

United Divers of Central MA
March 23, 2017

MINUTES

In attendance: Diane Barletta, Jim Bogart, Marcelle Champagne, Donna Conlon, Peter Conlon, Karen Ferrante, Jeff Goodreau, Jack Hinz, Joan Kadaras, Michael LaChance

I. Call to Order

The meeting at Slattery's, Fitchburg was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chair, Hinz; prior meeting minutes were not reviewed or approved.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer

In Howard's absence, Hinz reported the following financial status:

- General Fund \$1,647.14 (plus \$120 dues and .03 interest; total 1,767.17)
- Reserve Fund \$2,142.40 (plus .03 interest; total 2,142.43)
- Grand Total \$3,909.60

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

B. Membership/Publicity Coordinator

Champagne asked members to submit membership forms.

C. Activities Coordinator

In Miller's absence, Hinz reported the following events:

1. Pool night at Fitchburg State University will be held on Friday April 21st;
 2. Richie Kohler will be the guest speaker at the next meeting, Thursday April 20th (need to promote)
- In addition;
3. Goodreau invited members to join a charter at Cape Ann Divers this Saturday March 25th at 11am;
 4. Conlon reminded members to sign up for the Isles of Shoals charter with Cape Ann Divers; Friday in June date TBD; Goodreau recommended opening charter to other clubs to ensure full capacity.

D. Secretary

Barletta reported that she's still waiting on club documents from former secretary in order to make amendments to the bylaws as approved at the last meeting. She asked that members submit content for the newsletter. MOTION Bogart/Kadaras to accept the Secretary's report; APPROVED.

III. Old Business

A. UDCM T-Shirts

Hinz reported there are a couple of UDCM T-shirts that still need to be picked-up.

B. Membership Dues Change

Vote to create a new membership rate for students and/or active military at \$15; **TABLED.**

IV. New Business

A. Event Planning

1. Hinz reported making contacts at the Boston Sea Rovers event for future speaking engagements; Members commended Hinz for an outstanding presentation on the Chester Poling at the event; discussion segued into the importance of planning each dive, keeping calm, and carrying a back-up mask
2. Conlon asked members to consider ideas for the end-of-year dive club social

B. Dive Talk

The following members participated in dive talk: Marcelle Champagne (Puerto Morelos, Mexico) and Jeff Goodreau ("Big Fantastic Wall" and Chester Poling)

V. Adjournment

The meeting did not include a formal presentation; the 50/50 raffle was not held; the **next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm**; MOTION LaChance/Goodreau to adjourn at 8:05 pm/APPROVED.

Submitted by: Diane Barletta, Secretary

Approved by: Jack Hinz, President