

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting
11 March 2009

Called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Four new members and guests were welcomed. They were reminded to check out the website for information about the club and island diving.

Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels

John Pennington made the motion to approve the minutes.

Bob DeJoie seconded.

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone

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| Compressor Fund= | \$15,145.83 |
| Checking= | \$27,640.64 |
| Savings= | \$20,400.00 |
| Total = | \$63,186.47 |

Leonard made the motion to approve the report as read.

Ron Smith seconded.

Larry Brooks made a motion to transfer sufficient funds from the general fund, or CDs, into the compressor fund to bring it up to 20 K so that on 01 April 2009 current members don't have to pay their \$30 compressor fee for this coming year.

Tom Tarlton seconded the motion.

16 approved. 1 opposed.

Tank House Report:

Tanks filled Aluminum = 970

Tanks filled DIN/Steel = 44

Total tanks filled = 1014

VIP tanks = 8

Tanks tumbled = 4

Tank House wages paid = \$1088.80 (99.48 hrs)

Tanks missing since 09/2008 = 26

Tank house problems:

- 5 tanks were found that had salt water or evidence of salt water in them this month. Please DO NOT open tank valves under water without a regulator attached!
- 5 valves were replaced, 3 of which were due to mishandling; i.e., tanks had been dropped and the valve was distorted to the point that the regulator first stage would not seal to the tank valve. Please be more careful with the tanks.
- If you have a problem with a tank (2300 psi on rack, bad O-ring, etc), write a note on a piece of masking tape and place it on the shoulder of the tank and NOT the valve.

Chief Dive Supervisors Report: Mike Malone

- The club has been asked to appear at the Command's Safety meeting on 26 March
- Mike will propose the use of Nitrox
- Area 2 issues may arise

Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble

- Next month will be the annual safety meeting
- This year it will be about something other than decompression sickness.

Old Business:

Membership Dues:

- No plans to increase membership dues at this time. We will review as required if and when we end up paying for electricity.
- It will be \$120 this year for renewing members

Easter Event:

- 23 March, KSC will host the underwater Easter Egg Hunt at Emon Beach at about 1500.
- There will be cash prizes in addition to KSC dive locker items.
- Volunteers and beach assistance are cheerfully accepted. Contact Doug Hepler or Amy Lacoste.
- \$300 will be allotted for silver dollars to be hidden within the eggs.

Dive Chamber:

- Sundays and Mondays the chamber crew will be on call while the SBM is open. Tuesday Holidays were missed when the new schedule was announced. More than likely, someone will be on call. They won't pay the on call fees. The bent customer will pay out of pocket

Spring Break Music Festival:

- The KSC has volunteered to host the tricycle races at the SBMF. We need volunteers for set up, time slots to emcee and oversee races, and breakdown.
- Danny Barthle is the POC for this.

Membership/Safety Meeting:

- This year's membership/safety meeting is scheduled for 8 April 2009 from 1900 to 2100 at the MP Room. There will be make-up opportunities during the May and June meetings. Anyone not attending one of these meetings will be put on the Bad Diver's List unless arrangements were made beforehand.
- Topics being discussed during the safety portion of the meeting are:
 - Changes to the Red Cross CPR guidelines – Kim Morris
 - Hazardous marine life of Kwajalein Atoll – Scott Johnson
 - Barotrauma and your ears – Ivy Springer or another presenter
- We will also be showing the UXO video during the dues paying portion of the meeting.

Pacific Club: Ron Smith

- He is preparing to purchase materials to fix the roof.
- He will need volunteers to help.
- Fish will be cooked and served to all helpers ☺

Tee Shirt Designs:

- All designs need to be turned into JB Scott by the May meeting date (13th)
- The designs will be posted on the website for voting.

New Business:

Chuck Kuzy has agreed to videotape the Membership/Safety meeting.

Danny Barthle has offered to procure 4 trikes for the SBMF tricycle races.

KSC scholarship:

We are now taking nominations.

To qualify the seniors need to:

Have done work with the Scuba club in the promotion of scuba diving, volunteering during KSC sponsored events, etc. In other words, have been active with the KSC during their senior year.

Open Forum:

- Members in attendance chatted about the new cabinet that was installed at the tank house that holds the buoy map.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53

Special Presentation: **Chris Hanson**

Chuuk dive trip slide show

Next meeting:

Wednesday April 8 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Kwaj HS MP Room