



**In attendance:**

Rick Le Blanc (D)  
Mar Smith (D)  
David Taylor (D)  
Raimund Krob (A)  
Marianne Collins (A)  
Dave Noble (A)  
Ken Boyce – RC Ontario Central West  
Ayisha Hassanali – (A)  
Colin O'Hare - Ajax

**Absent:**

Stephen Weir – (A)  
Joe Sildiryan - RC Ont. Central East  
David Sheppard – RC Ont North West  
Chris Fields – RC Ontario West

**On the bridge**

**Listener**

**Regrets:**

Doug Rosser                      FSE

Meeting called to order 19:40

3 Directors present - Quorum is met.

**Regional Coordinator's Reports:**

**Ontario East 2 Wayne Plumb**

Just thought I'd touch base with you and let you know that I attended at the POW annual general meeting 13 April 2013 at 2 PM.

At this meeting the keynote speaker Dr. George Bevan of Queens University made a presentation on the new developments in 3-D underwater mapping

Comments were made on the shrinking waterfront in Kingston due to the waterfront construction of the new arts center for Queens University which makes it nearly impossible for sure divers to access the waterfront preventing divers from accessing historic Morton's wharf this despite the city's protest.

An announcement of a closer link between POW Kingston and the Marine Museum in Kingston were announced under exploring ways to link their activities

There was an announcement of the purchase of new site buoys slightly smaller profile but spending some 3 feet above the water surface hopefully this will prevent loss of buoys by collusion.

Efforts are continuing to increase the number of wreck videos attached to the POW website.

The executive of POW Kingston were returned by acclamation for 2013 although comment from Mike Hill POW president that he will not be running for the 2014.



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Well that's all for now I have a few meetings with other dive groups in the areas and I will let you know how these proceed.

**Ontario East 1 Vacant**

No Report

**Ontario Central East Joe Sildiryan**

No Report

**Ontario Central West Ken Boyce**

E-mailed Hart House and OUE with regards to concerns they wish to present to the OUC Board, and any announcements they wished to present to the Board. I have not heard back from either, hence I can only report what my home club is doing.

EUC over the Easter long weekend participated in the public food sort ran by the Daily Food Bank. 14 people participated who were either members or related to a member of the club. This past weekend the club ran a Demp course and this coming Sunday the club is holding a community clean-up event. Art Penney is planning on sinking the Surface Interval at Innerkip on the weekend of May 11/12. All are welcome to participate and he is looking for clubs' decals, etc that he can place on the boat. EUC has made tentative plans on holding the dive for a cause event on August 23 pending the charity confirmation. It looks to be an exciting and fun event.

On a side note, EUC has expressed a safety concern with the dive tank at the shows and wonders if OUC can have somewhat influence on remedy this situation before a serious accident occurs.

Also, I was wondering has any information come out about what the city plans to do with the dirt from the Eglinton subway project?

**Ontario South Position vacant**

No Report

**Ontario West Chris Fields**

No Report

**Ontario North Position Vacant**

No report

**Ontario North West David Sheppard**

**Board of Director's Reports:**

**Rick Le Blanc, President**

Shipwreck Symposium update – Very well attended with excellent guest speakers. OUC booth was well visited. We gave out all the current Diver magazines and several of the Diver Training magazines. 3-4 newly formatted Scuba Directories were handed out.



I will hold a President's Club meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to kick off the dive season. One topic is to submit OUC membership form and payment once per month. Form must also be submitted when there is no new member activity. Please mark "No Activity"

OUE's Scuba Swap is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 9:00am

Guest Diver Program – Is the GD a member for 1 year from date of signing up or expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>? **It expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Is the GD a Blue Individual member or a Blue member? **GD is an Individual Blue Member.** Brian will track the GD members to send out renewals. Club should do the same

Comments were made about the condition of the dive tank: It has sharp edges around the top of the ladder. It is leaking very slowly and there is still a hole in the platform where divers ascend to the ladder. Todd Shannon will be made aware and repairs are needed before next season's trade shows.

**Marlyn Smith, Director of Sport Safety:**

Update on SCUBA Incident and Prevention Report – Nothing to report

Update on SDSAP – Scuba diver safety awareness program- nothing to report

**Rick Le Blanc Membership Director**

Update on clubs and Commercial members: Brian to forward numbers before the meeting. 19 clubs members and Sarnia will send in there forms and \$\$ soon, 15 commercial members, 10 Individual Blue or Gold members, 29 Lifetime members (which would be part of the club members) and 673 individual members. Ajax 72, Aquaknights 18, Barrascuba 11, CanSAC 64, DRUC 7, Dolphin Aquatic 51, EUC 64, GLTD 45, Hart House 45, LSSC 49, Miss. 22, Nautilus 11, OUE 66, SOS 22, SUCI 43, SWODA 21, Steel City 35, Toronto Rainbow Reef 11, York Sub Aqua 15.

**Director of Communications** position vacant

**David Taylor Director of Finance**

According to files received April 15 2013

BMO, M/C, Visa	\$15,860.72
A/R	\$ 1,318.00
	(Compressor Systems \$7103 written off, \$10,000 written off several years ago)
A/R FSE	\$10,000.07
A/P	\$18,126.12 (FSE \$9908, SAO \$6667)
Membership fees from club members	is down about \$2600 compared to last year
Net income to date,	\$10,171

However when I look online at BMO I see \$10,015.10 to be compared to \$14,462.08 reported on the Balance Sheet.



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## **Portfolio Coordinator Reports:**

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

Marianne will visit Ottawa to review Insurance policies

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7. All dives (recreational or technical) must be planned and conducted within the standards, procedures, policies and limits of the certifying organization for the certification provided.

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#### **Activities Covered (old)**

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#### **Glossary (old)**

##### **Solo Diving**

Solo diving is the practice of scuba diving alone without a "dive buddy".

**NOTE: OUC's Insurer currently does not allow Solo Diving under any circumstances. Divers who dive solo are not covered by the policy during those dives.**

#### **Glossary (proposed)**

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**Policy Requirements (proposed)** - modify to match the new policy wording

**Activities Covered (proposed) per page 10** - modify to match the new policy wording

**Requirements for Sanctioned Non-Training Diving Activities (proposed)** per page 13 - modify to match the new policy wording

**Requirements for Sanctioned Dive Training Activities (proposed) per page 14 - modify to match the new policy wording**

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

Website update

**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:** SOS will host Scuba Directory under strict guidelines by OUC. John Charest of SOS has volunteered to assume the scuba directory. John will have to work with the SOS webmaster to upload to their site.

**Adjourned Meeting** as of 21:12hrs

**Next meeting:** **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 19:30hrs.

**Reference Documentation:** None