

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting

13 January 2010

Called the meeting to order at 7:05.

40 members & guests in attendance.

New members and guests welcomed: Ivy Springer's parents who are visiting, Josh the new weather forecaster, Joy Underwood who is TDY and was brought by Mike Morrison, Tom and Marty visiting parents, and Danielle Rivera (soon to be a certified junior diver).

Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels

December minutes are posted on KSC website and printed copies are available for review on front table.

Motion to approve the December minutes posted online by: Leonard Grandbois

Seconded by: Tracy Pennington.

Voting: **Yea** / ~~Nay~~ Results: Motion Carried

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone (absent)

Tabled until the next meeting.

Tank House Report: Work Performed Between: 12/1/2009 and 12/31/2009

Total tanks filled = 1461

VIP tanks = 110

Tanks tumbled = 3*

*Salt water was found inside these tanks

Tanks stripped = 0

Tank House wages paid = \$ 1611.20

Tanks missing more than 1 month Nov 09 = 19

- The KSC president worked with the Yacht Commodore and Fishing Club leadership to get an email out to their members prompting the return of tanks stored in boat houses or on boats. So far, 4 of the tanks that Mac has been looking for have been returned.
- Reminder that ALL tanks, to include personal pony bottles, Spare Air, etc. need to be brought into KSC for accountability. If you have one of these that have not been inspected and labeled by Mac, please turn it in to him ASAP.
- Rebuilt 5 tank valves and replaced 6 valves so parts order is being worked for 24 valves.
- Wooden storage unit outside of the tankhouse is in terrible disrepair. It either needs to a lot of work or to be decommissioned. Mac is flexible either way but his contact who would do this repair has not responded. Are there any volunteer carpenters who would

be interested in putting in an estimate for repairing this? If we do not have any volunteers, next month it will be removed.

- The fans that circulate air in the compressor room and the tool room are nearing their end of life. Mac re-wired one as a short term solution but they both need to be replaced. They should be under \$200 each but it would be good to approve \$500 to cover the shipping by barge.
- A motion was made to approve \$500 to buy 2 fans for the compressor room.

Motion to approve by: Monte Junker Seconded by: Leonard Grandbois

Voting: **Yea** / ~~Nay~~ Results: Motion carried

Chief Dive Supervisor Report:

- Last month, the Chief Dive Supervisor position was voted on by DSC members, The Executive Council reviewed the counts and appointed Ivy Springer as the New CDS.
- Ivy took awhile to share her honor at being chosen to serve in the CDS position.
- She introduced the Dive Supervisory Council members that were present and she shared their autobiographies.
- She announced the next meeting for the DSC, to occur next week.

Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble

- There are no accidents or injuries to report.
- We have had a lot of wind lately which causes bumpy waves. Someone recently went overboard. Please remember to hold on when the boat is underway. Stand or sit at the rear of the boat in windy weather and always check your anchor lines for wear and tear.

Pacific Club report: Ron Smith (off island)

- Work party should be scheduled in late February or early March.

Dive Locker report: Bill Williamson

- KSC Yard Sale - December 21st brought in nearly \$1250 in sales.
- Hats are on the way.

Buoy Committee report: JB Scott

- The committee has received detailed estimates for 40 buoy systems and full drilling system so the club can maintain the system on its own. This initial effort could cover 28 sites up/down the reefs in the B boat range & 12 around Roi dive spots. We have shown initial documentation, informally, to USAKA safety and will continue to discuss options to properly seek funding from external sources for this effort.
- If purchased, we will be able to keep the drill that John Halas will use for the buoy project. That will give us flexibility in future buoy work.

Old Business:

End-of-year event

- SCUBA-Santa (December 20th) and KYC Parade of Lights was a big hit with the community thanks to Doug Hepler, Ivy Springer, Alex Rodriguez and so many other KSC members. The EC approved the \$400 in expenditures due to the invoice being received after the general club meeting. The remaining chem-lights and supplies will be stored in the Pacific Club to be used at future events.

Fiji trip:

- Ten divers are now enjoying their trip January 9th-21st.
- Look for some pictures, dive reports, and some bragging from our friends. Also check out the KSC Facebook page.

Annual Inventory:

- Per the KSC Constitution Article IV (D.1.a.) one of the Presidential duties is to “**Furnish an inventory of Club property to the Membership at the December meeting on an annual basis.**” A copy of the inventory was presented at last meeting and included in the December minutes. If there are no questions, this item will be closed.
- Leonard mentioned that the tanks were not listed on the inventory. John will update accordingly.
 - Regarding the missing tanks- A member noted that many tanks are left sitting at various dive sites for long periods of time. We should also consider that some of the tanks may be on Ebeye.

Ski Boat Steps

- Ron Gamble's Divemaster class firmed up a loose railing and then, with Bill Williamson's help, installed a new section of railing. There are still some scrap parts to be sorted through, connecting parts ordered, and work to be done by the volunteers. KSC expenditures are estimated \$300-500 but there was a motion last month for up to \$1000 to be allocated.
- There were no objections to restating the motion that was made at the December meeting.
- The motion to approve \$1000 to be used to purchase parts for Speed Rail, if needed, was restated.

