

Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting Minutes

24 October 2012

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs with 44 members & guests in attendance.

John Pennington provided grilled cheese sandwiches, pre-meeting.

New Divers and visitors welcomed:

16 TDY Visitors and new members welcomed; introduced themselves and all were given KSC koozies and welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Cynthia Cullen posted minutes for the September meeting to the KSC website. Minutes written and taken by Ivy Springer. Cindy Cullen was off island during the last meeting. Ivy was acknowledged for her help. A motion to approve the September minutes as posted on the KSC website was made, seconded, and approved by the membership.

Treasurer Report: Joy Preston on vacation so John cited numbers Joy provided before leaving. John Pennington reported the funds below.

\$ 59,195 General fund
\$ 1,406 Tank house fund
\$ 5,144 Dive Locker
\$ 25,447 in Certificates of Deposit
\$ 91,192 (See detailed report at next meeting)

Tank House Report: Rob Ewbank

Rob reported tank usage was 509 to 431 tanks used; 54% nitrox. New shelves/rack this month, special thanks to Doug Hepler. New tanks showed up, shipping tomorrow, 48 aluminum 80 cuft tanks. Also 24-63cuft tanks on order, Any and all help is appreciated mostly needed 6:30 – 7:30 Sunday evenings.

Safety & Training Officer report: Rob Clayton

Per Rob: one diver reported he/she felt they had a close call on West reef, ocean side mainly because they lost track of their depth while they were enjoying their dive. Diver went to dispatch crown of thorns starfish. Also Rob noted that divers need to make sure they set their Nitrox properly, they hadn't set the computer for nitrox rather than air and also they could have set a dept alarm. Good buddy system procedures could have helped to prevent the potential problems.

Environmental Officer Report: Jay Lord

Not much to say, buoy inspections P-North, K-5 upright checked all the way from connection point to buoy and in good shape, looks like new. Checked subsurface buoys and cleaned some up so you can see the. Keep an eye out for anchors, especially on W Reef as we can use them as future anchor spots.

Chief Dive Supervisor Report: Ivy Springer

Recognized the Dive Supervisor Council, dive masters, and instructors introduced all members in attendance. New T-shirts were purchased specifically for the Dive Masters by the club. Pumpkin carving contest 2-4:00 pm, with 15 pumpkins purchased by KSC for participants. You must sign in by 2:15 on Monday with your buddy and dive tanks (air) will be delivered to Emon Beach at your request. You can also buy your own pumpkin. Turkey Hunt on the 19-Nov, Monday, between 2-4 pm is a community event, with rubber chickens, snorkelers welcome, and many prizes plus two turkeys. Scuba Santa co-insides with the Boat Parade on 16-Dec-12, Sunday at sunset. Scuba Santa precedes the Boat Parade. Mayan Apocalypse, 23-Dec-12, night dive at Ski Area Japanese Wreck will be lead by Doug Hepler. 45' dive with bottle of water before and after makes safe dive for all and then drinks and BBQ later. "Party Like it's no ToMaya," t-shirt design.

Pacific Club report: Charles Cable

Nothing new to report, any suggestions invited for the scuba club building. Nothing has really changed since the new dive locker. It's our building so we can do with it as we wish, within reason.

Dive Locker report: Marissa Brown

Thank you to all who have purchased. New designs are in, sweatshirts/hoodies are in and dive skins designs/artwork has been submitted and we're trying to get them in before Christmas. Woman's Pacific shirts are on a barge somewhere.

Old Business:

After-meeting presentations of dive trips or any scuba related topic are a fun indulgence and Diane Cooper's "Clowning Around" last month was great! We are looking for more presenters. Rob Clayton is working on a program and please send your turtle-shark pictures to Marc Rivera. Presentation in February but didn't get the name.

Mongolian BBQ at the Vets Hall for KSC Christmas Party and fundraiser, date to be announced and prizes.

New Business:

In the last two months, there have been several meeting between KSC President John Pennington, USAKA Safety, and Colonel Boehm directly to work on updating the USAKA water regulations. Until such time as diving hours and charmer hours are untied to each other, the KSC is to honor the restricted hours put in place by the previous Commander. There have been SEVERAL reports in the last few weeks that divers have been seen entering the water after 5:00PM on days the dive chamber is not manned. Please ensure all TDY divers (and residents too) understand the dive times so that the work to remove the restricted dive hours to a manned chamber is not derailed. Currently the Chamber is available 7:30-4:30 daily or until 6:00 on days the marina is open; you should surface by 1600 hours (4:00 pm) Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. USAKA is open to revisions but not if we are not following the current regulations.

Also, this Friday night John Pennington has proposed a night dive 7-10:00 pm, but that will be announced beforehand if chamber is available. All are welcome, but you must fill out your own dive/float plans.

Open Forum:

- 1) Mentioned that the Ski Area steps railing and steps are degrading.
- 2) Instructors are asked to coordinate with Mark H , Pools and Beach, for classes in the pool.
- 3) Also a recall on Atomic Aquatics Cobalt Computer see Jim Bishop for help.
- 4) Aqualung weight pockets-some are showing problems with their ribs and the pockets should be replaced. See John Pennington to have yours changed out.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and meeting adjourned at 1940 hrs.