

Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2017

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:43 – 8:50 PM

Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Susan	Copelas	NSF
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Theresa	Czerepica	SSN
Ken	Hayes	SSN
Teri	Hayes	SSN
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Chris	Hugo	Central Mass Aquanauts
Ted	Maney	Salem State University / Sea Rovers
Jim	Nannery	MWDC
Michael	Prange	NEAq DC
Mike	Vaughan	SSN

Organizations represented include:

Central Mass Aquanauts
MetroWest
NEAq Dive Club
North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)
Salem State University
Sea Rovers
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

Ocean Access Program At Sea Rovers:

Room was good, Sea Rovers did what they said they would. Disappointed in the numbers of people who showed up, even though John Blackadar sent out a lot of invitations. Jim Nannery had a good video. Judging by the turnout and response, why should we continue? Keep Council more on working on site issues as they come up.

CZM: all towns are supposed to submit data on their access points.

John and Jim N not averse to speaking with police/town officers from coastal towns about specific issues. Council not doing anything wrong, but no dive shop reps showed up.

One battle at a time.

Lobster issues:

Paul Adler went to **Beneath the Sea**, people from NJ-ish area concerned about lobster industry which has crashed. Trying to replenish the stock by lowering the minimum, shrinking the gauge. How would this help?

Why the problems? Southern part is water temperature, pollution.

World Oceans Day – June 4

This is an international event held at the Aquarium in Boston geared toward children.

Council is signed up to have a booth. Any ideas to interest children since this event is specifically geared towards children? Ocean PLASTIC?

Treasure Hunt

It is MW's turn to get the permit. Jim N. will get this.

Paul not around much, so pretty much up to John B to get prizes, so he will need help getting prizes. We should do mailings to shops and manufacturers.

(ScubaPro did a study, making their money from 50+ year old divers.) Not geared to kids.

Susan Copelas is working on programs for kids, and also a newsletter with NAUI to shops. Gave a talk at BTS. She has applied to speak at DEMA. Certifying Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Dive shops don't have the right sized equipment or enough staff.

Women's Dive Day – July 15 at Stage Fort Park \$15 fee

Celebrate Women Divers!! – Susan Copelas, dive instructor

Permits and approval acquired. Aquarium donating a dive in the tank. Dive shops have been very generous with support. Also Jonathan Bird and Andy Martinez. NSF will be providing food with MetroWest.

People are set up for doing safety, fire dept. Volunteers welcome to help with kayaks or being guides.

Focus is toward cold water women divers. Proceeds to go to Women Divers Hall of Fame scholarship which is geared toward girls. There will be raffles..

Sally Warman, Evelyn Dudas, president of org, scholarship recipients may also be present.

The Women Divers Hall of Fame was started in CA and is now worldwide. There are 6 inductees each year, a board determines whom.

There is also a Women Divers Day event being held in Plymouth.

Fish Count is July 22

Club Events

May 4 - NSF nitrox course and review

BSC History: John Blackadar is expecting all the Council history info from Dave Clancy. It would be nice to get the history put together and available for viewing. Dave and Ed Hayes might come to answer all the questions.

Next meeting: scheduled for May 17, 2017.

Next meeting agenda: World Oceans Day – Program ideas?