Voting: **Yea** / ~~Nay~~

Results: Motion Carried

The Marina Improvement Project

- After many years of discussions, the club approved the plans and funding late this summer and now the construction work is finally done!!! There are a few small discrepancies between the design and the final product: Smoothed lip/edges on concrete pad, one table is missing, and we need new paint for the dip tank. These will be sorted out in the near future.

New Business:

“Get In the Mix 2010” invite – John Pennington

- Community Activities is inviting all clubs, private organizations, vendors and departments to promote their group, service or activity and “Get in the Mix.” The goal is to get people out and actively participating in the community. The event date is **Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00-8:00pm** in the CRC Gym. John Pennington has reserved two tables for the KSC to sell Dive Locker goods and to provide membership details.
- Bill will be setting up his vendor table so we need two or three volunteers to help move a few boxes and staff the KSC tables for this event. Please contact John for details.
- Carrie West and Kaitlynn Phillips volunteered.

10th Annual Spring Break Music Festival– John Pennington

- March 28 from 1:00-10:00 at Emon Beach.
- KSC will donate some door prizes and have a chance to staff a table for the Dive Locker. We will need several volunteers to help staff the tables from about noon-6:00 in 2 hour shifts. Please contact John Pennington for scheduling.
- Would there be any interest in sponsoring/staffing one of the scheduled activities like the slip and slide or adult tricycles races? We might even create a snorkeling event similar to the KS Turkey Hunt.

Tankhouse combination – John Pennington / Ivy Springer

- Over the last many years, the tankhouse combination has only been changed a few times. In effort to better control tankhouse access, the cipher lock will be changed more often and the combo will be distributed during scheduled meetings.
- We rely on members in good standing not to share the combination with unverified members or to leave the tank house door open when it should be closed. Please be reminded to shut the tank house door when you are done inside.
- We need to do some membership verification so please bear with us as we refine getting emails or notification to the divers in good standing who need the code but do not make it to the meeting when the new codes are shared.
- It is recommended that we change the combo quarterly.
- Discussion from the members present:
 - How about changing the combo once a year?
 - Why do we really need to change it?
 - Answer: to control tanks that are missing.
 - Isn't this an expensive way to show that we are doing something about the missing tanks? Won't people still just give out the combo?
 - Answer: Good divers should want to maintain KSC security.
 - Maybe we could give out the code once a year when annual dues are paid.
 - Maybe the combo can be sent out to the “good divers” via email.
 - Maybe a key card would be a good solution. More expensive but more secure.
 - What about having members sign out their tanks like they do on Roi?
 - Why are we punishing the good divers for tanks the boaters or others are taking?

Presentation Equipment – John Pennington

Note: This issue has been on hold (as of October) due to the \$6000 anticipated for compressor repairs and \$1100 for replacing two a/c units which were clearly priority over any enhancement items. With those things now resolved, TDY memberships thriving, and the annual membership renewal close, this can be considered again.

- Since July, the club has been holding many events and after-meeting presentations.
 - Video- Johnny Hadley has donated a movie screen that has gotten us by but a nicer one can be installed for under \$150. This would be an inexpensive portable tarp system.
 - Audio- John started looking at options b/c borrowing the KRS portable sound system is inconvenient and has been unreliable. Bill Williamson and Danny Barthle stepped in and found units very similar to the KRS loaner system that

would benefit the club. A portable system, add on speakers, wireless microphone, IPOD cable, etc. will be approximately \$1200.

Links:

<http://www.creativeshelters.com/Canopy-Kits/Outdoor-Theater-Screen.aspx> - 8'x10' outdoor movie projector screen that can be hung at the Pacific Club or easily relocated to the beach for an activity.

<http://www.americanmusical.com/Item--i-FEN-0694403-LIST> or <http://pro-audio.musiciansfriend.com/product/Fender-Passport-300-PRO-Portable-PA-System?sku=423205> Sound system with competitive pricing

<http://pro-audio.musiciansfriend.com/product/VocoPro-UHF5805-Rechargeable-Wireless-Mic-System?sku=271214> Wireless microphone kit

A motion was made to approve up to \$1500 to obtain a good, long term portable sound system and more flexible, inexpensive screen.

Motion to approve by: Mark Rivera Seconded by: Ivy Springer

Voting: **Yea** / ~~Nay~~ Results: Motion carried

Open Forum:

Monte Junker- Talk is that the small boat marina fees are going to be raised. USAKA and KRS will have a meeting about this tomorrow. Monte & John will be attending.

Dave Moncada (A TDY gentleman who is an Ivy Springer trained diver) – Dave shared his custom made “dive sticks” or “critter sticks”. They are solid brass and wood. They allow divers to safely investigate critters. The approx. price is \$40-\$50 for the African Hardwood and \$20-\$30 for the Rosewood.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 10 February @ 7:00 p.m. at the Pacific Club.

Motion to adjourn by: Danielle Junker

Meeting adjourned at: 7:55

Note: There is an after meeting presentation by Maryellen Gibson of the Odyssey trip that several KSC members recently took.