

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting

12 August 2009

Called the meeting to order at 1858.

56 members in attendance, not counting the 8 DSC or Executive council members.

New members and guests were welcomed: Rob Scofield, Rich, Mark Swaggart, Greg Wheeler, Bill Williamson, Shelby Hansen, Don Schuwager, Kelly Hall, Mark.

Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels

Minutes posted on the website.

Motion to approve the July minutes posted online by: Monte Junker, 2nd by: Raoul Peeden.

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: Motion carried

NOTE: Two members objected on principle since Robert's Rule of Order requires that minutes be read before accepting them. The Internet option the KSC has adopted does not technically meet Robert's criteria since the rules were written in 1915 by General Henry M. Robert and the Internet wasn't an option at that time. <http://www.robertsrules.org/rror--00.htm> In the future, should the membership desire minutes to be read aloud at meetings they can be easily accommodated.

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone

Compressor Fund=	\$ 16,435.83
Checking=	\$ 43,648.76
Savings=	\$ 20,400.00
Pacific Club Maint. Fund	\$ 1995.00
Total =	\$ 82,479.59

Motion to approve the report as read by: Bob DeJoie, 2nd by: Ivy Springer.

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: Motion carried

Tank House Report: Work Performed Between: 7/1/2009 and 7/31/2009

Tanks filled Aluminum = 1635

Tanks filled DIN/Steel = 39

Total tanks filled = 1674

VIP tanks = 79

Tanks tumbled = 1

Tanks stripped = 0

Tank House wages paid = \$1211.00

Tanks missing as of 31July09 = 9

Current problems:

- The normal tank maintenance cycle will require 150 (30 ASAP) 3000psi burst disks P/N 14120-48 disks to be ordered. **STATUS:** Mike Malone ordered 30 to fill the current backlog and will order the rest when he returns. Those 30 have arrived and were put in the workbench drawer.
- Still having tanks being damaged. The club will need to order 2 dozen replacement valves to cover aging/damaged ones.

Notes from tank-house manager: Mac

- Repaired 7 valves and replaced 5, 3 of which were damaged (road rash on valve) so regulator would not seat.
 - We have a lot of new members so now would be a good time to put out to the members, rules for proper tank use.
1. Always secure tanks when transporting them by bike, cart or vehicle.
 2. Rinse tanks before returning them to the tank house.
 3. When putting tanks on the fill pile. VALVE DOWN. GIVE THEM A SHOT OF AIR.
 4. If you have a problem with a tank put a piece of tape on the shoulder (NOT the valve face) stating the problem. (handle leaks, "O", 2500psi etc).
 5. When leaving the tank house, if no one is inside, close the doors. There have been several occasions this last month where the doors were left open over night with the lights turned off.

Chief Dive Supervisors Report: Mike Malone (off island)

Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble

- Ron discussed the new tank boots that need to be used on all tanks at the community pools.
- Some divers recently had trouble anchoring at a coral head. Please drive over the coral head, into the wind, lower your anchors by hand, let out your appropriate scope, and allow the boat to drift back.
- Buddy Teams- Ron assigned homework: during your next dive, test out whether or not you are within a breath of your buddy.

Pacific Club report: Ron Smith (off island)

Old Business:

Work Day Monday (July 13th)

- Very productive although only 4 KSC and 3 fishing club members were there to help.
 - Future work days will be better organized and advertised so that we can get enough volunteers to tackle more work that is needed.

Tee Shirt Designs:

- We are proceeding with the one design that was submitted and plan to place an order 50% bigger than the last order.
- We'll be ordering more of the floppy hats, beach towels, and are considering white ceramic coffee mugs that have a diver flag w/ "KSC" that will sell for \$8.
- There has also been a suggestion for a "commemorative" type of shirt indicating the KSC has exceeded 500K dives since it was established in 1958.

- We are considering some bags or other items but we don't want to get stuck with non-selling items or delay the ordering by discussing designs anymore.
- Trace Fleming and James Polan are working together on details for ordering, sales, storage, etc. They had a \$2000 budget approved and spent \$800 which has been recouped so it is recommended that we spend the full \$2000 on new merchandise.
 - A member requested that we get windbreakers and the batik patterned Aloha shirts again.
 - Received a motion to raise the budget from \$2000 to \$3000 for this order to fill the Dive Locker with quality products in order to prepare for the November craft show and Christmas.
 - IF/WHEN the nice Hawaiian style shirts and wind-breakers can be ordered, we will need to allocate more for a special order but the membership was clearly in agreement that we need quality products to be ordered ASAP.
 - Monte Junker stated that the Yacht Club spends \$5K every couple of months to keep their Ship's Store stocked sufficiently.

Motion to approve the \$3K Dive Locker budget by: Trace Fleming, 2nd by: Ivy Springer.

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: Motion carried

Helicopter:

- Last meeting Bill Williamson was nominated to take over this project that he had originally started. It can be moved soon but needs some wires pulled and final plans put together.
 - Bill stated that the helicopter he looked at is NOT the same one the club bought several years ago and this one is junk and not worthy of the time or expense. Story to be continued...stay tuned.

SCUBA Cleaning Station at Small Boat Marina: Ron Smith

- July note: Ron has prepared a sketch that has been reviewed by Paul McGrew and is viable. The detailed estimate is just over \$3K and the thought was to ask for QoL, Beaches/Pools, SBM to share the cost since this is a permanent improvement to the marina. This improvement will add value to a LARGE percentage of the marina customers equal to potentially 25% of the community. Other ideas are welcome and we will consider options to present at the August meeting.
 - August Update: Chris Gamble worked with Community Activities to put in better temporary mats so it is not as soggy as it had been. It is clear that a permanent solution is needed and the concrete project seems to meet the needs. A down side to asking for non-KSC funds is that if QoL or others fund it, then anyone can use it. We don't want bloody fishing gear being washed where we clean our BCDs, skins, and regulators. We should consider voting on approval of the funds and moving forward with the current plan. A second idea was to place a new tank closer to the tank house but drainage lines would have to be approved and could drag this out several more months.
 - Meeting note: Membership agrees that spending the funds for a permanent solution that will best serve the KSC should be approved.

