



In attendance:

Rick Le Blanc (D)
Mar Smith (D)
David Taylor (D)
Raimund Krob (A)
Marianne Collins (A)
Dave Noble (A)
Kenneth Boyce RC - Ont. West
John Charest RC - Ont. South West
Helmut Bock RC - Ont. East
Ayisha Hassanali Sport Safety Consultant
Stephen Weir Sport Safety Consultant

Absent:

Joe Sildiryan RC - Ont. Central East
Randy Cook RC - Ont. North

On the bridge

Derek Causarano

Listener

Regrets:

Doug Rosser FSE

Meeting called to order 19:45

3 Directors present - Quorum is met

The board approved the minutes of the Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 Board Meeting.

Regional Coordinator's Reports:

Ontario East 2 Position vacant

No report

Ontario East 1 Helmut Bock

Nautilus Scuba Club, Cobourg: Still preparing the club boat for summer diving. OUC memberships submitted.

Canadian Sport Divers, Belleville: Still debating the need to join OUC. They are researching other insurance options before deciding whether to join OUC as a club. They are upset about the dropping of the family membership option and the way the issue was handled at the OUC AGM. Several of the key members are in the Maldives and won't return until the end of the month. Rick recapped 2 conversations that he had with Tom of CSD and also recounted the various emails sent out to CSD board and Tom.

Ontario Central East Joe Sildiryan

Everything is good in my area. Ajax Scuba had their spring open water class completed. Have a rescue course to teach at SUCI. SUCI has started their open water as well the rescue course. DM course continues at SUCI.

Ontario Central West Ken Boyce

It was found out that the city was proposing to dump the dirt from the building of the Eglinton subway line and other big building projects into the mouth of the Humber River and extending into Humber Bay. This could impact the 3 shipwrecks located in this area. Further info about this subject will be cover later in this board meeting. Also, there was also a scuba incident in this same area, which will also be discussed under sport and safety's report. The OUE scuba swap is occurring this weekend April 21 in Etobicoke. EUC will be holding and participating in the community clean-up event on April 22 in north Etobicoke. With respect to the OUC purpose agenda under the president report, i have already approached several of the clubs with respect to the proposed ideas in Jan/Feb and have received positive responses to these ideas.

Ontario South Position vacant



No Report

Ontario West John Charest

Went through the OUC Index for of Ontario Scuba Retailers, Scuba Certifying Agencies, Ontario Scuba Clubs, Ontario Scuba Charter Operators, & Ontario Scuba Travel Agencies & Accommodations for the Western Region of OUC and Called and Checked them for complete Accuracy and sent the new and updated info to Rick and a Special Thanks to Mar Smith for Helping do the London Area for me.

On April 18 the SUC is Meeting together for what they want to plan for the club and i am bring forth the OUC Guest Diver Program to any who want to still be with OUC

Ontario North Randy Cook

No report

Ontario North West Position vacant

No report

Board of Director's Reports:

Rick Le Blanc, President and Membership Director

Report on Ice Floe Race 2013: Picked up items from Terry and have them stored at OUC office. We'll need to start planning in the next few months to get some major milestones out of the way. These will include: who to invite, format of the weekend, Saturday dinner, Sunday dinner, bands etc...

President's article for Ontario Diver by Wednesday.

NDA Shipwreck Symposium – A huge success. There largest turnout. All speakers were great

OUE Scuba Swap is the 21st. OUC will be in attendance and loan the VISA credit capability to process transactions.

I have scheduled a teleconference meeting with the member clubs for the 25th, possibly laying the groundwork for future meetings. Topics will be:

- A. Reciprocate advertising of each other's website.
- B. What issues are confronting your club that perhaps other clubs are also confronting or have solved.
- C. Cross club training when there are not enough students to make it financially viable to train
- D. Various clubs taking on the role of organizing an Ontario wide event like the IFR and the 24 hour relay.
- E. Discuss how the clubs attract new members and keep those that they have trained.
- F. Have dive schedules posted on OUC's website to be linked back to the club.
- G. Q & A



Marlyn Smith, Director of Sport Safety:

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

An in-depth conversation took place surrounding the recent incident of Judy Ann Swann and Eric Tolton on April 13. Details of the incident and recommendations can be found at:

http://www.underwatercouncil.com/downloads/incident_reports/ouc_2012_scuba_incident_reports.pdf.

