

Minutes

DCB Meeting 3/30/2016

Members Present : Stephen Jewett, Alex Ravelo, Katrin Iken, Ginny Eckert, Brenda Konar, Jared Weems, Reid Brewer, Tracy Martinson, and Sherry Tamone.

- 1) Introductions and welcome 2 new members (Amanda Kelley is in the field UAS student representative Jared Weems)
- 2) **New DSO update (Brenda)**
 - a. Nothing new to report. Sent dive stats report to AAUS
- 3) **2015 Dive Stats**
 - a. Stats will not be updated through the Diving Website. Ginny suggests that they could be maintained through a Google docs mechanism so that each diver could confirm their certification status
ACTION ITEM: Brenda will look into generating a Google Doc. And uploading this onto the Scientific Diving Site
- 4) **Logging Dives through the AAUS site.**
 - a. Dives cannot be deleted once they have been entered into the AAUS web site. If a dive has been entered by mistake, the only way you can delete this dive is to edit this dive when you log a more recent dive.
 - b. Classes in Sitka: quite a few dives are being logged at >30 feet . This is not OK. All new divers are supposed to stay at or above 30 feet until they have logged 12 dives. Dive instructors should not be diving deeper than the plan or than the divers. This is a safety dive issue.
 - c. Dive plans need to be submitted prior to all dive activity. Brenda is teaching her class and requires dive plans and all paperwork much earlier. Sitka divers need to be logging the dives each day. As part of the class, students should be logging dives at the end of the day. Next year, Reid will take over the scientific diving class and Joel will offer the open water course. New divers need to be sure to be aware of the rules.
 - d. Katrin asked the question as to how the open water course is offered. Reid oversees this course and the course is a PE course covered by University insurance.
 - e. Ginny: The timeline for dive plan approval is very short and with the timing during spring break, perhaps students can take this O2 class online to get the paperwork started. The hands-on course taught at Sitka was a 4-hour class. The paperwork for O2 certification cannot be completed until 24-hours before actual dives are planned. GE had a concern that the DSO would not be available to approve a dive plan with such short notice. Can there be an alternate DSO to approve plans. The O2 class was Monday night and the dives started after pool work. If O2 was done online prior to the course then paperwork could be approved by Brenda prior to the dives. The DCB thought this was a good option.
 - f. Should UAS have its own Diving Control Board? Table this at this point.

5) Online First Aid and CPR certification. How do we proceed

- a. This is left to the DCB and currently the thought is that once a diver has taken the full course, subsequent courses could be taken online.
- b. GE and BK are capable of teaching CPR and First Aid.
- c. Most AAUS divers are taking the online course. For first timers, there are many options. Through DAN there is Basic Life Support certification which allows for online CPR followed by practical skills. Can take Full class through Fire Department or Red Cross

6) Increasing Undergraduate AAUS Divers at UAS

- a. There are 3 courses available to undergraduates and they should take these if at all possible. (UAS-Sitka, UAF-K-Bay, APU)
- b. If a student already is an Open Water Diver: How do they become an AAUS diver?
 - i. Should a 100-hour course be required? IF possible, student should take a class (see above)
 - ii. Doing everything on the checklist including pool dives with a DSO or a designee. Then they come in as a diver in training and must log 12 dives at or above 30 feet.
- c. Letters of Reciprocity: coming in as a visiting diver. Dives are logged with their University or agency.
- d. Letter of Verification: This is received from a diver who is transferring from another AAUS diving institution. If the LOV establishes their certification to 60 feet, then the diver will remain certified to 60'. If they are certified to 30 feet, then they are certified to 30'. If a diver come has a letter of verification, but is at that time considered an inactive diver they are required to dive 12 times at or above their certification. If they dive with a diver with a greater depth certification, they may extend their depth by 10 meters.
- e. Inactive UA diver verses inactive diver with a Letter of Verification. UA Inactive divers get a check out dive from DSO or designee and do not go back as Diver in Training. They, will be certified at a specific depth, but may dive with a diver with a greater depth certification; they may extend their depth by 10 meters.

7) Alex is going to be graduating this summer so that another student can join the board. Brenda is nominating a student (Sara Traiger) who is TA-ing her class. She may graduate in 2 years.

8) ACTION ITEM: Sherry will invite her to the board

9) AAUS logs: can each diver access their information? Yes you can!

10) AAUS Cards to students completing the class: Brenda can do this. We discussed this at the last DCB meeting.

11) Reid: April Repert just got a job because of her scientific diving expertise. Marketing ideas? Student Profiles on the Website? Once a year invite stories into the Cornerstone. Success stories and upcoming classes should be highlighted on the web and through other mechanisms.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm