

United Divers of Central MA

June 15, 2017

## **MINUTES**

Members in attendance: Bob Abraham, Rich Atkins, Diane Barletta, Jim Bogart, Kevin Brook, Donna Conlon, Peter Conlon, Kris DuFour, Karen Ferrante, Jeff Goodreau, Jack Hinz, Jane Howard, Joan & Kenneth Kadaras, Jim & Nancy McKnight, Frank Miller, Charles Proctor, Susan Whitney  
Guests: Barbara Bates & Valerie Kennedy

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting at Slattery's, Fitchburg was called to order at 7:11 pm by Chair, Hinz; prior meeting minutes were not reviewed or approved; guests & new member candidate were welcomed.

### **II. Reports**

#### **A. Treasurer**-Howard reported the following financial status:

- General Fund: 1,664.26
- Reserve Savings Fund: 2,142.51
- Total 3,806.77

MOTION Goodreau/Atkins to accept the Treasurer's report; **APPROVED**.

#### **B. Secretary**-Barletta asked members to submit items of interest for the monthly newsletter

#### **C. Membership/Publicity Coordinator**-Champagne-LaChance was not in attendance

#### **D. Activities Coordinator**-Miller reported on the following planned activities:

- 1. Chick's Day 7/9/17**; sign-up required, Hinz can take 4 divers on his boat from 7-11 am; Conlon can take 3 divers on his boat; after-party at Atkin's house/Groton
- 2. Isles of Shoals 7/28/17**; sign-up required, call Mary at Cape Ann Divers with payment information to secure spot (\$114)
- 3. Lobsterfest 8/19/17**; dive in the morning for lobsters, Hinz will again make his boat available; after-party at Brook's house/Shirley
- 4. Back Beach Night Dive** 6-11 pm date TBD
- 5. Dive Squares** for boat charters are still available

#### **E. President**-Hinz sent a thank-you letter to the MA Environmental Police for the presentation given at the May meeting.

### **III. Old Business**- None

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. New Member**

Charles Proctor was unanimously accepted as a new member.

#### **B. Bylaws & Policies**

MOTION Goodreau/Barletta to remove language referring to termination of membership from the Dues section of the bylaws; **APPROVED**.

MOTION Bogart/P. Conlon to implement a \$5 late fee for dues not paid on time; FAILED.  
MOTION Bogart/Goodreau to allow all members to receive membership list of emails;  
APPROVED.

**C. Inventory**

Hinz asked members to notify Barletta of any items owned by the Club so an inventory list can be maintained in compliance with the bylaws.

**D. Sweatshirts**

Goodreau expressed interest in the Club obtaining a quote for hooded-sweatshirts since the UDCM t-shirts were a good value.

**F. Dive Talk**-The following members participated in dive talk:

Jack Hinz (Kettle Island), Bob Abraham (Lanes Cove), Frank Miller (Bermuda), Rich Atkins & Kevin Brook (Lanes Cove), Jeff Goodreau (wreck at an undisclosed location)

**G. Guest Speaker**

Jim Bogart and Karen Ferrante presented details, photos, and video of their trip to Turneffe Island, Belize.

**V. Adjournment**

Barletta won the 50/50 raffle; the **next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Slattery's Fitchburg**; MOTION Goodreau/Bogart to adjourn; APPROVED.

Submitted by: Diane Barletta, Secretary

Approved by: Jack Hinz, President