

University of Alaska Diving Control Board Meeting
2/26/2007

Attendees:

Stephen Jewett
Max Hoberg
Katrin Iken
Brenda Konar
Rob Chadwell
Sherry Tamone (teleconference)
Bill Bechtol (teleconference)
Bill Krause
Tracey Martinson (visitor from Codes and Safety)

2006 Dive Stats-Stephen

Dive activity was (number of dives, bottom time and number of divers) similar to 2005

Bulk of dives at K-Bay (students)

We are middle of the pack when compared to other AAUS members

“UA Active” Status-Stephen

Dive Manual 5.51.. minimal activity to maintain certification:

12 dives in 12 months, including at least one dive to near the depth of your UA scientific diver certification)

12 months is based on a 12 month period and not the calendar year

A diver classified as inactive must undergo a check-out dive

Check-out dive is putting them through the skills

Dates for periodic diver recertifications (CPR, O2, etc...) are posted on the web

The UA Scientific Diver Program is for staff, faculty, and students

Individuals no longer with the UA, but wishing to participate in UA dive activities must either: (1) obtain reciprocity from a sponsoring agency; (2) take classes (i.e., become students); or (3) otherwise comply with US scientific diver requirements (sec 5.00). Individuals no longer compliant with UA will be sent a courtesy email informing them of the situation and options

Dive Class Update-Brenda

16 in Scientific Diving

6 in Advanced Scientific Diving

New summer course: Cold Water Diving in August

Please advertise this to any folks you know in the “lower 48”

Want to attract potential Marine Biology students

Safety Classes Update-Stephen and Brenda

O2: 2 classes taught this month, certified 24

Next O2 in Juneau will be 2008

CPR: 2 classes, certified 23 (co-taught one class with Thadd Williamson (C&S)

First Aid: 1 class this Wednesday. Will be co-taught with Thadd (C&S)

16 registered for this class so we have four openings

Dive Physical Coordination-Tracey

C&S wants copies of all physical approvals

Students go to health center (C&S cover grad students, faculty, and staff)

Possible Juneau connection: Dan Garcia (UAS C&S)

Bill K will contact Julie Becker (Statewide) about the university covering Juneau staff, faculty, and grad student physicals

Juneau Dive Update-Sherry

Sherry has recently checked out new divers. (many diving with Ginny)

Wants to start NaGISA sites (biodiversity monitoring)

Trying to find money for dive locker

Perhaps start something with Auke Bay Lab

Stephen will find out if Sherry can teach Scientific Diving without having an instructor card

New Tank Regs-Bill B

Effective Jan 1 2007, all pre-1990 aluminum tanks must have eddy current exam when getting hydro

Max is getting their tanks replaced with the help of C&S and SFOS

Everyone should check their tanks; Bill and Sherry will examine UAS tank status

Ice Diving-Stephen

Time to put more verbiage in dive manual about ice diving

Consensus is that we don't go with UW regs

Stephen will get an Antarctic Dive Manual to Juneau

Stephen will distribute an amended ice section (sec 7.2) for comments (next couple months)

Nomination for new student rep-

Shawn Harper nominated for DCB student member for UAF

Stephen going to AAUS next month

Jodi Pirtle (PhD) student got AAUS scholarship this year (student of Ginny and Jennifer Reynolds) (Sherry will send info to Carin Bailey for web posting)

Next DCB meeting

Meet next year unless something comes up.

Minutes prepared by Brenda Konar