

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2013

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:50-9:00

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	
John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Burgess	SSN
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vinny	Malkoski	MDMF / Sea Rovers
Kim	Malkoski	
Ted	Maney	Salem State U
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Jim	Walker	SSN
Mike	Vaughan	SSN

Clubs and organizations represented include:

Boston Sea Rovers

Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archeological Resources (BUAR)

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fishers (MA DMF)

North Shore Frogmen (NSF)

Salem State University

South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

Sea Rovers Show: The Sea Rovers were content with their show. Numbers were good, booths were good. Club booths might be in a different location next year.

MA BUAR: Victor has been busy. He needs to come up with a checklist of stuff he would like people/divers to make observations on and photos off in regard to the 40 exempt shipwrecks.

He has sent John Blackadar info, but have not come up with what they want to do with the Minot Light. They need to coordinate with the Quincy police, and also find out how best to attach the plaque so it will stay put.

MA DMF: Nothing new on the striper issue for divers and spearfishing. The bill made it through the House, but has been allowed to wither and die in the Senate. Next step for those making the proposal is to propose again, and follow through as it is not a high priority for anyone. Suggesting at this (BSC) meeting that it should be for free diving only.

All is the same for lobster regulations. The rule change a few years back states that you don't have to designate where you are harvesting from. If you are going to dive for large ones outside, don't come back with small ones as well as the big ones, as that would introduce some doubt. Use common sense!

Do not take any lobster gear from the beach.

Diveheart: Paul A feels that Diveheart is a money-making operation for the people who own it. You get your training from them, then teach the classes. June Stahl of Diveheart was supposed to get back to Al Bozza to tell us what the crossover process is for people certified with another agency. It is a worthwhile cause which is doing a lot of good, but

We had discussed the possibility of putting something like this together for the Council to do. There are enough instructors around who would be willing to donate their time. (HSA instructors) But we weren't going to do anything until Al B heard more from Diveheart. Apparently they don't want to deviate from their normal practices. They do funnel some money back for the handicapped divers they are teaching. They file for grant money which covers the handicapped divers, but not the buddies and instructors who have to pay their own way on any trip, etc.

How many are interested in becoming instructors? How many current instructors would be willing to instruct for this? Current BSC members at this meeting are not willing to get another certification in order to do this. Also probably shouldn't go under the Council's name for various reasons.

Al should give his input at the next meeting.

BSC Treasure Hunt Dive:

Paul mentioned that one of the prizes given to BSC at Sea Rovers is \$500 off a \$1200 trip to St. Kitts from Explorer Adventure II. Paul and Blackie went around at Sea Rovers and got a lot of nice prizes, though they need to be followed up on.

The idea that we can decide on the day of the event for which beach to use may not work, as the permit is for a specific area. Probably we will continue to use the cove.

Ted is planning a beach clean-up for 2PM on that day, bringing Gloucester high school students and maybe others.

Letter to Shops: Paul Adler wants to send a second letter out to the dive shops to remind them of the Council dive. He paid for postage on the last mailing, but doesn't want to pay for postage again. Council will pick up the tab for the mailing. Looking for more participation than the 36 we had last year. Hard copy of flyer was sent to 40 shops with the letter. We can send emailed letter with electronic flyer at the same time.

Northeast Dive News: Paul will contact the guy from Northeast Dive News, Rick Stratton, asking him to put the Treasure Hunt info in.

DUI Demo Days is first weekend in May (4-5). Vin will have DMF table, has flyers and will take more BSC info.

John Palmer wrote a new book on the U853.

➤ Next meeting is scheduled for June 12.