

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting

10 March 2010

Called the meeting to order at 7:00.

32 members & guests in attendance.

New members and guests welcomed: Don Bowers, Misty Fisher, and Larissa Seward.

Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels

February 2010 minutes are posted on KSC website and printed copies are available for review on front table.

Motion to approve the February minutes posted online by: Leonard Granbois.

Seconded by: Janet Burki.

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

Treasurer Report: Mary Stone (absent)

Treasurer's Report is tabled due to Mary's absence.

Tank House Report: Work Performed Between: 2/1/2010 and 2/28/2010

Total tanks filled = **1244**

VIP tanks = 95

Tanks tumbled = 0

Tanks stripped = 0

Tank House wages paid = \$ 1266.10

Tanks missing more than 1 month Nov 09 = **33**

- There were 18 tanks taken out on Feb 27th that have not been returned. If you know who has these, please let us know. Having over 30 tanks missing is not acceptable. Many of the missing tanks are due for hydro and MUST not be used until they are serviced.
 - Bob Dejoie recommended that we check float plans for the 27th to possibly determine who may have the missing tanks.
- Mike McMurphy needs to order 7 fill station valves from GMC and he needs a \$950 allowance but that we would look for the lowest vendor before ordering. Details:
 - 6 ea Sherwood Filler Valve at \$124.00 = \$744.00
 - 1 ea DIN/Yoke Filler Valve at \$155.00 = \$155.00
 - Total = \$899.00 + approx \$25 S/H

Motion to approve the \$950 by: Jim Bishop.

Seconded by: Ivy Springer.

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

- The Tank house combo will be changing next month.
- Please remember to SHUT THE TANK HOUSE DOOR when you leave.
- Mac stood and addressed the members: if you need tanks for a long weekend on Roi or an outer island, let him know so that he can account for the tanks used. He wants to be sure that the tanks are getting inspected so that we can support safe diving.

Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble (TDY)

No incidents or injuries to report.

- USAKA will be closing areas 7 & 8 to divers from Noon-700PM on March 28th for the Spring Break Music Festival. The Yacht club will be having sailboats in/out of Emon Beach during that time so all water access will be restricted to the roped in area. KPD has been notified and will enforce the closure. North Point is not affected and will still be open for walk-ins.
- Ski Pavilion has now lost power, phone and even water. KRS management has been notified of the concern and we are looking for restoration of services. Until then, please ensure you use a flag and remember to notify the appropriate departments of your dive plans before and after your dive.
 - Janet Burki volunteered to contact Fred McNickle about this issue.
- Troy's CH and other areas are dangerous in the high winds but some divers have chosen to try anchoring anyway. If the waves are going to come over the front of your boat, it is fair to say it is best to look for a safer location to dive. Poor decisions can result in personal injury and damage to boats so please make the right choices when choosing your dives.

Chief Dive Supervisor Report: Ivy Springer

- Thanks to John for the scuby-snacks before the meeting tonight.
- Bill Williamson was introduced as a new member of the DSC. She shared his bio.
- The next DSC meeting will take place on Thursday 25 March on Ron Gamble's back patio.

Pacific Club report: Ron Smith (absent)

- The February 2nd Work Party was a tremendous success with over 30 KSC & KAISC members chipping in to help. Some of the work completed included:
 - Cleaned kitchen including stoves with new inserts
 - Pulled staples and cleaned trash cans from rentals
 - Screwed and nailed loose boards around the building
 - Pressured washed the outside of building and under canopy
 - Painted half of the building on outside and under canopy
 - Painted bathrooms and cleaned them nicely
 - Roofing:
 - Put roofing on little porch behind kitchen (8'x12')
 - Put down a lot of wet patch in areas we had problems on the main roof
 - Rolled aluminum roofing on 35%
 - Repaired the tankhouse/marina storage unit
 - Replaced broken hinges and added extra sets to strengthen doors
 - Clean out trash and packed with serviceable buoy project parts
 - Cleaned area surrounding the tank house

- It has been decided that we will not allow renters to use staples at the Pacific Club.
- We will need to be stricter on the cleaning requirements when renters are done with the facility.
- We will have another work party next month.

Dive Locker report: Bill Williamson

- Bill is placing himself on a spending freeze. Please buy more so that he can start purchasing more.
- More towels are on their way.
- Women's aloha shirts arrived but were the wrong color so he sent them back.

