

## **Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting**

**14 April 2010**

Called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

135 members & guests in attendance.

New members and guests welcomed:

Cheri Malloy, Connor Malloy, Jennifer & Jon Nelson, Azure Nelson and Alexis Nelson.

### **Secretary's Report: Amy Daniels**

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

Motion to approve the March minutes posted online by: Mike Nast

Seconded by: Monte Junker

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

### **Treasurer Report: Mary Stone**

Tabled until May.

### **Tank House Report:**

Work Performed Between: 3/1/2010 and 3/31/2010 will be added and posted to the KSC website when Mac returns.

### **Safety & Training Officer report: Ron Gamble**

- We were granted permission to refrain from showing the UXO video this year.
- Regarding UXO:
  - Please remember that anything metallic, round, porcelain . . . leave it alone.
  - Do not move these objects.
  - Do not bring them to the surface. Doing so will cause them to be unstable.
  - Do not disturb UXO.
- Anchors:
  - Remember to secure your anchors properly.
  - There was a recent incident on P north- The divers had a second line that wasn't long enough to reach the vessel so they tied onto the cable/chain coming from the wreck instead. This line broke loose and the boat began to drift away. They were able to maintain a controlled ascent and grab the boat.
  - Always use a backup line secured to the wreck.

### **Chief Dive Supervisor Report: Ivy Springer**

Tabled until May.

### **Pacific Club report: Ron Smith**

Tabled until May.

### **Dive Locker report: Bill Williamson**

Tabled until May.

### **Buoy Committee report: JB Scott**

Tabled until May.

### **Nitrox Committee report: Dr. Lisa Shier**

- Lisa announced that a committee has been established
  - In order for Nitrox to be accepted, AR 385-9 needs to be changed.
  - Lisa asked for show of hands to determine:
    - Who is Nitrox certified?
    - Who would use it if it were available?
      - Easily over half of the people present raised their hands in answer to each of these questions.
- She will update all progress on this subject in the future.
- Nitrox will extend your bottom time.
  - We would use a mix that is safe to 130 feet.

### **Old Business:**

Tabled until May.

**Ron Gamble introduced Ivy Springer to conduct the annual Safety Presentation.**

### **New Business:**

#### **Constitutional Changes**

- The main KSC constitution changes were mentioned at the March meeting and finalized by the Executive Council. The plan is to build on the Constitution that was already approved by members. This is the copy that was on the website but was not accepted by the USAKA Commander.
- **Assumptions:** So as to build on good prior efforts, we will start from the July 2006 changes that were approved by the club but were not approved by the USAKA Commander to meet Article XI (Amendments).
- The new changes were put on the KSC website and will be read now:

## Proposed changes:

1. Proposal from DSC was to remove Item 4 from Article XI (Amendments) so that the USAKA Commander is not a requirement. Jim Bishop shared details that the swim team just did. Pennington proposed change after inquiring as to why the installation commander is required.

**Pennington proposed change:** “All constitutional changes shall be submitted to the USAKA Commander’s designee as required by Army Regulation 210–22 Paragraph 2-1.”

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

2. Based on Pennington research for the change above: Army Regulation 210-1 was rescinded in 1998 and replaced with AR 210–22 (22 October 2001) so the reference to AR 210-1 in Article XIII (Insurance & Liability) should be amended as well.

**Pennington proposed change:** “The KSC will carry a one million dollar general liability policy in effort to satisfy Army Regulation 210-22 Chapter 3. KSC members may be liable for amounts exceeding the general liability policy.”

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

Note: There is a bonding requirement for clubs that handle more than \$500 per month. This was discussed and decided that USAKA can bring it to the KSC if they want it enforced.

3. Proposal from DSC to change Article III D.1.e (Membership) of young divers to reflect their certifying agency’s age/depth limits.

**Proposed Change:** All new members shall, within 6 months of joining KSC, **provide proof of or** obtain Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent by their certifying agency. An exception will be made for divers under the age of 16 where they will observe all age and depth limits according to their certifying agency. Once eligible for Advanced Open Water Diver, or equivalent, they shall meet the requirement within 6 months.

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

4. Proposal from DSC to clarify what an Orientation is and that it is required for any diver who has not been an active Kwajalein diver for longer than 1 year.

**Proposed change to Article III D.1.a (Membership):** (insert as ‘a’ and move others down) “Complete the KSC Orientation which consists of a review of club policies, safety information, tank house procedures, signing safe diving standards and liability release forms. This should include an environmental orientation dive for all divers (regular or TDY) unless part of a course conducted by a DSC member **or a certified dive instructor**. This orientation process will be required of any member whom have not dived the Kwajalein Atoll for a period greater than 1 year.”

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

5. We need to change the \$35 reference of fee paid to \$50 in Article IX (Funds) B.1.b as well as Article III (Membership) E.2, Article IX (Funds) C.1 and any other location where this is referenced.

