

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2014

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:50-8:15PM

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	East Coast Divers
John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	BSC VP
Bill	Burchill	SSN
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Ted	Maney	Salem State U
Victor	Mastone	MA BUAR
Mike	Vaughan	SSN

Clubs and organizations represented include:

MA Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources
MetroWest Dive Club (MWDC)
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEAQ)
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)
Salem State University
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

2014 BSC Treasure Hunt: (on 9/28/14)

We got a lot of good stuff from the Sea Rovers show; some in hand, some to come in afterwards. John Blackadar & Paul Adler went around to manufacturer reps.

Open the fishing in Stellwagen

The New England Fisheries Management Council wants to dissolve the area protected from fishing. NOAA wants to go along with this, opening 75% of the area to fishing.

If all the dive clubs sent a letter, dive shops, individuals send a letter, this might help. Let the Conservation Law Foundation do it.

Blue Pride – US group of veterans, mostly psychologically impacted, but some have physical handicaps. Raised \$5-600 K, going to Florida for certification dives. Paul Adler is teaching, adaptive scuba. Good program. Paul will talk to them about joining clubs, but mostly their problem is being around crowds. Right now they've formed their own group.

Magnolia Rocks – John has spoken with the police.

Pegotty Beach – Trucks are coming in and dropping piles of sand. Not sure what they're doing. Want to make sure if they're using government funding, that they are also keeping the public spaces open. Billy Burchill will find out.

BUAR – no decision yet on what to do with the plaque for the Minot's light.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 18 or 25, 2014 (depending on when the REEF webinar is scheduled.).

Action Items (continued from previous meetings):

- 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.