

United Divers of Central MA
January 19, 2017

MINUTES

In attendance: Bob Abraham, Janet Abraham, Rich Atkins, Diane Barletta, Kevin Brook, Marcelle Champagne, Donna Conlon, Peter Conlon, Karen Ferrante, Jeff Goodreau, Jack Hinz, Jane Howard, Frank Miller, James McNight, Nancy McKnight, Cheryl-Ann Miller, Susan Whitney

I. Call to Order

The meeting at Slattery's, Fitchburg was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair, Hinz; prior meeting minutes were not reviewed or approved.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer

Howard reported the following financial status:

- Checking \$1,495.09
- Chairperson's Protection Fund \$2,142.29
- Total \$3,637.38

MOTION J. Abraham/Brook to accept the Treasurer's report; APPROVED.

B. Membership/Publicity Coordinator

Champagne reported a current membership of 43 and is actively seeking new members; membership forms are posted on the UDCM website; Champagne visited Central MA Scuba, Worcester and invited members attending their meeting to attend and consider presenting at UDCM; Richie Kohler is expected to present at their location on February 1st

C. Activities Coordinator

Miller is attempting to schedule a pool night at Fitchburg State University on a Friday or Saturday in March or April; he also plans to bring a proposal for a group trip to either the Dominican Republic or Mexico for next year.

D. Secretary

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

III. Old Business

A. Social Media

MOTION Brook/J. Abraham to continue closed posts on Facebook; APPROVED.

B. UDCM T-Shirts

Hinz asked members, who have not already done so, to pick-up and pay for their T-shirts

C. Membership Forms

Hinz asked members to complete annual membership/liability forms and submit them by April; dues will remain the same (25 individual/40 family)

IV. New Business

A. Bylaws Change Proposals

Hinz reported on the Board recommendation to create a “webmaster” position on the Board of Directors; members discussed concerns, including the ability to fill the position in future years; the proposed bylaw change will be included in the February newsletter and voted on at the next meeting;

Conlon reported on the Board recommendation to eliminate the Chairperson’s Protection Fund in favor of moving the funds to the General Fund; there was extensive discussion about the issue, including leaving a reserve for the club; the proposed bylaw change will be included in the February newsletter and voted on at the next meeting

B. Dive Talk

The following members participated in dive talk: Cheryl-Ann Miller, Marcelle Champagne, Jane Howard, Janet Abraham, Bob Abraham, Karen Ferrante, and Jeff Goodreau

V. Adjournment

The meeting did not include a formal presentation; the 50/50 raffle was not held; the **next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 16, 2017 at 7 pm**; MOTION Barletta/Brook to adjourn at 8:33 pm/APPROVED.

Submitted by: Diane Barletta, Secretary

Approved by: Jack Hinz, President