

United Divers of Central MA
Board of Directors
January 3, 2017
MINUTES

Members	Serving As	In Attendance
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

Interested Parties	Serving As	In Attendance
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; being the inaugural meeting of the new Board, there were no prior minutes to approve.

II. Reports

A. President

The president noted that the current webmaster serves in an officer capacity, but does not have an official seat on the board within the bylaws, making a formal agreement for her participation at each meeting necessary.

MOTION Barletta/Miller to recommend a **bylaws amendment (Articles IV & V)** which would create a permanent officer seat "Webmaster" for the purpose of maintaining the club's website. This proposal will be discussed with members at the January club meeting and placed in the February newsletter for an anticipated vote at the February club meeting; **APPROVED**.

B. Treasurer

Officers agreed to maintain current membership dues amounts (25 individual/40 family) and to maintain the dues section of the bylaws.

Officers agreed to maintain the current honorarium (\$25) for speakers at club meetings. Special guest speakers who require a fee will be considered on a case-by-case basis by club members with an open discussion about revenue sources.

C. Vice President

Conlon recommended an **edit to the bylaws (Article VII, Section D, Item 1)** which would eliminate the Chairperson's Protection Fund since the fund is no longer applicable. Monies in the current fund would be transferred to the General Fund. This proposal will be discussed with members at the January club

meeting and placed in the February newsletter for an anticipated vote at the February club meeting;
APPROVED by assent.

D. Activities Coordinator

A tentative schedule for speakers was discussed:

- January-Miller/Dominican Republic
- February-TBD
- March-Ferrante/Belize
- April-Hinz/Polynesia

Miller will contact Fitchburg State University to schedule a pool night in the spring and plans to propose a club trip to the Dominican Republic; an ice dive was discussed but determined not feasible; Hinz mentioned the Sea Rovers event scheduled for the first weekend in March.

E. Secretary

Barletta plans to release the newsletter one week prior to the club meetings. Officers were asked to submit content no later than two days before the release date.

F. Webmaster (Ad hoc)

Ferrante asked officers to email suggestions for websites suitable for the “Links” section of the website; she also requested biography information from officers for posting.

G. Membership/Publicity Coordinator-not present

III. Adjournment

The **next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 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