

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting October 11, 2006

A videotape of Avoiding Marine Animal Injuries was viewed before the meeting

President: Cowboy Galloway- called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Guests/new members were welcomed. Rick Zurawski was introduced as a new dive instructor.

Secretary: Amy Brouwer- The minutes from the September 13th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone-
\$21, 877.90 in the compressor fund
\$38, 632.11 in the checking account
Total= \$60, 410.01
The Treasurer's report was approved.

Safety Report: Doug Helper- all is safe, no incidents.

Chief Dive Supervisor's report: Mike Malone

- The DSC has nominated and approved, Junior member, Emily Hendriks
- Lisa Shier approved Emily's nomination from the DSC and the motion carried
- The Jr. members purpose to the KSC: to give a voice to the youth that dive on Kwaj.

Old Business:

Update on compressors: Cowboy

- In 1994 KSC bought a compressor.
- Mike McMurphy is on task for researching the cost of a new compressor for the future.
- Just so we are ahead of the game.

Scholarship: Cowboy

- Cowboy read the purpose and rules of scholarship candidacy.
- The scholarship will be awarded to the candidate with the most KSC points earned.
- The scholarship awarded will be a minimum of \$1000.
- The motion was carried to award the scholarship as presented.
- See attachment

Concrete Slab: Cowboy

- Is at a temporary standstill
- It may interfere with the water line

- Modifications are being discussed
- This issue is still standing

Helicopter: Cowboy

- Maj. Sauls will be our new POC for this project
- He is currently off island and will pick up this project when he returns

KSC Vehicle: Cowboy

- This issue is currently at legal for study

KSC Storage Building: Cowboy

- The building we wanted has been sold
- The location at the SBM is still pending
- A new possibility would be to build our own structure or buy another
- The members present were encouraged to be on the look out for a building for sale
- We would like a 16X16 structure

Buoys: Bob Hamill

- 2 buoys are missing: Troy's and P Buoy (North)
- Bob has enough parts for Troy's but he needs money for the other site.
- It estimates that it will take about \$440 per site
- A motion was made to allot \$1000 for Troy's and P Buoy
- Motion passed
- More research will be conducted
- We will revisit to see if we will need more materials

Audit Incomplete: Cowboy

- The checking account is done
- Savings account still needs to be completed

New Business:

Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest: Cowboy

- This event will take place on the afternoon of October 30
- It was decided that contestants will provide their own pumpkins and the club will provide the tanks
- Lisa Shier will be the advisor for this event
- Cowboy will organize it
- A motion carried to allot up to \$250 to supply this event

Christmas Holiday Events: Cowboy

- The KYC would like us to partner with them and combine Scuba Santa with the Parade of Lights

- This event will tentatively take place on December 17
- Doug Hepler asked for up to \$550 to purchase candy, chem. lights, and new elf costumes
- The motion was approved

Underwater Bowling Tournament: Doug Hepler

- We have access to cases of bowling pins from Johnston Atoll and Doug has engineered a way to utilize them underwater
- This event was proposed for interest and will take place in the adult pool
- More information will be presented in the future

KSC Christmas Party: Cowboy

- This event will possibly take place on December 16
- It may need to be moved due to availability of the site
- The Stonefish *MAY* play
- We will table this for the next meeting

Craft Fair: Cowboy

- November 6 from 10:00-2:00
- We need 8 volunteers
- There will be 4 tables set up
- 1 hour shifts
- All volunteers will have a first shot at all the new gear
- Please see Nell Drumheller to volunteer

KSC Stores: Nell Drumheller

- The new KSC store is in her trailer #645
- It will be set up in a few days
- Call if you would like to come by and purchase
- She will possibly be open on Friday evenings
- She is in need of inventory assistance

College Course Availability: Eric Nelson

- He will be teaching a Univ. of Maryland, 3 credit course entitled "life in the oceans"
- It is a non lab course
- It will begin second term (October 30)
- Homework will consist of collecting shells
- Michelle Barnett offered the following information:
\$30 registration fee
\$628 for tuition and textbook

Dive Story: Bob Hamill-

- Vanuatu nighttime wreck dive
- Into a cargo hold to observe candlefish
- No torches to be used
- Saw very cool fish that glow in the dark
- A woman who was in the group held hands with the dive master the whole dive in the pitch dark
- She told her husband, "Sorry honey, I gave myself to him. He knew the way out!"

Eric Nelson-

- Diving off Carlson
- Diving with a buddy who is very afraid of sharks
- In swims a 5ft black tip reef shark
- Eric watches the animal for a bit
- When he turns to find his buddy, she has disappeared and is shortly found glued to his back.

Bob's story wins. He received a dive torch.

Next meeting:

- Cowboy will present a PowerPoint presentation on his trip to the Galapagos

News: Michelle Barnett

- Shamelessly promoted her 30th birthday party to be held on the 22nd of the month.

The motion to adjourn was made at 8:23 pm.