

Bay State Council of Divers
Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2012

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:45-9:20

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	
John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	NEADC / BSC VP
Jim	Brady	OCA
Jim	Carozza	NEADC
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Doug	Eaton	SSN
Paul	Greene	SSN
Ken	Hayes	SSN/NEADC
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vinny	Malkoski	MDMF / Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State U
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Jim	Walker	SSN
Mike	Vaughan	MBD
Jeannine	Willis	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)

Dive flag poster:

Still looking for \$\$ from some clubs to pay for the new posters.

Treasure Hunt

Dive went off without much of a hitch. Some suggestions were made for changes. Victor suggests we drop pre-registration; it would be easier. Flat fee made it easier. Most people who registered for the snorkel event also participated in the scuba event.

Regarding raffle prizes, we didn't have much until the day of the event when John Stella showed up with a lot of stuff that put us over the top.

Vinny said people had enjoyed actually diving for an item. More people stayed in the water longer, so it was more of a diving event. One person did not get her ticket until after the prizes were drawn, but that was because she wasn't paying attention.

There was a limited the number of "good prize" balls in the water to start because of the low number of raffle prizes. That was increased when the added prizes showed up.

There was a different crowd this year for the snorkel event. That's a good thing.

Suggested changes:

- Paul – pick the date tonight so we can advertise before the shops set their dates for next summer. Try to get the shops to set this as one of their dives; they will then rent gear to their new divers and get them to dive.
- When prizes are given out, have it out in the open, rather than behind the tent, so that other divers there see what prizes are won. - John B asked, Paul A said he would send a letter to the stores and then will follow up with a phone call. Would like to get this out before January.
- Set the date for Sunday, September 22.
- Benefit of having the dive on the same date as the Clubs' picnic was not as great as the prior year.
- Change snorkel time to 11:30 to give a little down time between events.
- Do we want to tie it into a clean-up event? Is it same time as CoastSweep beach cleanup? Ted will head this up. It would be good publicity for the Council.

In prior years we did do this event on two different beaches. Scuba in one location, snorkel at the other beach. The algae problem is not going away. Should we do it again at the two locations because of the algae? It is probably better/more convenient to do both at the same beach. Could pick the beach on the day of the event depending on the conditions with the weeds/visibility. The set-up people can decide when they get there based on the conditions. Jeannine is checking tide chart. Meet at 8AM with safety people and set-up people and make the decision then.

Would like to have a zodiac available; kayaks work very well.

John has written a letter with pictures to send to the donors of prizes.

Diveheart:

June called Al the day after the last meeting. She was all for us going off on our own. One of the local people we talked about was in training with them. Al will stay in touch with the 2 people in this area; maybe invite them to a meeting. It is good that BSC would oversee what is done in our area.

Sea Rovers: March 8-10. There is a new person running the club booths. Form can be filled out online and send to Vin Malkoski who will take care of it. The web price is basically the group rate and it's easy to get tickets online. If you still want to purchase hard copies, contact Vin.

Vin Malkoski would be happy to talk to Clubs about Sea Rovers.

Boston Scuba Show: Feb 23 – Do we want to start the Sea Rovers raffle at the Boston Scuba Show? John B will set up the booth. Terms are different this year, need to pay for the booth and get a number (1?) ticket free with it. – Prize, as last year, will be a \$100 gift certificate to dive shop of winner's choice. Will sell tickets at both shows, with winning ticket to be drawn at Sea Rovers.

Goals for 2013

1. Victor: would like dive clubs to come up with conditions at exempt shipwreck sites. Will come up with a form before the next meeting.
2. Get the Minot Ledge plaque back in the water.

Victor has a name of a James Mann from Wilmington in 1986. Found an arrowhead and gave it to the Peabody museum. Does anyone know him?

OCA – New Year's Day dive. Reg fee (\$10) covers food. Dive for scallop shells. Fort Wetherill.

Mike Vaughan has contact w/hsa certified instructor John Sullivan at South Shore Divers. Dove with Wayne Ross, quadriplegic diver, disabled veteran, working to get veterans involved in diving. He was a Moray Wheel, is MBD.

Action Items:

- Ask Clubs to donate to pay for the BSC booth at Sea Rovers.

Nick Faza is now an instructor for freediving. Get in touch with him at East Coast Divers. He is SSI, but you do not need an SSI facility to teach.

Next BSC meeting: February 27.