

United Divers of Central MA  
Board of Directors  
February 7, 2017  
**MINUTES**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Serving As</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Jack Hinz	President	Yes
Peter Conlon	Vice President	Yes
Jane Howard	Treasurer	Yes
Diane Barletta	Secretary	Yes
Marcelle Champagne	Membership/Publicity Coordinator	No
Frank Miller	Activities Coordinator	Yes

<b>Interested Parties</b>	<b>Serving As</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Karen Ferrante (Ad Hoc)	Webmaster	Yes

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting at 536 Page Street, Lunenburg was called to order at 7 pm by Chair, Hinz; prior minutes were emailed to members in advance for review, but were not yet approved.

**II. Reports**

**A. President**

**1. Bylaw Changes**

**a). New BOD Position “Webmaster”**

Hinz reported that the bylaws do not contain a stipulation requiring all positions to be filled in order for the club to endure as was the concern voiced by club members at the January meeting. The change will be included in the February newsletter as originally written, with the additional duty of authorizing and auditing Facebook.

**b). Chairperson’s Protection Fund**

Given the feedback received at the January meeting, concerning eliminating any reserved funds if the CPF was dissolved, Barletta suggested changing the fund’s name to “Reserve Savings Fund” for the protection of the club. The change will be included in the February newsletter along with an added stipulation under the “Fees” portion of the bylaws that club activities will be prepaid.

**2. Fundraising**

Hinz asked about interest in continuing the “5x5 Charter Squares” raffle and members agreed by assent.

**B. Treasurer**

Howard stated that the budget would be submitted to the President by the February club meeting so that it could be approved by the Board of Directors during the March meeting.

**C. Vice President**

Conlon discovered an inconsistency between similarly dated bylaws; Barletta will again reach out to the former secretary and request the documents.

## **D. Activities Coordinator**

### **1. Activities**

Pool Night has been scheduled at Fitchburg State University on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9 pm. Chick's Day is scheduled for Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> and Lobsterfest will be on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. These events will be posted on the UDCM website calendar. There was also discussion about determining interest in scheduling a dive to the Isles of the Shoals. Conlon expressed interest in organizing a scallop dive for June.

### **2. Presentations**

Miller is waiting to hear back from the Environmental Police to schedule a speaking engagement. The schedule for speakers has been modified:

- February-Miller/Dominican Republic
- March-TBD
- April-Richie Kohler
- May- Ferrante/Belize

## **E. Secretary**

Barletta agreed to make necessary additions to the February newsletter, including bylaws changes, save the date notice for activities, and a reminder about submitting liability form and membership dues.

Barletta asked that a student rate (\$10) for membership be considered to help increase club participation by local college students. Hinz added that a veteran's rate should also be included.

**F. Webmaster (Ad hoc)**-nothing new to report

**G. Membership/Publicity Coordinator**-not present

## **III. Adjournment**

The **next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7 pm**; MOTION Barletta/Ferrante to adjourn at 8:25 pm/APPROVED.

Submitted by: Diane Barletta, Secretary

Approved by: Jack Hinz, President