

Bay State Council of Divers
Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2012

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

Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	NEADC
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Doug	Eaton	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Vin	Malkoski	MA DMF / Boston Sea Rovers
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Michael	Prange	NEADC
Jeannine	Willis	SSN 617-365-5588
Carl	Yngve	SSN

Clubs and organizations represented include:

Boston Sea Rovers
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)
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS)

Dive flag poster:

New posters are done, 5-6 are posted on the south shore area.

Anyone want to put one up in their shop?

Cost about \$1.65 each. First batch \$16; how many more do we want to make. Another 20?
Clubs will be asked to donate \$25-\$50.

Flyers for 2012 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt Dive

We handed out flyers for the treasure hunt to members at the meeting to put up in dive shops.

Members will ask reps if they would like to have info on tables/ info only, no selling. Angelo will bring 4 tables, so they needn't bring their own.

Victor will maintain the lists for the prize winners. Get the name and address of the donors of the prizes so that we can send thank you notes. Planning to get the list of donors documented before the event.

Prize tokens will be randomly assigned to some of the prizes.

Those who get a number do not get to be in the general raffle.

Everyone will be eligible for the best two prizes.

AI – Mary will write up the “rules” for the treasure hunt. Email the list to officers (people at this meeting!!) for review/edits.

Diveheart:

Al Bozza: It takes two weeks to get a response from his contact. Why are we paying to get a certification to help them? The person that had offered to come in August to train MA people is no longer available. The process is moving very slowly. The Neptunes were told what it would require to be certified. If we use an instructor in this area, it might be a different story. The question was asked whether that instructor is certified for buddy training or for instructor training. The problem is paying that kind of money to be certified to help their divers.

Vinny: There are costs to being an instructor, insurance/liability, time, materials, pool rental.

Al: Is there any reason we could not do this without Diveheart if we went through HAS?

Anyone who wants to get involved as an individual can contact them directly, info via the BSC website.

Al will keep researching.

Diving in Race Point area for large lobsters

When applying for a lobster license on paper, you need to declare your fishing area on the license application. If you declare the outer Cape, can you fish in the bay? The online form does not ask for this information. Vin will research and get back to BSC.

Website:

Remove George’s Island picnic from the website.

MA BUAR: – Victor Mastone

The Plaque at Minot’s Ledge has not been put up yet.

New members of the board: Marcie Bielinski was reappointed to the board. Also an attorney named Gary Murad, and Graham McKay, new archeologist.

URI grad student is doing work on clams. Angelo will forward email to Vinny.

SBNMS: – Matthew Lawrence

There is a new 700 lb iron mooring for dive boats at the FV North Star; it is outside of the shipping lanes, so not an issue with that. The money to pay for this is from a grant application

written by Matt and Heather Knowles. Heather is running 2-dive all day charters for ~\$160 (38' dive boat).

SSN picnic at Duxbury Beach 8/5 – all invited.

SSN Flea Market – 9/29, rain date is following week. \$15 for space. Hanover, MA

GAFC is this coming Saturday

Action Items:

- Ask Clubs to donate \$25 to pay for the costs of the new Dive Flag Poster.
- AI – Mary will write up the “rules” for the treasure hunt. Email the list to officers (people at this meeting!!) for review/edits. (done 9/4/12)

Next BSC meeting: The next BSC meeting is scheduled to be held in Quincy at 7:30PM on September 12, 2012. Bring prizes you get to this meeting so they can be catalogued ahead of time. Victor will print up the list of prizes.