Thank you for the very hard and thorough work of Raimund Krob, Ayisha Hassanali and Stephen Weir.

There will be a 24 Hour Relay Event held on June 2nd and 3rd in London at Echo Park. Teams of 10 divers are asked to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke foundation. For more details please visit: <http://www.24hourscubarelay.ca/>.

Rick Le Blanc Membership Director

Membership stands at 17 clubs and 8 commercial members.

Club Membership count 626 + 80 from EUC and 35 from SUCI = 741.

Dave, Raimund and Marianne asked to receive the "ereg" membership report that Rick receives from Brian. Rick uses this information to update the Ontario Scuba Community Directory.

Report on RC's "plan of attack" – Pamphlets, commercial membership forms, verifying addresses before mail out.

Brian is mailing out commercial membership form to all commercial members in the Ontario Scuba Directory.

Should be complete by Friday, April 20th.

Director of Communications position vacant

David Taylor Director of Finance

- David received the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss from Doug on April 16th; he had been away according to Brian.
- David sent Doug several questions about details but has not received a reply so far.
- We are ahead of the 2012-forecasted budget and anticipate an excess of funds of \$6500.00. This is primarily due to
 1. a better net gain from the Ice Floe Race and
 2. choosing the "deposit" method of \$5000.00 rather than the flat fee of \$10,080.00 for OUC's liability insurance.

Portfolio Coordinator Reports:

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

Waiting for President's article to publish the Ontario Diver newsletter

David Noble Advisor to the Director of Sport Safety, Webmaster

Ontario Scuba Incident and Prevention Report icon, created by Marianne, is now on the front page of the website. This makes it easier for everyone to find and view.

A new document, a secondary report for Ontario resident incidents that occur outside of Ontario, has been created and distributed. A separate set of download links has been added to the Safety Incidents page for this.



Raimund Krob, Past President and Advisor to President:

Communications Program:

- "Ontario Diver" OUC's Official Newsletter, reporting to Marianne Collins: Submitted "April 1st" article on waterproof currency for divers
- Submitted article on CO poisoning (see attached)
- Offered to help Rick write his first President's Corner on the topic of OUC's 2012 Plan

Safety Program:

- Fathom Five SDSAP refresh for 2012, reporting to Mar Smith (see attached)
- Scuba Incident & Prevention Report, reporting to Stephen Weir (see attached)
- Would like to ask the Board if and how they feel OUC should recognize the actions of Elliott Cristofoli. Stephen Weir mentioned that Diver Magazine can sponsor an "award" program. He'll look into it. We decided to wait on speaking to Elliot until after OUC had finished their investigation into the April 13th, Humber Bay West incident.

Official Un-Sanctioner Role, reporting to Mar Smith (nothing to report)

Advisor Role (reporting to the Board):

Continuing to advise here & there, this role has tapered off significantly since November and I think I will only be consulted occasionally from here on in

Membership Program, reporting to Rick Le Blanc:

- Individual Membership Value Proposition:
- Held preliminary meeting with Leigh Cappadocio of Pearson Dunn beginning of April
- Next steps: set up meeting with Leigh, Nancy, Rick, & Marianne to discuss further.

Commercial Membership:

- Spoke with Brian Pallock of Dive Source about renewing membership
- Next steps: mail him package.

Administrative Office Reports:

Nothing to report at this meeting

Old business:

Nothing at this meeting

New/other business:

Adjourned Meeting as of 21:45 hrs.

Next meeting: May 22nd, 19:30hrs

NOTE - 4TH TUESDAY of the month due to a board member's holiday.

Reference Documentation: None