

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for November 30, 2016

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:45-8:50 PM

Attendees:

Paul	Adler	
John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Ted	Maney	Salem State University / Sea Rovers
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Victor	Mastone	BUAR
Michael	Prange	NEAQ
Jim	Walker	SSN

Organizations represented include:

BUAR
MA Division of Marine Fisheries
New England Aquarium Dive Club (NEAQ)
North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)
Salem State University
Sea Rovers
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

Ocean Access:

White's Beach, tape has been removed from the signs at the beach, so now open October 1 to May 1.

Next Steps?

There was a lot of discussion about what we want to do for next steps in the project to open beach access for users of all types. This needs to be put out as an issue for all Massachusetts residents, not just scuba divers.

Thoughts:

Have a flyer at the BSC booth at Sea Rovers. Use the letter we used for the World Oceans Day?

Push to get more email addresses for a distribution list to interested parties who may be willing to work on the project.

Have a room at Sea Rovers on Sunday for discussion to further the effort. Request responses to email, to know how many people to expect. Per our Sea Rovers members, the room is all set, no problems with that. Will we call this a Forum?

Get listed on the Sea Rovers Program and website with time and description of our project.

Need to get “context” or an abstract for the program/website.

Who will be the point of contact? Need to have a name and contact info for the Sea Rovers website in case anyone wants more info.

Looking to form a committee from the people who attend the meeting at Sea Rovers, a committee of people willing to work on next steps.

Action Item: come up with a plan

Action Item: Mary to email prior letter to Ted and Vin. (done 12/3/16)

BSC Goal(s)

Would we want to have the “goal” for the BSC to generate public access?

Maybe have revitalization of the BSC be the project; make the meeting at Sea Rovers a recruiting even. It is time to get new (younger) people active in the Council.

Action Item: Everyone here, plan to bring another diver to the next meeting with you.

Facebook Page

The Facebook page needs to be set up. Can’t keep waiting for someone to do this.

It will need to be kept active several times a week. Need to have news to post all the time.

Action Item: List of donors for the Treasure Hunt should be typed up. Mary will do that and send list to Michael for the BSC website.

Upcoming Club Events

SSN trip to Bonaire in May

NSF – Annual president’s banquet on 12/3/16

Is the booth reserved?

Next meeting: scheduled for December 14, 2016.

Next meeting –

Facebook page

Ocean Access planning