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

- Article IX (Funds) C.1 reflects \$60 for 60 days for TDY divers with the option to pay for a full membership. This needs to be reflected in the Membership form instead of the \$50 now.
  - Item C needs to state, \$50 for 30 days.

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

- Also Article IX (Funds) C.3 should be discussed and possibly stricken for obvious reasons. This is an area ripe for abuse. I have proven that even NOAA and commercial divers are willing to pay for tank usage so a visiting DV should have funds to pay too. USAKA can write a waiver but EC members shouldn't be waiving fees on a whim.
  - EC members agreed that C3 should be taken out of the Constitution. They also agreed that USAKA should be the ones to write any waivers as necessary.

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

6. In review of Article VII A (Tank House Operations), tank house wages were proposed and approved this year. The update should be amended in VII A to meet Article IX A (Funds).

**This change in the constitution was approved by all EC members in attendance.**

7. Ivy Springer proposed that the newly elected officers take over immediately upon election.

- It is not possible for this to take effect for this election cycle because it would be presented in April, voted on in May, and then submitted to USAKA first before the changes could be made.
- Ivy countered with a proposal that the new officers take over within one week of the May meeting.
  - The KSC constitution (Article IX D.4.e) requires a financial audit and written report to the EC for the change of Treasurer. Also an audit that meets USAKA requirements needs to be arranged so, cutting that down to one week seems short.
    - Mary Stone said that she could check on getting the same person who did it last time scheduled and would follow the USAKA standards with the new USAKA Community Activities Director.
  - Article IV.B of the Constitution will be changed from June 1<sup>st</sup> to "The newly Elected Officers shall assume office one week following their election". The outgoing members will have one week to finish business and the incoming officers will have three weeks to prepare for the June meeting. **This change in the constitution was approved by majority EC member vote in attendance.**

**All Constitutional changes will be voted on at the May meeting.**

**Election Nominations**

The four KSC Executive Council seats are due for election at the May meeting. Tonight is the first chance for nominations and the vote will take place next month by a show of hands as usual.

Nominations for KSC **President**:

- John Pennington plans to run again.
  - o Nominated by: **Mike Woundy**
  - o Seconded by: **Mike Coles**

John Pennington turned the floor over to Ron Gamble so that he could accept the nomination for President.

- Bill Williamson would like to run.
  - o Nominated by: **Jim Bishop**
  - o Seconded by: **Mike Nast**
- Other nominations? **No**

Both candidates spoke briefly about why they wish to be the KSC President.

Ron Gamble returned the floor to John Pennington to continue with the nominations.

Nominations for KSC **Vice-President**:

Duties include:

- a. Act in the absence of the President.
- b. Request and coordinate Club sponsored dive boats.
- c. Conduct dive boat sign up and collect all fees.
- a. Advertise each regular Club dive and regular monthly meeting in the Hourglass and on AFRTS.
- b. Coordinate entertainment at the Club meetings.
- c. Act as chairman of the Buoy Committee.

- JB Scott is off island but he would like to run again
  - o Nominated by: **Chuck Kuzy**
  - o Seconded by: **Val Bazar**
- Other nominations? **No**

**Secretary** position is being vacated. Duties include:

- a. Be responsible for Club correspondence and maintain a permanent file.
- b. Keep clear minutes of Club and Executive Council meetings and maintain a permanent file.
- c. Maintain a supply of Club forms as needed.
- d. Provide the USAKA Safety Office with a monthly list of new members and their PO Boxes.
- e. Collect payment of dues and TDY fees.
- f. Notify each Member by phone, mail, voice, or any other adequate means when they are overdue on dues.
- g. Maintain current Club Membership Rosters, (ACTIVE DIVER, DELINQUENT DIVER, AND INACTIVE DIVER LISTS), also maintain a record of environmental orientation dives for Dive Supervisor Council records.

- Dan Farnham would like to run.
  - o Nominated by: **Tim Roberge**
  - o Seconded by: **Janet Burki**
- Val Bazar would like to run.
  - o Nominated by: **Scott Phillips**
  - o Seconded by: **Mike Nast**
- Other nominations? **No**

Trace Fleming made an announcement that he felt it is important to let the members know that elected officers do not pay the annual dues.

**Treasurer** position is being vacated. Duties include:

- a. Maintain a record of all money of the Club.
  1. Secure payment of dues.
  2. Make payment of all Club bills.
- b. Maintain a file of old Club records for at least three years.
- c. Maintain a roster of all current and former KSC members.
- d. Obtain current rosters from the Roi-Namur Dolphins at least every 6 months and post on the tank house bulletin board in exchange for current KSC rosters.
- e. A newly elected Treasurer shall audit the records of the outgoing Treasurer and submit a detailed written report to the new Executive Council for approval. He shall also arrange for an audit in accordance with current USAKA regulations.

