

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2014

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:35-8:30PM

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	East Coast Divers
John	Blackadar	SSN
Al	Bozza	BSC VP
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Amy	Gian	SSN
Gary	Greenberg	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Ted	Maney	Salem State U
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Victor	Mastone	MBUAR
Ray	Porter	NSF
Michael	Prange	NEADC
Mike	Vaughan	SSN
Douglas	Eaton	SSN
Gary	Greenberg	SSN
Chris	Hugo	CMA
Carl	Yngve	SSN
John	Demasi III	Guest
Joe	McAndrew	SSN

Clubs and organizations represented include:

Central Mass Aquanauts (CMA)
MA Board of Underwater Archeological Resources (MBUAR)
MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)
MetroWest Dive Club (MWDC)
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEADC)
North Shore Frogmen (NSF)
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)
Salem State University
Sea Rovers
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

2014 BSC Treasure Hunt: September 28, 2014

Discussed change in permit acquired by the North Shore Frogmen's Club for the joint Dive Clubs' picnic scheduled for 9/28/14. Permit to use Stage Fort Park was rescinded by the City of Gloucester less than 2 weeks prior to the date of the picnic (due to a prior engagement they had neglected to put on the calendar). Gloucester did give the Clubs a permit to use Plum Cove, and the Clubs decided to go with the same date and the new location. The Council decided to follow the lead of the Clubs since people will have plans for other date options.

Need to let dive shops and clubs – call, email

Maybe have someone staged at Stage Fort Park to give new location, with a dive float on top of car, person at Stage fort have flyers with directions to the new location.

Ask Laura (NSF) to contact town about overflow parking. OK to park on street? Non-resident parking, around corner above might be non-resident. - Ask Laura to have phone numbers of people she contacted. **Have the police been informed??**

Check Cape Ann Divers' website for directions for Plum Cove.

Mary will send email to clubs and shops she can get info for from the BSC website. Include that times will be 1 hour later than per poster. Send to "Announce" at BSC also.

Prizes: John Blackadar gave the following list prize status:

- Paul A. made some contacts. Will contact the people he has not heard from.
- Backscatter has given a gift certificate – will need a table
- Jim Brady got stuff from RI
- MetroWest got to Mass Diving –
- DUI – drysuite inflator system, two weight harnesses
- Ocean Sola animals
- 3 \$15 gift certificates from North Atlantic
- Diver's Market – compasses, o'ring set, bug probe, \$100 fins, dive line, dive flag
- Boston Scuba – 2 scuba charters
- DAN – Box of goodies
- 1 shark cage dive - Snapa
- Easy Diver – 2 dives
- Bob Boyle – wheeled bag
- East Coast – lights
- Bill O'Malley – 50 key chains,
- Explorer Adventure - 2 \$500 trip certificates
- South Shore Divers – something's coming
- Jim Nannery?? Tom Huff at Northeast Scuba
- Sea Rovers – tickets

Anyone else?

Anyone giving a prize is welcome to have a table.

Should have a posterboard to list donors

John has floats and lines. Golf balls??

Giving out the prizes? Top prizes to the people who find gold balls.

Chris Hugo will bring camera, Teresa will bring camera

Cashes Ledge

Sign the petition to protect Cashes Ledge. There will be copies at the Treasure Hunt dive.

Mary received a copy of a letter from Lisa Smith; the letter addressed to John Bullard, Regional Administrator of NOAA Fisheries Service and to Terry Stockwell, Chair of the New England Fishery Management Council is for the purpose of requesting that Cashes Ledge remain closed to fishing. The letter was edited with the help of Vin Malkoski and Ted Maney, and was mailed to Priscilla Brooks of the Conservation Law Foundation for safe keeping until such time as it is appropriate to forward to the above. Letter was dated September 19, 2014.

Minot's Light Plaque – Ed Redfield will be the commercial diver. Will then go to Coast Guard station, then see how to mount it. If we need something designed, Roy Chamberlain can do that. With Victor, see if we can meet with the Coast Guard. Then look for site, BSC people can do that. Want to do it right this time so it stays.

BLUE PRIDE: Veterans who are interested in diving. Paul Adler is a contact for them and is one of their instructors. The organization is supposedly nation-wide. Nancy who is running it is doing a very good job.

Next meeting

October 15 - to review how the Treasure Hunt went.

Action Items:

Mary to send out emails notifying all of the change in venue for the Treasure Hunt.: (done)