

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2016

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:35-8:48 PM

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Jim	D'Urso	NSF
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Matthew	Lawrence	SBNMS
Tommy	Lo	SSN / BSC Treasurer
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Jim	Nannery	MWDC
Tony	Vieira	NSF

Organizations represented include:

North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)
Salem State University
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Handout for the World Oceans Day Event

Jim Nannery was not included on the edits for his handout. We gave him edits tonight. I will forward the emails to him and also the letter we had at Sea Rovers.

Things to have on the table:

- Jim's flyer, with updates – minimum of 250
- BSC flyer; banner; BSC badges.
- Blackie was going to get small things to hand out. He is not at the meeting tonight, but we'll have them
- Artifacts – Paul will bring his board about the wreck of the NH.

Hours for the event: 11AM – 3PM; plan to meet about 10AM

Does our **website** have any of the beach access information on it? We should put something up there. Maybe the paragraph from Jim Nannery's handout.

BSC Tax Status John Blackadar contacted Steve Coren's office about BSC current tax status but got no response. Need to find out our current non-profit status and what it would take to get us as a 501 c3. Need to apply to the IRS for a 501 c3?
Could apply for a different 501 C something. But we don't know what. That is probably why John wanted to get a lawyer to come to the meeting.
Table this discussion for another meeting.
Tommy will give a call to the Federal Gov to find out status.

Facebook – Rob Vice (SSN) can set it up. Wants to know the name and how it is to be set up. Want a place for people to add comments. Need administrators who will edit and remove anything inappropriate. Maybe 4 editors, one from north shore, south shore; need gate-keepers. Site should have places to put informationa about different ocean access issues; rights of way and parking limitations.
Ideally should there be two Facebook pages, one for BSC and one called Restore Coastal Access-Massachusetts?
See if Rob will come to a meeting to show us what the page will look like and what we need to do.

Vice President

We voted to confirm the nomination and appointment of Jim D'Urso as the BSC VP.

Gloucester Water Council - Jim D'Urso

This council exists to monitor harbor, ramps and piers. Not sure they have any jurisdiction to work on coastal access. Jim's job is to gather info to give them to let them know what they can do for us.

Jim could ask them what their legal authority is within the town. What influence do they have? Meet them and see what they say/offer.

Gloucester (new mayor is a woman) is looking to improve tourist relations.

Matt Ayer - Fisheries

Maybe see if they will use funds to handle the woman at Magnolia Rocks who has blocked access to the dive site.

BUAR

Vic Mastone has been along the waterfront today, found a ship at a building site in Boston. The building site is letting Vic excavate. Is about 50 feet long, may be a sloop rather than schooner.

AAUS - Ted Maney

The American Academy of Underwater Sciences is holding annual symposium at URI Narraganset Campus, in Sept. There will be lots of divers there. Folks may want to check out the AAUS.org website. Info will be available mid-summer.

Annual Report – Theresa did submit the annual reports for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Upcoming Club Events

NSF:

North Shore Frogmen – Faith from DUI will come speak about diving in Antarctica tomorrow.

UPDATED DATE FOR NSF SCUBA SHOW:

Sunday July 31, from 1PM to 6PM, at the Holy Ghost hall on Howley Street in Peabody

Presentations by:

- Richie Kohler on diving the Britannic
- Andy Martinez showing Indonesia slides
- Ted Maney about diving with great white sharks diving

There will be some booths: Backscatter, Andy Martinez, others

SSN: Sunday July 16 AT 4-ish in Canton, Irish Cultural Center – Pig Roast = divers’ get-together.

Annual Fish count is Saturday July 23.

Next meeting: July 27, 2016.

Facebook page

Treasure Hunt

Tax status