Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2018

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:45 – 8:33 PM

Attendees:

Angelo Correnti SSN / BSC President

Theresa Czerepica SSN

Mary Howard NSF / BSC Secretary
Vin Malkoski MA DMF / Sea Rovers
Ted Maney Salem State U / Sea Rovers

Victor Mastone MA BUAR

Jim Nannery MWDC / BSC VP

Organizations represented include:

MetroWest

MA Division of Marine Fisheries

North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)

Salem State University

Sea Rovers

South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

MA Board of Underwater Archeological Resources

<u>Sea Rovers – March 11-12, 2018</u>

BSC did not get much interested at their booth. \$150 taken in on the raffle. Theresa won the Red Sox plaque.

World Oceans Day - June 10, 2018

Had a good day, the helmet was put on lots of kids, and adults.

Bay State Council was not on the list of sponsors.

BSC Treasure Hunt – September 16

The Treasure Hunt is the only other thing coming up. Jim went with Blackie around at Sea Rovers. Still need to get more prizes for this event.

We need to get the flyers to the dive shops. Jim will be in touch with John Blackadar about who is doing what in terms of getting flyers out and finding prizes.

We have two meetings scheduled between now and the treasure hunt.

BSC Membership Question

What are we about other than the Treasure Hunt?

BSC Goals:

To monitor state and federal government for changes in fishing and diving regulation or laws, to educate the public and diving community in sport of skin and scuba diving, to create public sentiment for the encouragement of skin and scuba diving, to promote safety, education and conservation in the sport

To sponsor activities of competition in the sport of diving.

To give aid and assistance to groups desiring to organize diving organizations.

To disseminate information relative to the sport of diving

Need to conquer your club first, before trying to go out to others. Let your club's members know that we need members.

What is the answer to the question "what are you doing for us now?" We need to let divers that we want to have interest and membership *before* we have an issue. We don't want to be trying to get people interested when an issue arises and there is immediate need to take on an issue.

Jim Nannery will create a plan for a membership drive. He will try it out on his club, then bring results to next BSC meeting.

The BSC went to Gloucester for the "flag issue", when there was a proposal out of Gloucester to require that each diver carry a flag.

Next meetings: are scheduled for August 8, September 5