Buoy Committee report: JB Scott (off island)

- John Pennington attended the SMDC/USAKA Command Safety Briefing in support of Col Clarke to explain the KSC Buoy effort.
 - He shared the PADI and Project Aware standards the Buoy Committee started working from the original meeting last April.
 - The plan is to have 40 mooring systems placed: 2 holes with U anchor and 2 anchor points.
 - USAKA safety has stated that the commercial divers have to do the drilling. There is a possibility that the Navy divers will assist with the drilling while they are here and USAKA is helping acquire estimates.
 - It is a possibility that end of the year money or grant money could be used and that is being pursued.
 - USAKA environmental will provide help with the required approvals and permits. They could also try to assist with the shipping of the 20' container which is \$5000 of the estimated expense of the materials estimate.
 - NOAA divers are helping with contacts and websites to seek grants.
- Now that USAKA safety and USAKA Environmental have blessed this plan, it has been added to the SMDC briefing. At the briefing, Col Clarke told SMDC he would speak to State Department contacts in Majuro as well.
- The KSC Buoy Committee still needs to pursue grants and possible funding sources but it is a positive thing that we have not been told "NO" yet on these proposals. Nearly everyone approached sees the value and it will just take time to finish pulling it together.

Nitrox Committee report: Dr. Lisa Shier

- The committee has had two meetings thus far.
- A survey was sent out to the membership and 90% were in favor of pursuing the possibility of using Nitrox on Kwaj. Most of the divers are already Nitrox certified.
- The committee is working on putting together a presentation for Col. Clarke.
- The water safety regulation needs to change before this can take place.

Old Business:

"Get In the Mix 2010" success

- Community Activities invited all clubs, private organizations, vendors and departments to promote their group, service or activity and “Get in the Mix.” The goal was to get people out and actively participating in the community. The event was February 24th and the KSC was well represented and sold over \$1000 from the Dive Locker. Big thanks to Carrie West, Kaitlynn Phillips, Scott Phillips and Tracy Pennington who made this work.

10th Annual Spring Break Music Festival

- 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 p.m. in 2 hour shifts. Please contact John Pennington for scheduling.
- UPDATE:** With Emon closed to divers, we will not have Divemasters so Community Activities Lifeguards will run the Easter egg hunt for us.

Dip Tank Repairs and Painting

- Although the club authorized \$900 in February for painting dip tanks at the Marina, Emon Beach and the Ski Wreck, Doug Hepler and John have been working to obtain free and/or less expensive paint. So far several gallons have been secured at NO cost. Testing has been done and there is enough to paint the fiberglass hand rails at the Ski Pavilion and also the insides of the tanks with concrete paint.

New Business:

Constitutional Changes

- Three areas of clarification are being drafted for the KSC constitution and the draft will be made available with the minutes of this meeting. Please review the draft and make any change recommendations to John Pennington and/or Amy Daniels. The new changes will also be discussed in the April meeting and voted for in May. Items being updated:
 - KSC Orientations – Orientation are required for divers arriving on island whether permanent resident or TDY but they are not required as part of a course led by a KSC instructor. The membership form states that the Orientation is valid for one-year and the DSC will be adding clarification to their manual and to the constitution.
 - Age limits – There is currently a conflict in the ages and depth limits for youth that will be corrected in the constitution by the DSC to be in line with the level of certifications the young member can have. We will follow the recommendation of certifying agencies (Nauai/PADI).
 - Spear Fishing – Due to a specific incident on a KSC trip the DSC has chosen to add in that NO Spear Fishing may take place in conjunction with KSC sponsored events.

Open Forum:

Chuck Kuzy- why do we need an amendment to remove spear fishing in the Constitution?

A: Ivy- We want to take it out of the Constitution.

Jim Bishop- what are the timelines for making changes to the Constitution?

A: The EC puts out the verbage for any changes that will occur. They report it to the membership and then it gets changed. John Pennington and Bill Williamson reiterated the rules.

Next meeting:

Annual Safety Meeting - Wednesday, 14 April @ 7:00 p.m. at the High School MP room.

Motion to adjourn by: Leonard Granbois

Meeting adjourned at: 7:41pm

Note: There is an after meeting presentation by Ivy Springer.