

Bay State Council of Divers – Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2012

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:30-9:00PM

Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	NEADC
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Teresa	Czeripica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR

Clubs and organizations represented include:

Boston Sea Rovers
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fishers (MA DMF)
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC)
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)
Salem State University
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

DiveHeart

Al has been in communication with June Stahl of Diveheart (diveheart.northeast@gmail.com).

Their requirements: In order to have a program up in NE,

- They would come up here to train a bunch of assistants, and also instructors.
- Requires 30 hour training for the buddies:
- Training on Weds, Thurs & Fri 6-10PM, and Sat 8AM-6PM; Pool & classroom required.
- Requires an open water location w/ easy access on Sunday for training.
- There would be 2-3 trainers coming from NJ to do the training. They would expect us to put them up.
- Charge is \$350 per person for the training.

Steps for the BSC:

- Start relationships w/ rehab facilities, VA hospitals – are there people there who are looking to get into, or back into, diving after injury?
- Need to be very organized and focused; smaller groups would be counterproductive.
- Find people interested in being buddies and others interested in being instructors. (Dan Esa works with Paul Adler.) Put out email to clubs and dive shops looking for people who would be interested.

- The BSC would want to be able to screen the people who apply, to be sure they would be good; people who would stay involved. Need committed people to spearhead the project, and people to commit to the training.
- **For the next Council meeting, send email to club reps to get interest from their clubs. We will work online to get an email drafted that the Council is happy with, then send to divers for volunteers.** Need to get a list of people to start with.
- Realistically we might be able to start some training next winter. Or maybe have instructors go to NJ for training.
- Someone will gather a list of rehabs, but will not approach them yet because they may be ready to start right away.

Questions from BSC Board:

- Would there be a required number to take the training?
- What are requirements for instructor training?
- What is the cost?
- HSA?
- Size for the pool?

BSC Board

Paul Adler is interested in being a Board member as “retail” or “shop” rep to communicate with other shop owners. The question was raised about whether we would want a shop rep as an officer of the Board. An option would be to make him a member of the board, and ask him to find a dive shop rep. John Blackadar will approach him.

2012 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive

Some people would like to make the BSC Treasure Hunt a complete treasure hunt, as in, each prize is denoted by a specific token. That is extreme. We should strive so that everyone gets a chance to get something. If you find a prize winning token, you should come out of the water to register to win the prize; first out gets first pick for the prize.

Start at a certain time, end at a certain time. Don't wait for stragglers. In the water at 10, ready to go.

Snorkel event – limiting team size was good. It is a competitive event. If you want the event to grow, you have to allow as many people / teams to enroll. One prize, only for the winning team.

Extra tables for dive shops and manufacturers. No selling, only discussion and display; go to the store to buy stuff.

What should we put out for tokens? Colored rocks for snorkel event. Poker chips, gold coins for scuba event.

Entrance fee is \$10. No additional fee for snorkel event.

Clubs will be asked to provide enough food for Treasure Hunt participants, at \$5 per person.

Safety officer is set (John Blackadar)

Sea Rovers was good. There were fewer booths, but the talks were very busy, though Sunday was slower than Saturday. The evening event was packed. Some things definitely improved from the prior year.

Action Items:

Mary will ask Jeannine for 4/25 meeting minutes. (done)

Ask dive shop owners to make the next meeting to discuss Diveheart.

For the next Council meeting, send email to club reps to get interest from their clubs. We will work online to get an email drafted that the Council is happy with

Next BSC meeting: The next BSC meeting is scheduled to be held in Quincy at 7:30PM on June 27, 2012.