

**Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting
09 January 2008**

President: Cowboy- called the meeting to order at 7:00.
New members and guests were recognized.
26 in attendance.

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone

Checking= \$23,446.50

Savings= \$7,855.79

Total = \$31,302.29

Two CD's as compressor fund for 10 K each.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Secretary: Amy Daniels

The minutes from the December meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.

Chief Dive Supervisor/ Safety Officer report: Mike Malone

- Valve Seats- when you turn the valve too much, it gouges the seat. Please do not force! Our valve replacement costs are too high!

Tank House report:

- December tank house fills = 1,079
- 57 VIPS
- \$835.50 in expenses (wages/management)

Old Business:

Helicopter:

- The cost for this project is \$350/yard.

Concrete Slab @ dip tank:

- The cost for this project is \$350/yard.

Constitution Update:

- Mr. Walt Turner is in place and he is currently reviewing our Constitution.

Scuba Santa:

Was a success. Many thanks to Doug Hepler, the elves and his father-in-law as well as Ivy Springer.

Scuba Doo:

- Doug Hepler is the committee chair.
- If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Doug.

New Business:

Club Sponsored Dive Trips:

- If we want to continue to have at least 1 dive boat per year, we need to raise the amount that the club will subsidize up to \$5000 annually. There has been a recent increase in fuel costs and at the \$3,000 amount KSC currently has allotted for this, we won't be able to do a boat trip this year. Due to the recent increase, we are unable to pay the last dive trip bill without a motion from the members.
- Lou Weaver made a motion to cover the remaining cost of the July dive trip. Rob Gray seconded and the motion carried.
- We are looking at a *minimum* of \$75 per person for any future trips.
- Cowboy made a recommendation that we raise the stipend to \$5000 for dive club boat trips annually.
- Questions were asked and ideas were presented:
 - A) Get a KSC dive boat
 - B) Organize a community dive where everyone brings their own boat.
This would be at no cost to the club.

Annual Safety Review and Renewals:

- This is coming up in April and May.
- One session will be held on a Sunday afternoon prior to the end of May to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to meet the annual safety requirements.
- There will be a \$30 compressor fee for all members this year, due to the purchase of the new Bauer compressor.
- For the April meeting: IT is working on helping us to attempt a live tele-conference/safety training with DAN representatives. This year we will also have a new UXO video presentation. It was prepared by Mr. Mike Zeitzman.
- IF you miss the April safety briefing, in May you will have to watch last years' video and Dr. Weinke's presentation.

Officer Nominations/Elections:

- These are coming up in March.
- If you would like to run for office, or know someone that you would like to nominate, please speak up at the March meeting.

External Hard drive:

- We would like to discuss purchasing an external hard drive to accompany our club laptop.
- John Hadley offered to donate one. Thanks John!

Open Discussion:

- **Ski Boat Steps:** The bottom step is missing.
- K5 upright buoy is frayed.
- SBM will soon have new hours. Remember that you need to contact the SBM if you want to dive in the ski boat area and always carry a flag with you.
- Sausage usage- If in doubt put it out.
- Dive club electricity charges & tank house rent possibilities. 18 cents per kilowatt hour. We will need to be careful who gets our free air.
- An IDC (Instructors Development Course) is in the works for the beginning of February. One person is willing to take the course right now, but they want more people. Contact Rob Gray if you are interested.
- Flying and Diving: it is *assumed* that it is safe to fly between Roi & Kwaj after diving. The planes do not always fly at a low altitude and the cabin is not always pressurized. You are not guaranteed to not get hit with the bends.
- Mooring hardware is no longer disappearing. Lou wants buoys. Please donate any that you can. They need to be a minimum of 12 inches.

Motion made to adjourn at [REDACTED].

Next meeting:

Wednesday 13 February @ 7:00 p.m. in CRC Room 1.