

United Divers of Central MA  
October 19, 2017

## MINUTES

Members in attendance: Bob Abraham, Janet Abraham, Bill Barletta, Diane Barletta, Jim Bogart, Kevin Brook, Marcelle Champagne-LaChance, Karen Ferrante, Jeff Goodreau, Jack Hinz, Jane Howard, Kenneth Kadaras, Michael LaChance, Frank Miller, Susan Whitney, Frank Woods

### I. Call to Order

The meeting at Slattery's, Fitchburg was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair, Hinz; prior meeting minutes had been emailed to members but were not reviewed or approved.

### II. Reports

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

- General Fund: \$1,830.44
  - Reserve Savings Fund: \$2,152.66
  - Total \$3,983.10
- Cash on hand \$142.00 (less \$30 for dive squares)

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

**B. President-** Hinz stated the November Club meeting will be a members-only meeting with cash prizes for best show & tell presentation; members will pay for own food & beverage

**C. Secretary-**Barletta had nothing new to report outside of published newsletter & minutes

**D. Membership/Publicity Coordinator-**Champagne-LaChance reported that membership is holding at 27; has met with a possible speaker for future meetings; will invite travel advisor Monica Keith to a future meeting to provide a brief presentation on package options

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

1. **Underwater Pumpkin Carving** (\$5 members/\$10 non-members) a pot-luck dish is welcomed; 12 pm-5 pm at the Kadaras residence in Littleton
2. **Nubble Light** looks good for this weekend 10/21 at 8 am
3. **"Show & Tell"** at November meeting; members should sign-up so time can be planned to prepare other activities as needed

**III. Old Business-** None

### IV. New Business

#### **A. Election for 2018 BOD**

Goodreau initiated discussion about continuing difficulty filling so many BOD seats with dwindling membership; J. Abraham suggested alternate meeting options for BOD meetings to lessen burden on officer's time (**BOD to determine**);

**MOTION** Goodreau/J. Abraham to combine the positions and duties for Activities Coordinator and Vice President; no discussion; vote: **APPROVED (Secretary to amend bylaws)**;

**MOTION** Goodreau/K. Kadaras to eliminate the newsletter and merge the Secretary and Membership Coordinator duties into one Secretary position; **APPROVED (Secretary to amend bylaws);**

Ferrante asked where Club documents being stored and recommended documents to be stored on website's data storage (**BOD to determine**);

Woods offered to look at other venue options for Club meetings which will be more conducive (less noisy) for presentations and **will report back to the Club;**

**B. Dive Talk**-The following members participated in dive talk: Woods (Bonaire); Miller (Back Beach); Goodreau (Wreck)

**C. Speaker**-Club member Jeff Goodreau presented details and photos of his expedition to The Great Lakes.

**D. Election Results**

1. President-**Jack Hinz**
2. Vice President & Activities Coordinator-**Frank Miller**
3. Treasurer-**Jane Howard**
4. Secretary/Membership-**Marcelle Champagne-LaChance**
5. Webmaster-**Karen Ferrante**

**V. Adjournment**

Guest Attendee Derrick won the 50/50 raffle; the **next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Slattery's Fitchburg**; the meeting was adjourned by assent at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by: Diane Barletta, Secretary

Approved by: Jack Hinz, President