- Chuck Kuzy would like to run.
  - o Nominated by: **Bill Williamson**
  - o Seconded by: **Mark Webb**
- Tracy Pennington's name was called.
  - o Nominated by: **Shelby Gibson**
  - o Tracy respectfully declined the nomination.
- Other nominations? **No**

### **Open Forum:**

**Doug Hepler-** please buy baked goods from the seventh grade class. This is their big fund raiser for the year.

**Ivy Springer-** Announced that members will have two more chances to meet the annual safety requirements: 1) The May meeting and 2) Ivy will choose a Sunday or Monday evening at the Pacific Club for video viewing. If you miss these chances, you will have to get the video from a dive instructor and pay a \$10 fee.

**Bob Greene-** he requested that John briefly discuss the buoy project. John hit the main points of the progress that has been made on the placement of buoys. He mentioned that we are working on applying for a grant to finance this effort.

### **Notices:**

1. Lost and Found-
  - a. A regulator was found at the cleaning station at the SBM. It was put on the desk in the tank house for the owner to recover.
  - b. A flashlight was found off of Carlson. John has it.
2. Bruce Brandt from Kosrae Village Dive Resort is visiting and has a table in the back of the room. Pick up a flier. He has overseen the extensive buoy project on Kosrae and is offering his expertise and advice with our buoy committee.
3. Time Sensitive: President's Reef Watching Excursion to Lone Palm and Mann on April 25th. John has worked with the Marina and Safety to pave way for B-Boats to make a special trip with a few extra rules. The letter has made it through the new Community Activities director and is being sent up for an exception to policy approval. This is similar

to what the fishing club does and the club presidents are even willing to work out a "gentlemen's agreement" that the divers allow the fishing tourney to have first pick on their weekends and the KSC have first pick on the prior weekend. If the request for exception is denied, we still plan to spend the day around Tarojj. We are looking for private boat owners who would like to make this trip and could carry additional divers or tanks. Contact John Pennington for details.

4. May Meeting will include voting for constitutional changes and Executive Council elections. There will also be a make-up session for tonight's Annual Safety Meeting - Wednesday, 12 May @ 7:00 p.m. at the High School MP room.
5. The annual enrollments will take place immediately following this meeting. There are five tables divided into names and one for problem resolution or new enrollment questions.

Motion to adjourn by: Mike Woundy

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15

## **ARTICLE IV - ELECTED OFFICERS**

There shall be four elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### **A. Election of Officers:**

Officers shall be elected at the May meeting which shall be called in accordance with Article X, Section A, Part 2, of the Constitution. Election shall be by plurality of the Members voting. The President's vote shall be used in case of a tie unless a conflict of interest is involved in which case Members of the Executive Committee shall choose someone to cast the tie-breaking vote.

### **B. Term of Office:**

The newly Elected Officers shall assume office on 1 June following their election. Term of office is one year. Should any Elected Officer be unable to complete his term, the Executive Council shall appoint a replacement at the next Club meeting. Appointment ratification is by a majority vote of approval of Members voting at the Club meeting. Article X, Section A, Part 2, of the Constitution does not apply in this case.

### **C. Qualification of Elected Officers:**

All Officers must be KSC Members in good standing.

### **D. Duties of Elected Officers:**

It shall be the general duty of the Elected Officers to appoint the Appointed Officers in accordance with Article V, Section B, and Parts 1 & 2, of the Constitution. Elected officials shall promote the progress, activities, and the general welfare of the Club, and attend Club and Executive Council meetings. All Elected Officers are responsible for investigating possible violations of KSC Constitution/Bylaws and USAKA regulations related to scuba diving. The Officers may also apportion additional specific duties or reapportion existing specific duties among themselves as they see fit. Unless otherwise specified by the Officers, the official duties shall be apportioned as follows:

#### **1. President:**

The President shall preside over all Club and Executive Council meetings, and shall appoint committees as required for the Club welfare. The President may convene a Dive Supervisor Council meeting in the absence of the Chief Dive Supervisor or as required for Club needs.

- d. Furnish an inventory of Club property to the Membership at the December meeting on an annual basis.
- e. Review Tank house maintenance logs and air test results semi-annually.

## **2. Vice President:**

- d. Act in the absence of the President.
- e. Request and coordinate Club sponsored dive boats.
- f. Conduct dive boat sign up and collect all fees.
- f. Advertise each regular Club dive and regular monthly meeting in the Hourglass and on AFRTS.
- g. Coordinate entertainment at the Club meetings.
- h. Act as chairman of the Buoy Committee.

## **3. Secretary:**

- h. Be responsible for Club correspondence and maintain a permanent file.
- i. Keep clear minutes of Club and Executive Council meetings and maintain a permanent file.
- j. Maintain a supply of Club forms as needed.
- k. Provide the USAKA Safety Office with a monthly list of new members and their PO Boxes.
- l. Collect payment of dues and TDY fees.
- m. Notify each Member by phone, mail, voice, or any other adequate means when they are overdue on dues.
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## **4. Treasurer:**

- f. Maintain a record of all money of the Club.
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