

DOLPHIN DIVE CLUB
MINUTES FROM THE GENERAL MEEETING

Attendees:

Jim Dunfield, Vice President
Rick Chaykowski EM&A-Treasurer
Mike Hill TSO
Jean-Olivier Berger EM2
Joan Mercier Events Coordinator
Adam Rushton Chief Instructor
Scott Sararas Webmaster

Pat Heffernan P-P
Tracy Dunfield Member
Donald MacPherson Member
Steve Chew Member
Diane Groll Member
Chris Haslip Member

Billy Allan Outgoing Secretary
Kim Sararas Incoming Secretary

Absent:

Dan Haslip President
Jim Mills Treasurer

In the absence of the President the Vice welcomed the general members and introduced the Executive Committee. The agenda for 05 April 2007 was accepted as written.

1. Overview of 2006:

- a. Jim Dunfield, Activities Coordinator for 2006, presented an overview of the 2006 activities:

There were 4 pool sessions.

Special Event Dives were as follows:

- Treasure Hunt. 14 divers attended
- 2 tank dive to Picton. 6 divers attended
- 2 tank dive in Kingston had to be cancelled because of lack of divers.
- 2 tank dive to Brockville. 4 divers attended
- Pumpkin dive on Wolfe Island had 21 divers

Weekly Dives

- From mid June to end of October
- 19 Wednesday Dives
- 6 converted to shore dive due to weather
- None were cancelled due to lack of divers

Social Night

- There was a dinner organized by Mike Hill

2. Forecast of 2007 activities.

- a. Joan Mercier, Incoming Activities Coordinator, presented an overview of the 2007 activities. She has all activities listed on the website Calendar.

Pool Sessions

- There are 5 pool sessions and 1 surprise session in March.

Special Event Dives

- Treasure Hunt on 09 June 2007
- 3 Tank dive in Brockville on 14 July 2007
- Weekend dive trip to Tobermory on 11, 12 Aug 2007.
- Pumpkin dive on 27 Oct 2007.

Weekly Dives

- From 31 May to 24 October.
- 22 Wednesday Dives

- b. Limestone dives will be \$25.00 per diver. Brockville dives will be \$20. Northern Tech dives will be \$25.00 per dive and the Rockport dive will be \$30.00. All divers going to the *Keystorm* must have a current passport.
- c. Joan will also be organizing some Saturday and Sunday dives in Brockville that are not club events but members are welcome.

3. Course Report overview for 2006 and what is to come in 2007.

- a. Adam Rushton, Chief Instructor, gave an overview of the training in 2006.
 - The club had 4 instructors in 2006.
 - Course attendance was slightly higher than the year before.
 - One member became an instructor. With this comes the availability to provide training in French as well as English.
 - A few courses in 2006 had to be canceled due to lack of students.
- b. Training for 2007
 - The club has 4 instructors for 2007. One is bilingual and can provide training in French.

- The chief instructor would like to standardize the club courses between training agencies.
 - Training for members should become standard no matter what the training agency is.
 - There will be a basic course offered every month except in June. The pool will be unavailable at this time.
4. A request was put forward by Chris Haslip to have all the instructors and the specialty courses they teach listed on the website.
5. Finance status report was presented by Rick Chaykowski EM & A-Treasurer

a. Financial Status

- The A/Treasurer presented a formal report of the financial status of the club as well as a summary of the status of the past few years. The written report is available on request, but have not been added here for reasons of brevity.
 - With the services on the regulators complete for this year the clubs budget total as of 26 Feb 2007 is \$5164.51. The Acting Treasurer provided a spreadsheet to show that the club has been operating at a loss for the past few years. He would like to protect \$2000.00 for possible losses. He also proposed that the club does not spend more than \$2500.00 of its current balance.
 - The two dry suits and 2 Non Serviceable air tanks will be returned to Civ Eng.
6. Equipment status report was presented by Rick Chaykowski EM & A/Treasurer. The report is available on request, but have not been added here for reasons of brevity.

a. Equipment status:

- The equipment manager gave a detail list of equipment. The written report has been attached.
- The service on all regulators has been done for this year. They were given a preventive maintenance check for this year but next year will require a full service.
- The EM 2 has proposed that the club replace some of the older BC's on a one for one basis as they become unserviceable.
- The club has purchased 6 new Aluminum 80 tanks
- Some of the weight belts and plastic buckles have been replaced with new belts and steel buckles.
- The club has added an entire new DIN whip and purchased a DIN to Yoke converter. This gives the club the ability to fill three tanks at the same time with two of them having DIN valves.

- Shelving will be constructed in the Club office. This will give more room in the office and storage space for equipment.

7. Membership report was presented by Billy Allan, outgoing-Secretary.

- a. The club had a total of 76 members in 2006.
 - Regular members 46 (61%)
 - Ordinary members 14 (18%)
 - Associate members 16 (21%)
- b. At this time the club is well within the constitution for membership levels but the secretary has suggested that the club be careful not to exceed the associate members level. More recruiting of military members is required.
- c. Kim has created an Access database to control members' information. This will make it easier to create reports and keep track of who has paid.
- d. A binder with the current membership forms, release liability form and medical form is available in the club office if required. All documentation will be updated ASAP.

8. Website report was provided by Scott Sararas

- a. New website to be available over the Easter weekend. The new site will provide technologies that are not Microsoft specific;
- b. The searchable dive site database will go live shortly after;
- c. We require a process for the dive site submission;
- d. Members can request e-mail and address changes directly on the website under Membership Information and then Change your contact information. Make your changes and click on the submit button;
- e. Plans to complete the missing pages in the Training section of the site;
- f. The club website will no longer support photo galleries. Photos can be posted on the Dolphin Scuba Flickr page;
- g. Implementation of the Online Calendar.

9. Elections results for the 2007 committee members:

The Vice announced that each position only received one nomination per elected position.

The new Executive Committee will be as follows:

President	Billy Allan
Vice-President	Dan Haslip/Jim Dunfield
Activities Coordinator	Joan Mercier/Steve Coombs
Treasurer	Rick Chaykowski
Chief Instructor	Adam Rushton
Technical Safety & Training Coordinator	Mike Hill
Equipment Mgr	Jean-Olivier Berger
Secretary	Kim Sararas
Webmaster	Scott Sararas

Permission for the club secretary to be an ordinary member has been questioned and approved. Jim Dunfield will be Vice-President until July when Dan Haslip returns from his deployment.

10. Final points were as follows:

- 15 April (Sun) – buoyancy clinic/open pool swim.
- 3 May (Wed) – Talk on Marine Archaeology will be an intro to the Marine Archaeology Course. (Scty note: cancelled)
- 26, 27 May – AOW course.
- 31 May (Wed) – weekly dives start. The first dive is the Wolfe Islander II.
- 9 June (Sat) – Treasure Hunt.

The VICE called for an adjournment and it was seconded by Pat Heffernan and Jean-Olivier Berger. The meeting was adjourned at 2037.

1. CLUB PRESIDENT

2. REC COORDINATOR

Date: _____

Date: _____

3. REC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDED / NOT RECOMMENDED

Paul Butt
FS&R Dir
8731

Date: _____

4. PSP MANAGER

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

J.L. Campbell
PSP Mgr
5002

Date: _____

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Club President

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