

Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers Fall Meeting

Held Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, at the Lodge at Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio, following the Bay Area Divers' annual Shipwrecks and Scuba weekend.

Those in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Elex Ali,	Lake Erie Wreck Divers
Patricx and Sandy Heschel	Bay Area Divers
Maggie Ott ,	Bay Area Divers
Ronald R. Smith,	Bay Area Divers
Lu Ann Howard,	Buckeye Divers
Rich Lauer ,	TA Dive Club
Dick Colwell,	Sea Nags
Scott Pansing ,	MAST
Linda Pansing,	Sea Nags
Ken Marshall,	Aqua Amigos
Rich Synowiec,	White Star Quarry
Vivian Duff,	Independent
Darrell & Judy Logan,	TA
Roger Roth,	Gavia
Judd Clover,	MAST
Dave Rauch,	Newark Poseidons

President Elex Ali brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Vivian Duff read the minutes from the Ohio Council of Skin & Scuba Divers Summer, 2008 Meeting held Sunday, July 20, 2008 at Portage Quarry, Bowling Green, OH.

The minutes were corrected to include the information that the Trustees present met after the meeting to discuss the split of funds from ScubaFest 2008 regarding money going to MAST and Diveheart. Proceeds were not given to DAN. Amended minutes were accepted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger Roth explained why ScubaFest 2008 money did not go to DAN. \$1,000 went to Diveheart to sponsor a wounded soldier to get certified. \$500 went to MAST. Credit was given to both ScubaFest and Underwater Images for the donations.

The Treasurer's report for July, August, September, 2008 was given by Lu Ann Howard. Beginning balance was \$7,656.34. With nominal interest income, \$93 in dues, and expenses of Legends support \$400, PO Box renewal \$42, Put-in-Bay clean up \$600, the ending balance is \$6,701.87. Minus scholarship balance of \$2,118.47 the check book

balance is: \$4,583.40. Dick Colwell asked whether the \$100 revenue generated by the Portage Quarry ad will go back to the ScubaFest scholarship committee. Yes, it will. A motion was made by Dick Colwell to accept the Treasurer's report. Scott Pansing seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

O2 – Scott Pansing had no report.

Ron Smith had questions on the O2 bill. Every two years Scott contacts the Ohio Pharmacy Board. YDI (YMCA replacement) needs to be added to the list. Scott Pansing will check with the Ohio Pharmacy Board. Vivian Duff asked if YDI is the legal name. Ken Marshall gave an update that YDI name will become Scuba Educators International (SEI). Linda Pansing suggested holding off on adding them until the name is finalized.

Legislative - Scott checked and there is nothing in Canada, Michigan, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania on their legislative lists related to scuba with any negative impact to scuba divers.

License Plate – Scott gave a report. Senator Keith Faber, who moved from the Ohio House to the Ohio Senate, stated the signatures are in line. Scott said all the signatures are now in the database. When there was a summer break there was no activity at the state level. Also, there was no activity September – November as Senator Faber was campaigning for re-election. Scott read the requirements document:

1. Organization must first obtain 500 signatures. We have over 1,000 signatures.
2. Create form, contact legislature to draft bill. Senator Faber has the information.
3. Legislature will submit a bill to House which has not been done.
4. Complete the formal application and include the original petitions with the 500 signatures. Complete the electronic filing of final logo. We had looked at a traditional diver's flag, OCSSDI and Ohio state shaped silhouette in red with a white stripe. The artwork must be supplied as a vector art file and include PMS colors, font (Text, Logo and a color sample).

Scott assumes when we petition the information regarding the logo and required file needs to be complete. Dimensions for the logo are: 2-1/2" wide x 3-1/4" high. Text size can be no more than 5-1/2" wide by 3/4" high. Scott handed Elex Ali the sheet who gave it to Vivian Duff for inclusion. We have had two rough drafts. Rich Lauer, Ernie Naples and Scott Pansing created the crude concept as a non-vector based image (dot matrix). It was explained that vector is a mathematical way of creating and storing the file. Darrell Logan will help with the file process.

