

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2013

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:37-8:45

Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	BSC VP
Bill	Burchill	SSN
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Doug	Eaton	SSN
Ken	Hayes	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vin	Malkoski	MDMF / Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State U
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Jim	Nannery	MWDC
Michael	Prange	NEAQ
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 Fisheries (MDMF)

MetroWest Dive Club (MWDC)

New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEAQ)

North Shore Frogmen (NSF)

Salem State University

South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

MA BUAR: Form for monitoring exempt sites was tabled at this time as Victor has been too busy to work on it.

2 - Diveheart:

Paul Adler and Al Bozza met together with June from Diveheart. If we (the BSC) are to get into it, it has to be a group event. There are a lot of hoops to go through, and would require a lot of time. It is not clear at this time that we should be involved in this project, since we don't want to start and not be able to follow through.

We can put the info on the BSC website, and if anyone is interested in working with Diveheart, they can contact them directly. They are over extended also, which is why it takes June so long to get back to Al.

It is a huge undertaking, expensive, and a major time commitment. 4 buddies are required for each diver.

Buddy training \$300

Instructor training \$450

Does not include materials.

There is a national training company.

Ken – we have Wayne Ross, disabled veteran. He could devote time to this.

3 - Fishing licenses:

One license is required for southern NE salt water fishing. No license under 16 y/o; license required over 60, but that license is free

There are rumors about raising the recreational fishing license fee.

5 – Pipeline Monitoring:

The reef: doing ok

There are eelgrass areas that did not recover, this required extra fines for the company that put in the pipeline.

DMF “Lobster Project”: sea sampling catches, suction sampling for juniors (larval phase).

Vin Malkoski got an award for this project. Project is responsible for researching and monitoring commercially important marine invertebrates, including American lobster, horseshoe crab, channeled whelk, Jonah crab and northern shrimp.

1 - BSC Treasure Hunt: (Scheduled for 9/22/13)

PRIZES: We have some prizes at this time. John Blackadar has a list. Some members present at the meeting agreed to contact shops and others directly before the Treasure Hunt.

SAFETY: John Blackadar will be there; has radios; he will do land safety; Mary will be in her kayak. John will have the flags and weights. Will try the line on the bottom. Will have to bring tables/tent(s). We are set with forms from Victor. Bullhorn at the water's edge. Susan Copelas (NSF) got the permit; Jim N-MWDC- paid the \$\$.

Review of RULES:

Change snorkel event start time to 11:30

Michael will update the rules and check that he can print them from the website.

We'll do the raffle prizes the same as last year; picture to be taken before the prize distribution.

Action Items:

Mary email Jim Nannery w/ flyer (done 9/8/13)

Mary email Michael P with new Burlington Scuba contact info (done 9/5/13)

Next meeting is second Wednesday in December 11.