



In attendance:

Rick Le Blanc (D)
Mar Smith (D)
Marianne Collins (A)
Ayisha Hassanali (A)
Dave Noble (A)
Bruce Beattie – EUC
Wayne Plumb – RC Ontario East 2
Ken Boyce – RC Ontario Central West
Chris Fields – RC Ontario West
Brant Telfer – OUE

Absent:

David Taylor - (D)
Raimund Krob - (A)
Stephen Weir – (A)
Joe Sildiryan - RC Ont. Central East
David Sheppard – RC Ont North West

On the bridge

Listener

Regrets:

Doug Rosser FSE

Meeting called to order 19:35

2 Directors present - Quorum is not met. Rick and Mar have decided to proceed with the meeting but no voting will take place on any issues. **Only an exchange of information.** No Board Meeting will take place.

Regional Coordinator's Reports:

Ontario East 2 Wayne Plumb

No report

Ontario East 1 Vacant

No Report

Ontario Central East Joe Sildiryan

No Report

Ontario Central West Ken Boyce

No Report

Ontario South Position vacant

No Report

Ontario West Chris Fields

No Report

Ontario North Position Vacant



No report

Ontario North West David Sheppard

Currently I am working with the local dive club to bring them into the OUC fold. This is tricky as the club is offered as a free unstructured organization from the local dive shop for divers in the Thunder Bay Region. I hope to have a small club started by the spring if all goes well.

I have been approached by the local underwater hockey team to create a club under the OUC. They are interested so that they can have insurance and be allowed to promote the sport. Most people on the team are scuba divers. My suggestion is to create one dive club, which would encompass scuba and underwater hockey.

Lastly I am currently in the preliminary stages of helping to create dive parks for the Town of Nipigon and the City of Thunder Bay

Board of Director's Reports:

Rick Le Blanc, President

Ice Floe Race – Update. Next meeting is Feb 4th at 7 PM with team captains. 300 IFR crest are to be order. We are expecting 8-10 teams. As of Friday only 3 teams have registered. A revised budget based on 8 teams puts OUC at a surplus of \$3811 and \$4965 with 10 teams

Review conversation with Helen Cooper, of ABUCS. She and the Brockville divers wish to use the money in the Brockville area. No decision as to what it will be used for.

Picked up 7' x 9' wall Banner for trade shows on Friday. Looks great and folds like a bed sheet. It will be displayed at the UTS

Schedules for the UTS and OAS have been finalized and emailed to the clubs last week

Air testing equipment is all present. I'll put it on eBay with the pictures Dave has provided. I'll contact local user of such equipment and let them know that it will be on eBay. Starting bid will be \$6000.00

Wayne wishes to become the RC of Ontario East 1 as well as maintaining Ontario east 2. He is in the Kingston area during the summer and can lend a hand to monitor this region. Rick instructed him to get Helmut Bock to nominate and the Board will approve.

Marlyn Smith, Director of Sport Safety:

No Report



Rick Le Blanc Membership Director

Update on clubs and Commercial members: Marlin's Scuba has joined as a Commercial member. 5-6 clubs have renewed. I also sent an email to Scuba Shack yesterday and awaiting their response.

Clubs and commercial members have been notified to provide literature for the upcoming trade shows. I have received Ajax and SUCI

Brian has sent out Commercial renewals for members that expired in January

Director of Communications position vacant

David Taylor Director of Finance

No report

Portfolio Coordinator Reports:

Marianne Collins Advisor, Insurance Coordinator and Ontario Diver newsletter editor;

Update on Pearson Dunn – Solo diving permitted for \$20 on top of the \$10. Need to discuss and then have insurance and associated documents revised. Rick will contact David for approval.

David Noble Advisor to the Director of Sport Safety, Webmaster

Dave will display the new website and update the membership on its progress.

Dave has put together a comprehensive "Membership Policy" document that will be used to guide OUC, OUC clubs, OUC commercial members and OUC members for all matters in which the OUC Bylaws do not address.

Raimund Krob, Past President and Advisor to President:

No Report

Administrative Office Reports:

Nothing to report at this meeting

Old business:

Nothing at this meeting

New/other business:

Adjourned Meeting as of 21:00hrs

Next meeting: February 19th, 19:30hrs.

Reference Documentation: None