

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2016

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 8:00-9:25 PM

Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Doug	Eaton	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Tommy	Lo	SSN
Ted	Maney	Salem State University / Sea Rovers
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Mike	Vaughan	SSN

Organizations represented include:

MA Division of Marine Fisheries
North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)
Salem State University
Sea Rovers
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

Facebook Page

Facebook page is up and running. All the clubs should link their pages to the BSC page.

The people whose names we already have should be sent emails asking them to link to the BSC Facebook page. Simple post on Facebook (about meetings, etc) will go to anyone who has "liked" our page.

Theresa has the prior list from John Blackadar and will type it up.

Anyone who wants to be an editor can put stuff on the page.

List site with restricted access on the page so that people will become interested.

Ocean Access program:

John B: Format:

- 1- Website –
- 2- Explain the BSC
- 3- This is our goal: public access
- 4- Present that to everybody
- 5- Anyone at the meeting can contact the group

Take photos for website.

Put the link to CZM on website and Facebook. << **Action Item** not yet done?

We have to have proper the tax status before we can raise funds. How did we get the 501c3. In 2012 they changed the rules, and it's NOT EASY. Needs to be accomplished!!

Next Steps:

Information for our meeting/room, etc is going to be on the Sea Rovers webpage.

What we still need is WORDS or PICTURES:

Words: We are losing access to beaches every year, please come see what we can do about it. Come to Sea Rovers and we will have a meeting.

We need specific ideas: Have the DMF guy come (Ross), have a person from a town....Speakers should be advertised as soon as possible.

Action Item: **Mary**, send the letter to all the Clubs' newsletter editors. **Done 1/16/17**

Tommy: Need to give examples of closed beaches.

Doug: Right now all clubs should publicize the issue and the Facebook page.

Action Item: Mike Vaughan – Mass Bass & 4 wheelers – Should send personal invitation. **Was Mike going to do that?**

Action Item: **Mary:** The list that Ted has, see if we can get invitation sent to get them to the next meeting. **(Mary has the list, can send invite when letter okay'd) Done 1/16/17**

Action Item: Ted will contact his friend who checked out the legal status **(reminder emailed to Ted 1/15/17)**

Closed beaches: Nothing in Scituate; Minot is a private beach; Brandt Rock – keep adding sites as we gather more info.

Magnolia, wooden stairs are private, use the correct access.

Action Item: **Mary** to send to Announce and her email list: include the letter, announce the facebook page, and ask everyone to see and like the Facebook page. Ask for information on any areas with closed access. **Done 1/16/17**

At minimum, the website should include the letter.

Send letter to Theresa.

Action Item: **Mary** will ask Michael Prange to be sure there is way for people to contact the website – need to have an email address for people to access for any questions. Have it go to Mary and Jim D'Urso. - **Michael emailed with this question on 12/20/16. Short blurb was sent to Michael to describe the issue. Email alias has been set up for emails to go to Mary and Jim D.**

Action Item: Website: someone should supply the info to Michael about what the council is doing now. Ocean access; Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; Flag Law; Minot Light plaque – **Tommy Lo said he will do that**

For 2016 Treasure Hunt

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. – done 1/4/17. List also sent 1/11/17 to Announce@baystatecouncil.org to go to everyone on that list.

How are the Reefs doing?

Hubline Reef, Blackrock channel and Harwich reefs (remediation) are doing well.

Next meetings: scheduled for January 18; and (tentative) February 8, 2017.

[Sea Rovers is March 10-11]

Next meeting agenda:

Ocean Access Issue planning