

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting June 11, 2008

Vice President: JB Scott

Called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

New members and guests were recognized. Jean & Tom Tarlton and David Minsinger. 23 in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels

The minutes from the May meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone

Compressor Fund=\$11,199.84

Checking= \$25,141.26

Savings= \$20, 300.00 (2 CDs)

Total = \$56,641.10

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

- Mary reported that the club laptop crashed. She is in the process of trying to input data again.

Chief Dive Supervisors Report: Mike Malone

- Still working the Area 2 issue. We still cannot dive there due to lots of UXO in the area.
- Guest speaker, Ivy Springer, shared some diving scenarios that have occurred recently in our waters.
 1. Buoy line broke loose in foul weather. The 2nd safety anchor saved them.
 - A. Bring back hardware for reuse
 - B. Report buoy problems on the website
 2. Troy's in rough conditions. Diver has trouble w. weight belt, aborts dive & gets back in boat while buddies continue their dive.
 - A. Anytime a diver in your party wants to abort, ALL divers should abort and support.
 3. 1st dive- max. depth 100 feet, 2nd dive- hooked anchor on wreck at 90 feet. 1 diver gets separated and surfaces, other 3 surface soon after, anchors aren't wrapped, one diver goes back in and bounces to wrap anchors, does not do a safety stop.
 - A. Always set your plan BEFORE you go in. Plan who will be in charge of anchors.
 - B. Anchor ratio is 7:1. We don't have enough rope for that ratio.
 - C. Too many risk factors lined up on this dive.

Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble

- Ron furthered discussed the anchor positioning and scope.
- Always use 2 anchors and secure them to prevent drag.
- Ron reported on an incident that occurred a few weekends ago on the Eugeon.

- Diver had 1700 or 1800 psi but the gauge was dipping quickly. What went wrong? The diver didn't properly check their own air before the dive; the diver's buddy didn't do a thorough check at the surface. *remember to open your cylinder all the way and then ¼ turn back before you enter the water.

Old Business:

Helicopter:

- Moving was delayed due to equipment issues.

“New” Officers for 2008-2009:

- President : G.L. “Cowboy” Galloway
- Vice President: J.B. Scott
- Secretary: Amy Daniels
- Treasurer: Mary Stone

Scholarships:

- KSC awarded 2 scholarships to two seniors both of whom have been very pro-active in the Club.
- Recipients were Kaylee West and Samantha Larson.
- The allotted amount was split between the two.

New Business:

The Executive Council brings before the KSC membership the following divers recommended for appointment to the following positions.

Mike Malone: Chief Dive Supervisor
Ron Gamble: Safety & Training Officer
Trace Fleming: Webmaster
James Polan: Dive Locker

- A motion was made to approve the recommendations of the Executive Council. The motion carried.

Dive & Dine:

- The idea of a “dive and dine” evening at Emon beach has been raised.
- Menu and thoughts were entertained.
 - potluck

Buoy Committee:

- Leonard, Scott Phillips, and Jim Walter comprise the new buoy installation and maintenance committee.

Pacific Club:

- We are discussing the possibility of sharing the Pacific Club with the Sportfishing Club.
- Some issues were brought up from the membership:
 - Ron- think about keeping the hot water heater and possible electric items (stove and fridge). How long is the duration of the commitment? A: unknown
 - Mary Ellen- are there still issues with the roof?
 - Allison- what about the rental fee? A: it will go into a common maintenance fund for the facility.

Open Forum:

Dive Locker:

- Suggestion: Bring items to the meetings to sell. James: stock is really low so we need to reorder first.
Ivy made a motion to approve \$3000 to purchase merchandise to get the dive locker in shape. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ron- hazardous marine life photos are on the way but will be 1 megabyte. Idea: send email link so we can view it on the KSC website. IT Comment: Do not put them on your H drive. Put them on your local drive and then burn to a CD.

Alison V. - Emon Dive Shack: has been used as a dining facility lately. A: we don't really have any rights to it. It is first come, first use.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 9 July @ 7:00 p.m. in the CRC Room.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.