercial Membership Invitation letter and the Application Form.
  - a. I only got input from one friendly, namely Todd Shannon.
  - b. Next steps: Rick & Brian & Team to distribute in person or via letter to all Not-yet-OUC Commercial Members
  - c. I advise that this initiative be handled very diligently with close communication, coordination, with Rick.
  - d. Dependency is that the Scuba Community Directory be correct, or we waste time, money, and effort mailing to incorrect addresses.
  
4. Ice Floe Race 2012:
  - a. Assisted with planning and preparation for the race, including:
  - b. Initiating Rick into the role of Chair
  - c. Securing Blackbeard's sponsorship
  - d. Securing portable washroom facilities
  - e. Chain sawing ice floes on Saturday

RACING WITH MY CLUB ON SUNDAY, YAY!
  
5. Fathom Five Scuba Diver Safety Awareness Program (SDSAP)
  - a. Nothing to report at this time
  - b. Next steps: Raimund to contact Ethan Meleg and discuss what we can do in the short term and what we can do in the longer term.
  
6. Un-Sanctioner role:
  - a. Received numerous notifications, all good, did not "unsanction" any activities
  - b. Have noticed notifications of dives,
  - c. Notified OUC of Ice Floe Race as our annual "alcohol" event.
  
7. Ontario Diver articles

Submitted one on the subject of "Canadian Mint finally issues waterproof currency specially for the Canadian Scuba Diving community, dated April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012"

  - b. One more pending on Liability Insurance and the Statute of limitations
  - c. One more pending on Diving and Carbon Monoxide don't mix



**Administrative Office Reports:**

Nothing to report at this meeting

**Old business:**

Nothing at this meeting

**New/other business:**

Marianne spoke of awarding the winners of next years Ice Floe Race free OUC membership. We decided that this would be up to the Core Planning team for the 50<sup>th</sup> race.

Mar recapped the "24-hour" event that clubs and retail shops in the London area will hold in June. Everything in place but need to secure a location. The councillors of St. Mary's rejected using their quarry for safety reasons. Raimund and Rick offered to help represent OUC if that would help. The event will start at 12 pm Saturday and finish at 12pm Sunday. Teams of 10 divers are needed

**Adjourned Meeting as of 21:01 hrs,**

**Next meeting: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 19:30hrs**

**Reference Documentation:**