

May 16, 2019. United Divers of Central MA .club meeting at Slattery's, Fitchburg was called to order at 7pm by Chair Jack Hinz. Attendance was 14.

A. Treasurer Jane Howard reported:

- General Fund \$1,022.01,
- Reserve Fund \$2,163.36,
- Bank Total \$3,185.37
- Cash on hand \$ 57.52
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B. The April 18,2019 Meeting minutes taken by Jack were sent via e-mail with the May meeting notice.

C. Activities Coordinator Frank Miller high lighted the following activities:

Saturday, July 13 FIREWORKS at Jeff Goodreau's.

Sunday, August 25 LOBSTERFEST at Marcelle Champagne and Mike LaChance's.

The April 26 pool night has not been rescheduled.

Mexico Vacation March 29-April 7, 2020 may possibly be planned as a club activity.

D. Membership/Publicity Coordinator Marcelle Champagne has been talking about UDCM to her vet and his wife who are divers.

E. President Jack Hinz reported:

Old Business: On April 5, 2019, Bob Abraham instructed several club members on techniques of underwater orientation. He demonstrated how to use several varieties of compasses for hiking, map reading and diving navigation. Each person then used a compass to follow an individual orienteering course around his yard. At the end all participants were comfortable with a compass and were rewarded by relaxing in the Abraham's hot tub.

New Business: Rockport selectmen are meeting with dive shop managers about a complaint a resident made about large groups of SCUBA divers on the beach near his house. Although the public has a right to use the beaches between low and high tide, the city could restrict parking to discourage divers.

DIVE TALK:The following members participated in dive talk:Jeff Goodreau, Frank Miller, Jack Hinz.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jason McComber, State Trooper presented slides of the Massachusetts State Trooper dive team activities emphasizing the challenging conditions these divers often face.

The 50/50 raffle collected \$40, Marcelle Champagne won \$20; the next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Slattery's in Fitchburg, Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Minutes taken by Jane Howard.