Motion to approve the \$3K concrete estimate by: Ivy Springer, 2nd by: Mike Woundy.

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: Motion carried

International Cleanup Day 19th September 2009- John Pennington

- Project AWARE's longstanding International Cleanup Day event is the biggest underwater cleanup of its kind. It is held annually on the 3rd Saturday in September each year. More than 370,000 volunteers clean over 33,000 miles of shoreline to remove seven million pounds of rubbish.
http://www.projectaware.org/english/take_action/international_cleanup_day.aspx?tid=0609owb_icd
 - Sandy Lummer is training snorkeling crews and will be doing Ocean side snorkeling in the tide pools with life guards posted.
 - Carrie West would like to suggest that volunteers create teams and come up with a team name. Call 5-4492 to sign your team up.
 - There will be a contest for the total number of items collected.
 - The KSFC would like to help out with the KSCs efforts.
 - Hourglass, Roller, Coconut Wire and signs will be put out to start promoting it.

Motion to approve \$1K to be used for a celebration cookout after the event by: Chuck Kuzy, 2nd by: Dave Moncala.

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: _____ 2 opposed, Motion carried _____

New Business:

Pool Opening:

- The Adult pool will be opening again this next week. The DSC is meeting with Sandy to establish policy and procedures of using tanks in both pools to help avoid damage to the surface.
- The Instructors and Divemasters will be the most involved but any member using the pool to check buoyancy, refresh skills, test new gear, etc. will need to follow the established plan.
- Any scuba use in the pool will require notifying Sandy prior to use, have a tank boot, and to follow the procedures that will be developed and posted soon.

Live-a-board trip to Chuuk in October:

- The club has a unique chance to fill all 16 seats of the Odyssey.
- Beside a group rate on airfare, if we pay for all 16 boat seats, there will be a rebate of 3 seats which will be divided back evenly to those that go on the trip.
- Bob Green has volunteered to gather details and will be working up the roster of who can go so call him ASAP, 5-0165.
- Details: 18-25 October, \$1900 per person, no refunds, all food and all diving included, airfare IS NOT included.

Continental Airlines announcement:

- New Nonstop Service from Honolulu and Guam to Nadi, Fiji.
- There are two Boeing 737-800 aircraft with 155 seats.
- The flights from Guam's A.B. Won Pat International Airport (GUM) will operate on Mondays and Fridays departing at 10:55 p.m. and arriving at Nadi International Airport (NAN) at 7:30 a.m. the next morning.
- Return flights will operate on Wednesdays and Sundays departing Nadi at 12:40 a.m. and arriving in Guam at 5:10 a.m. the same day.
- The flights from Honolulu International Airport (HNL) will operate on Mondays and Fridays departing at 6:55 p.m. and arriving in Nadi at 11:40 p.m. the following day.
- Return flights will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays departing at 8:50 a.m. and arriving in Honolulu at 5:25 p.m. the previous day, after crossing the International Date Line.

Bouy Committee:

- Efforts from April meeting are still being looked at and there is a new opportunity to be reviewed by the buoy committee this month.
- There will be 15 Army divers working here in September so details need to be resolved for checkout dives, dues, buoy materials, supporting 50-60 tank fills a day above current consumption, etc.
- Watch for buoy meeting announcement but also use the Buoy Board mounted to the tank house to add locations that would be good or to report condition of current buoys.
 - JB Scott is the head of the buoy committee.
 - A member reported that the Palowan (Bigej wreck) surface buoy is missing.
 - Members are reminded to please use the link on the KSC website to report buoy issues and to post spots that you would like to see buoyed on the map outside the tank house.

Meeting format change:

- Our normal meeting attendance has been pretty shallow so the EC has decided to try offering snacks and drinks at the monthly meetings.
- The KSC President has requested that the club spend \$70 for each regular meeting to be put towards pupu platters and drinks.
- We might even expand it with just 2 or 3 members adding one of their home cooked dishes to compliment the club purchased items. On nights we have slideshows, we might also do a Subway cookie platter or desert finger foods to sweeten the deal.
- There have been MANY questions about adult beverages and there are options if someone was so inclined: The Snake Pit is open before the meeting and items carried from home or Shopette is cost effective. The KSC could also look at buying a limited variety/amount and make a fishbowl available to accept donations back to the club to cover the expense. Any comments or ideas?
 - A show of hands indicated that SCUBY-Snacks before the meeting are a great idea and to be continued. Next meeting might include a desert tray since many folks had dinner before the meeting. Adult drinks will be on an individual basis until we look at details (what items, how to secure inventory, liability, etc...)

Open Forum:

Bob Swanson revealed some initial details and showed a video of a new plane (possibly a Japanese Jake) that was recently discovered in the lagoon.

Lisa Shier made an announcement about the Perseid meteor shower that will take place tonight and over the next few nights.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 09 September @ 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Club.

Motion to adjourn by: Allison Villareal

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:55

POST MEETING Comments/Observations:

- The slideshow and narrative of Ivy Springer's dive trip to Cabilao, Philippines was fantastic and was certainly appreciated by the crowd of 30-35 that stayed to see it.

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