

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting

9 September 2009

Called the meeting to order at 1900.

35 members in attendance.

New members and guests were welcomed: John & Lisa Stewart, Drew & Dee Hall, Misty and Sandy Lummer.

Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels

Minutes posted on the website and printed copies were available for review on the front table.

Motion to approve the August minutes posted online by: Mike Woundy.

Voting: Yea/Nay (1) Results: _____ Motion carried

NOTE: One member's objects 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>

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone (absent)

Tank House Report: Work Performed Between: 8/1/2009 and 8/31/2009

Tanks filled Aluminum = 1525

Tanks filled DIN/Steel = 48

Total tanks filled = 1573

VIP tanks = 72

Tanks tumbled = 0

Tanks stripped = 0

Tank House wages paid = \$1123.70

Tanks missing as of 31Aug 09 = 13

Outstanding items:

- Still need to order 120 of the 3000psi burst disks P/N 14120-48 disks and 2 dozen replacement valves to cover aging/damaged ones when Mike Malone returns.

Chief Dive Supervisors Report: Mike Malone (off island)

Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble

- DSC elected new member, John Pennington.

Pacific Club report: Ron Smith

- There are a few leaks in the kitchen. We will need to paint sometime in the near future but fixing the leaks will come first.

Old Business:

Dive Locker inventory: Bill Williamson

- Jim Polan has stepped down as the Dive Locker custodian and Bill Williamson has taken it over in the interim. The Executive Council will consider appointment at their next meeting.
- Last meeting the club voted to raise the standing inventory budget from \$2K to \$3K. In preparation for Christmas and a unique shipping opportunity, Bill has ordered:

Wreck Diver design 192 pieces \$1,371.00
Prinz Eugen design 174 pieces \$1,542.00
Turtle design 168 pieces \$1,446.00
Total \$4,359.00

Bill addressed some of the other items that are on their way like coffee mugs, jackets, shot glasses and hats.

Helicopter: Bill Williamson

- Bill Williamson took over this project that he had originally started and has stated that the helicopter he looked at is NOT the same one the club bought several years ago. This one is junk and not worthy of the time or expense. Bill reported that the helicopter was traded and the project is dead. No more helicopter discussions and this item will be removed.

SCUBA Cleaning Station at Small Boat Marina:

- **September update:** Membership agreed in August that spending the \$3K funds for a permanent solution best serves the KSC. A work order was turned in the next day and it is now going through normal KRS bidding and work schedule reviews.

International Cleanup Day September 21st 2009: Carrie West

- 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
 - **Update:** Signs are up, ads are running, Swanby Snow will be there.
 - **Still Need:**
 - 4-person teams need to get with Carrie & Kim ASAP!
 - Additional prizes donated or purchased
 - Menu finalized

Adult Pool Opened:

- The Adult pool has re-opened and the DSC met with Sandy to establish the policy and procedures for using tanks in the pools to help avoid damage to the surface. Instructors and Dive masters will be the most involved but any member using the pool to check buoyancy, refresh skills, test new gear, etc. will need to notify Sandy prior to use, have a tank boot, and to follow the new procedures.
- Please do not lean tank carts against the buildings around the pools.

Live-a-board trip to Chuuk in October: Bob Green

- The club has a unique chance to fill all 16 seats of the Odyssey. Besides 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.
- Details: 18-25 October, \$1900 per person, no refunds, all food and all diving included, airfare IS NOT included.
- 8 people committed so far and looking for a few more buddies.

Buoy Committee:

- Efforts from the April meeting are still being looked at and there is a new opportunity that was reviewed by the buoy committee this month. Need to get an inventory of current materials and prepare estimates to submit to USAKA for additional materials needed.
- We hope to use the Army's hydraulic drill to drill some new holes for buoy systems.
- Hopes are to have 12 to 15 new spots around Kwaj and 8 around Roi.

New Business:

Junior Council Member: John Pennington

- Carrie West, and one other student, were nominated to be a Junior Council Member. The other person has retracted their nomination.
- Carrie attends the monthly meetings, is a great asset on projects like Splash-for-Trash, is an active diver, etc.

Motion to approve that Carrie West become the DSC Junior Council Member by: Bob Green

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: _____ motion carried _____

Tank House Salaries: John Pennington

Mac started his job as tank house manager in 1999 with a \$90 stipend and receives \$11 per hour for hours worked. His duties include visual inspections, tumbling, compressor upkeep, valve repair and many other things besides filling that are unique to the tank house.

Mike requests that his base of \$90 per month be raised \$10 to \$100 and his hourly rate be raised to \$12 per hour. He appoints his assistants and has requested that they be raised from \$10 up to \$11 per hour.

Member Discussion:

- Kinley Goodman recommended a larger raise be given to cover the ten years lapsed without a raise.
- Mary Ellen Gibson wanted to know if the Executive Board had done a cost analysis.
- Bill Williamson suggested that we offer a \$2 per hour raise.

Motion made to approve a raise for Mac from \$11 per hour to \$13 per hour by: Mo Oliver

Voting: Yea/Nay Results: _____ Motion Carried _____

Committee Leaders Needed

Four end-of-year events will be creeping up soon and we need volunteers to head them.

- Underwater Pumpkin Carving
- Underwater Turkey Hunt
- SCUBA-DOO or a nice KSC night out President's Dinner catered, music, door prizes, etc. Maybe in November?

Volunteer for SCUBA-DOO Committee Chair: Vanessa Peeden and Tracy Pennington

- SCUBA-Santa – Should be on Sunday December 20th and will match up with the KYC Parade of Lights.

Volunteer for SCUBA-Santa Committee Chair: Doug Hepler has agreed to do it again.

Open Forum:

Ski Boat Wreck- USAKA safety has concerns with the ski boat steps. Maybe we can replace the metal stairs with concrete steps.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 14 October @ 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Club.

Motion to adjourn by: Mo Oliver

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:37