

# Kwajalein Scuba Club Meeting Minutes

21 November 2012

**Meeting called to order at 1805 hrs.**

**40 members & guests in attendance.**

**Welcome First Time Visitors & New Divers:** John Pennington welcomed seven new divers and guests.

**Secretary's Report:** Cindy Cullen reported that the minutes from the 24-Oct-12 meeting were posted on the web, three copies were available to be reviewed by members and guests. An offer was made to read the minutes unless a Motion to Approve the October minutes was voiced, it was voiced, seconded and passed. Cindy also mentioned the roster was current to date, 21-Nov-12 and all in attendance were invited to look over the current member list/roster and to please make any notes for corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joy Preston reported:

\$ 57,347.45	General Fund
\$ 46,059.64	Available Funds
\$ 1,687.00	Tank House Funds (transferred funds in from general fund as money spent on tanks)
\$ 9,003.12	Dive Locker
<u>\$ 25,447.82</u>	Certificates of Deposit
\$ 93,485.65	Total Funds

**Tank House Report:** Rob Ewbank off island; Peter Brown reporting for tank house: 1290'ish tanks used last month which makes a record setting month. 54% of the tanks were nitrox. 185 tanks filled last Sunday night, so record setting weekend. Thanks to all who helped out while Rob is off island. We now have 72 new tanks, 48 – aluminum 80's, and 24 – aluminum 63's. Per John Pennington, tank house combo should be changing soon. Update your email addresses so you will receive the new combo, or contact Ivy Springer or other Dive Supervisors for the new combo if you don't receive it.

**Safety & Training Officer Report:** Rob Clayton off island and not available.

**Environmental Officer Report:** Jay Lord off island and not available.

**Chief Dive Supervisor Report:** Ivy Springer reported a wonderful turkey hunt and recognition to John Pennington for event organization. 40 divers and 7 snorklers participated. Thank you to all dive masters and dive locker personnel who helped with the event. We can always use volunteers. Extra help will be needed with Scuba Santa.

**Per John Pennington:** Progress on diving hours. There have been several meetings 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 chamber 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 divers (TDY and residents too) understand the dive times so that the work to getting "common sense" and unlinking dive hours to a manned chamber is not derailed. Please limit diving to 7:00-4:30 daily or until 6:00 on days the marina is open for winter hours. If the marina is closed to support a Holiday then that means you must be out of the water by 4:30 and then you can dive when they are open for the actual Holiday. Please let EC work this issue. It's been reported that people have been diving after the posted hours, it's not just the TDY divers are diving during off hours.

**For the Record:** Many people had comments regarding the night diving issue, as we all have for the last two years. One individual diver stated that he would knowingly dive after the hours

that are currently in effect, specifically calling attention to himself. He stated he intentionally violated the night diving rules. It was pointed out that this is not acceptable behavior by any members of Kwajalein Scuba Club and is definitely not a productive way to act when we are striving so hard to have the current rules amended and returned to our original rules from two years ago. Do not violate the rules! We are really close to a resolution.

**Night dive announced** for tomorrow night. Again, per John Pennington, please follow the current rules and let the EC work the night diving issue and breaking the rules doesn't help.

**Pacific Club Report:** Charles Cable: Nothing new

**Dive Locker Report:** Marissa Brown, dive locker "Goddess," reported new t-shirts in, \$5,000 on order, and rash guards should be in next week and should be in before Christmas. New towels on order and a new item, a nylon binder for your gear should be in soon.

**Old Business:** nothing specified

**New Business:** Christmas Party at the Vets Hall will be Mongolian BBQ. It will also be a fund raiser for DAN, with donations to help out with a silent auction. Tickets for members in good standing will be \$10 each, \$ 20 for family members, \$30 for friends, 180 tickets on order. Ticket includes food, non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, and a raffle ticket. Cash bar will be available and a DJ. All proceeds go to DAN. Tickets available through John Pennington and Cindy Cullen, Monday, 17-Dec, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

**Open Forum:** *John Pennington* - Ski Wreck and North Point entry upgrade. San Juan and Kisaq employees have offered to donate time and expertise to replace the shoddy Ski Wreck railing by the water and to extend the North Point rail further down the rocks. They have identified preferred parts to order through GSK but we are also looking at the metal shop to create the right cuts. It may not cost this much but I would like a maximum of approval of \$600 to cover repair/upgrade to both entry points. John Pennington asked for a motion to approve up to \$600 for the repairs, a motion was made, seconded and approved.

*Ivy Springer* - Scuba Santa sunset Sunday, 16-Dec. This event involves a lot of people and volunteers for a 20 minute show. Rob Green is the main Logistics, Jim Bishop acting as Chief Dive Master and Tim Walker will be Beach Crew Supervisor. The beach crew is very important to the event and we will need many volunteers to sign up for beach crew. We will also have a Decorating Committee, headed by Ivy Springer, for the dive pavilion at Emon Beach. Four volunteers are needed, and four or more people volunteered. Please meet for a few minutes directly after the KSC meeting concludes then there will be a meeting for Scuba Santa.

*John Pennington* also reminded all that Aqua Lung is being proactive with their recall of dive pockets. See John and he is willing to swap them out.

*Ivy Springer:* Doug Hepler is in charge of the Mayan Apocalypse night dive for the End of the World. Dive will take place 21-Dec, and meet at the steps at the Ski Area. "Live like there's no ToMeya!"

*John Pennington:* Pictures of the underwater pumpkin carving event will be shown after the meeting.

*Bill Williamson:* The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, 1-Dec will include \$1000 worth of items to be given away in a drawing; you must be present to win, 8:00 pm.

**Motion to adjourn; first, seconded, and meeting adjourned 1935 hrs.**