

**Bay State Council of Divers**  
Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2012

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:40-8:37

**Attendees:**

Todd	Ayotte	SSN
Al	Anzuoni	South Shore Divers
John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	NEADC
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Jeannine	Fabian	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Ken	Hotz	SSN
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Joe	McAndrew	SSN
Mike	Vaughan	MBD
Jim	Walker	SSN
Carl	Yngve	SSN

**Clubs and organizations represented include:**

Boston Sea Rovers  
Mass Bay Divers (MBD)  
Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archeological Resources (BUAR)  
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fishers (MA DMF)  
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC)  
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)  
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)  
Salem State University  
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)  
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS)

The minutes for the November meeting were accepted.

**2012 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive**

John Blackadar sent out a letter to the contributors to the 2011 Treasure Hunt with a group picture of participants in the event. Letter was drafted with Holly's assistance.

The donor list for the Treasure Hunt has not been forwarded to the webmaster yet.

We do have electronic version of the Treasure Hunt release form; it should be on the website now.

Date for 2012 NSF picnic is September 23.

**Dive flag poster:** – Roy is working on an updated version of the poster. He will email it to the BSC Board for review.

### **Boston Scuba Show, Feb 25, Marlboro, MA**

Vin Malkoski will man the BSC booth; the BSC booth will be available to take out to Marlboro.

### **Sea Rovers Show, March 9-11, Danvers, MA**

The BSC needs to get the application and check to the Rovers for a booth. The show website is up. Tickets are available at reduced rate now. It is not clear why it is a week later than usual. People can get in on Friday night to set up booths, but Clubs can get in Saturday morning to set up.

Holly working on kids's day.

The Friday program at BPL is 9-noon (?); presentations targeting high school students. Vin is doing this with George Buckley. They expect ~300 participants.

Al Bozza suggested that we ask Clubs to donate \$50 (or more or less) to defray the cost for the BSC for the booth. The recommendation was to send in a reservation for the BSC booth now. We will fund it however we can.

### **Joint Club Dives:**

Angelo would like each club to choose a date and dive site to advertise for their Dive of the Month. Then invite all clubs to include those dives as their dives for that day.

**BUAR:** Victor has nominated all the exempt shipwreck sites for inclusion in the National System of Marine Protected Areas, and is developing Management Plans for the exempt sites, which calls for monitoring. If you go to an exempt site, let them know the condition. They would encourage more visitations. Trouble is that these sites mostly involve boats.

Victor will distribute a list of wrecks that we can use for Joint Club dives. He has protocol for the review of the sites per website.

A site for the new location for the Old Minot's Lighthouse plaque needs to be identified, then go out and attach the plaque to something that will not move. Dale's boat has the capacity to drill, etc. Problem is how much can he donate of his fuel. This project can wait until next month. Will sit down and talk it over when the time comes.

### **NEADC schedule:**

April 28 (Saturday): Whale watch event on the aquarium boat. Contact Al Bozza.

May 12 (Saturday): White water rafting.

July 28 (Saturday): Fish Count at Stage Fort Park – Al can have a card for the website to pass out at the next meeting.

October 14 (Sunday): Tropical Fish Rescue at Fort Wetherill, RI

## **SSN**

Not going to do the island cleanup; too much work. Will pick a lake and do the cleanup there with the Dive Kulture kids. Steve will be working on that but he is busy with work. They can make this a BSC event.

The Neptunes are going to do a club trip to Bonaire next year, 2013, giving members time to save up money. It is planned as a family event, with spouses, so not just diving. Others can go too.

February 21 meeting, free diver Nick Fazah will give a presentation.

March 20 Matthew Lawrence (Stellwagen Bank NMS) will give presentation.

**The Oceanarium** is open, with touch tank, culture tank with corals. John is trying to set up a multi-Club event there, but trying to get the price down.

**Speaking of reefs**, Vin Malkoski noted that the towns of Harwich and Yarmouth are interested in possible artificial reefs

## **Stellwagen Bank NMS:**

Matthew Lawrence will be speaking on February 18 at Maritime Gloucester – Harbor Loop.

The Sanctuary has submitted a grant application for taking gear off sites, with Heather Knowles.

**NSF:** Victor Mastone will be the guest speaker tomorrow night.

## **Other Topics:**

DUI Demo Days are scheduled for May 5-6.

Angelo's wife Karen will start working on getting all BSC pamphlets and other info into electronic format.

**Action item:** Victor will have list of sites and plans for review for next meeting.

**Next BSC meeting:** The next BSC meeting is scheduled to be held in Quincy at 7:30PM on April 25, 2012.