Vivian Duff visited the website regarding organizational plates after the meeting http://bmv.ohio.gov/vehicle_registration/organizational_plates_app.htm and notes that the Ohio Council must sell 500 sets of license plates per year. If the minimum is not met the second year, the organization will be terminated from the organizational license plate program.

Speaker's Bureau - No report.

Environmental – Sandy Heschel gave a report that the Monday, September 15, 2008 Put-in-Bay clean up had a smaller turnout due to the winds of hurricane Ike that came through Ohio on Sunday, September 14 and caused so much wind damage and power outages. Only 30% of the registered participants showed up because they were home dealing with clean-up from hurricane Ike.

However, more pounds of trash were collected than in previous years due to school groups who did beach clean-up in addition to the divers participating in underwater clean-up. They appreciate the donation from OCSSDI and plan to do the clean up again in 2009.

Scholarships – Dick Colwell stated one application was in the mail box at this time. The deadline is 2/1/09. Dick will screen and send the finalists to the Trustees.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of New Officers – One 3 year Trustee position needs to be filled with Elex's year as President ending. Patix Heschel, continuing 3 year Trustee, will be OCSSDI President for 2009. All 1 four year Trustee positions need to be filled.

Bill Libecap's letter dated 11/13/08 indicating he was interested in continuing to hold a one year trustee position was received and read by Vivian Duff. Darrell Logan accepted Bill's nomination.

Current officers are:

Three year Trustees - Elex Ali, Patix Heschel, Rich Lauer

One Year Trustees – Vivian Duff, Bill Libecap, Dick Colwell, Barbara Eller

Treasurer - Lu Ann Howard

Secretary - Vivian Duff

Nominations were solicited from the floor. Darrell Logan nominated Elex Ali for 3 year and Elex accepted the nomination. Roger Roth nominated Bill Libecap for 3 year. By phone call from Judy Logan, Bill declined the 3 year, but reconfirmed his interest in a 1 year position. Elex Ali nominated Judy Logan for 1 year and she accepted. Dave Rauch

declined 3 year trustee. Rich Synowiec declined 3 year trustee, but accepted a 1 year nomination. Other one year trustee nominations were: Dick Colwell, Vivian Duff, Roger Roth. The election was held by paper ballot.

While the ballots were being counted, Elex Ali reported that Barbara Eller had sent him an e-mail on 11/22/08 that she's in Mexico scuba diving and would not be present for the Ohio Council meeting. Elex provided Vivian Duff with a copy of her e-mail.

Newly elected officers are:

Elex Ali re-elected as a 3 year Trustee.

The following were elected as 1 year Trustees: Judy Logan, Vivian Duff, Rich Synowiec and Bill Libecap.

Lu Ann Howard will continue as Treasurer. Vivian Duff will continue as Secretary.

Other new business – Dick Colwell edited the Guidelines & Mandates for ScubaFest and has offered to send them to the Trustees for review.

Scott Pansing gave early notice that he wants to step down from the License Plate Committee at the Ohio Council meeting to be held Sunday, March 22, 2009 at ScubaFest 2009. Darrell Logan is on board the committee as well as Rich Lauer and Ernie Naples. Scott does plan to retain the O2 and Legislative committees.

Dick Colwell gave Vivian Duff a refund check for \$63.87 he received from RLR Investments (the Roberts Convention Center in Wilmington, OH) for monies owed ScubaFest 2008. Vivian Duff will deposit it into the ScubaFest checking account at Fifth Third.

Darrell Logan gave a report on ScubaFest 2009. Booths are one-half sold, two thirds of the workshops are sold. Please see attached copy of his report.

Elex asked if there was any other new business for discussion. If not, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Roger Roger made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Patrix Heschel.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Duff
Secretary