

United Divers of Central MA  
Board of Directors  
Date January 9,2018  
**MINUTES**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Serving As</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Jack Hinz	President	Yes
Frank Miller	Vice President & Activities	Yes
Jane Howard	Treasurer	Yes
Marcelle Champagne	Secretary/Membership	Via Facetime
Karen Ferrante	Webmaster	Yes

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting at 536 Page Street, Lunenburg was called to order at 7 pm by Chair, Hinz.

## **II. Reports**

### **A. President**

Hinz and Howard will prepare a budget for approval in February. He suggested the club use some funds to defray costs of activities or as cash prizes for members. The board informally recommended maintaining at least \$2000 in the treasury.

Hinz anticipates discontinuing Dive Squares as participation was minimal last year and the Cape Anne Divers charter prize no longer exists. There was discussion whether the charter boat may be run by new owners. Hinz will try to get more information.

Hinz gave webmaster Ferrante the SD drive containing reports and documents prepared by last year's secretary, Diane Barletta. Ferrante will store the information on our website with access limited to the club officers.

Hinz noted an hour long Quabbin Reservoir Documentary on U-Tube would be of interest to the club members.

### **B. VP/Activities**

Miller reported on speakers:

January - Jack Hinz, French Polynesia

February - James McComber, State Police Dive Team

March - Vincent Malkoski, Division of Marine Fisheries

April - open/ may be filled by Nick and Alex from ECD (Dive Safety presentation?)

May - Jeff Goodreau

June - Frank Miller, Dominican Republic

Hinz will contact Nick and Alex of East Coast Divers re: speaking on diver safety in April.

Ferrante will present Little Cayman any month July tentatively scheduled.

Miller will contact Victor Mastone re: speaking again on underwater archaeology and will contact Jeff Goodreau re: Ritchie Koehler speaking again

Champagne will contact Charlie Proctor as a potential speaker and will look into a possible speaker who is a seafood Chef.

Miller will also contact Bob Abraham about a compass navigation seminar and Bill Barletta about Pool Night. Plans for Chick's Day, Lobster Fest and Pumpkin Carving are pending. Miller plans to schedule another night dive and Nubble Light shore dive. A "Clam Chowder Cookoff" Competition was a popular additional suggestion.

The Board brainstormed about potential day trips including King's Beach in Rhode Island, The Isle of Shoals, Stellwagon Bank, The Patriot. Long week end trips suggested included the St. Lawrence River and Bermuda.

Fresh water dives suggested included Lake Webster, Crystal Lake on Fort Devons. and "Our Lady of the Lake" in Lake Winnepesaki.

#### C. Treasurer

Howard reported the following status of club funds:

General Fund:	1414.90
Reserve Savings Fund:	2152.77
Total:	3567.67
Cash:	134.00

#### D. Secretary/Membership

The board discussed advertising strategies to attract new members. Talking to dive certification classes was recommended. Champagne has done this at Central Mass SCUBA in Worcester with some success. Ferrante noted Tom Huff of Northeast SCUBA in Chelmsford could be a resource. She recommended polling the club members at the next meeting about advertising strategies. Howard will place announcements of club meetings and speakers in local papers.

#### E. Webmaster

Ferrante created generic google account gmail and will discontinue board member emails on the clubs Website.

Name: UDCM  
Last: webmaster  
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pw: webmaster 2018  
Birthday: 1/1/1983  
Myphone: cell#  
Myemail: Karen@...

Miller will enter individual positions for each board position e.g. UDCM-activitiesdirector  
UDCM-vicepresident  
etc.

1983 was selected as our birthday as the club was founded by a former Fitchburg dive club in 1983. It was disbanded in 1996 and restarted in 2001.

#### III. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Tues. February 6, 2018 at 7 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: Jane Howard, Acting Secretary

Approved by: Jack Hinz, President