

# **Bay State Council of Divers**

Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2013

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:41-8:45PM

## **Attendees:**

John	Blackadar	SSN
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	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
Joe	McAndrew	SSN
Jeannine	Willis	SSN
Teri	Hayes	SSN
Paul	Adler	
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Jim	Burgess	SSN – 508-269-3077

## **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)

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS)

## BSC Treasure Hunt: (on 9/22/13)

We had a good turnout, with 64 divers in the water. Not many glitches. Good number of prizes so that almost everyone got a prize. Thanks go to those who worked safety. Visibility was good; given that, why didn't we get back more marbles? Not all the golf balls were retrieved too. The food went over well; the clubs sold out. The weather turned out very good after a dicey morning.

Paul Adler: The pictures should get up on the website faster, within a few days. (Photos were transferred to a memory device for Michael Prange after the meeting.)

Prizes: Suggestion: pick out 6-8 of the good things, let winners have a chance to choose ahead of time, then make a big deal out of who wins what.

Pictures: Let photographer have a little more time to photo prize winners

There should be a poster of donors/manufacturers. Only a few donors were there.

Having manufacturers bring stuff to demo makes it very hard for people to participate and demo the gear. Maybe to do the demo people should be required to show up 2 hours before the event. Or have demo divers use a flag; then you would know who demo divers are and safety divers wouldn't have to keep track of them.

There were comments about the advertising of the demo event. Those running the demo did not indicate that the demo was not tagged onto the BSC event. We could ask that they run the wording of their advertising by BSC officers to be sure the BSC is properly acknowledged.

The flyer for next year should be updated to reflect changes made to the event.

Permit? The Dive Clubs had a permit for their picnic and the BSC tagged onto that permit. Should the BSC have a separate permit? This should be checked out before the next treasure hunt.

We should have a meeting a couple of weeks after the Treasure hunt to recap how the event went, to discuss prizes, and to swap photos.

## Beach Access:

After the Treasure Hunt, Paul and John went to Magnolia to check out the situation with beach access at Lexington St. A person bought the house at 29 Shore Road at the end and has blocked off the area with rocks. This person screams at divers when they attempt to access the water. Paul believes that the town now owns the property in front of the house. We need someone to do some research to find out if it's really private property or is town-owned. The town put up No Parking signs near the site, but you can park further up the road.

Vinny and Ted will look into this. John B asked that they call with any information.

## SEA ROVERS – March 8

BOSTON SCUBA SHOW – March 1, at new location, the Peabody Holiday Inn.

## Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

The Charles W. Morgan, the last wooden whaling ship was built in 1841 and has now been restored. It will be touring New England, starting sailing from the end of May through beginning of August. This project is partnering SBNMS with Mystic Seaport. They will be stopping in Boston, Mass Maritime Academy, and Newport, People will be able to tour the ship when it's in port.

SBNMS is no longer printing the newsletter, so it will only be via email.

The Ocean Frontiers video will be shown at Quincy Library in April

## OCEAN FRONTIERS 2

Jeannine has a copy of the dvd. Let her know if you would like to borrow it.

## SSI was bought out by Mares

South Shore Neptunes Dive Club: Club banquet will be on Jan 25 at Common Market, tickets \$30 per person.

Metrowest Dive Club: Club banquet will be on Feb 22 at the Columbus Club, 11 Fountain, St, Framingham, tickets \$30 per person. Theme: Wear your best dive destination T-shirt.

MetroWest meetings are the second Tuesday of every month; Sheraton Tara, until middle of April. Meeting at 7pm. MetroWest now on facebook.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 19, 2014 (snow date 2/26).

### **Action Items:**

- Mary is to call Angelo on Feb 17 if it appears that weather might prove to be a factor for BSC meeting on Feb 19, to determine date. Email will be sent out by Tuesday if the meeting will be pushed off from Feb 19 to the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Vinny and Ted will look into the question of beach access at Magnolia Rocks. John B asked that they call with any information they discover.
- When booking the meeting shortly before the Treasure Hunt, also book a meeting for about 2 weeks after the Treasure Hunt to recap how the event went, to discuss prizes, and to swap photos.
- Review Treasure Hunt recap notes from 12/11/13 meeting at the meetings prior to the 2014 Treasure Hunt.
- Prior to next Treasure Hunt, someone should check out whether the BSC should technically have our own permit for space at Stage Fort Park.