

April 23 2014

Members Present: Stephen, Max, Jerry, Ginny, Alex, Katrin, Brenda, Sherry, Sonia

-Membership

The manual states "The UA Diving Control Board (DCB) consists of a majority of active scientific divers and has autonomous and absolute authority over the scientific diving program's operation". We currently have 8 members, 6 of which are active divers. We all agree that we want a student from Juneau so we will add Sonia Ibarra based on Ginny's recommendation. Do we want a Health and Safety person? Tracey Martinson has been suggested. We have had someone like this in the past. She is not a diver. Adding Tracey would give us 10 but we would still have a majority of active divers. Tracey is already involved with our program in that she deals with our physicals. We all agreed that she would be a good addition. There was some discussion as to whether the program should be SFOS or UA but it will probably stay within SFOS.

-Web Site

This needs to be updated. It is still the old format. Ideas? The courses section has been updated. We need to put newer pictures. Ten pictures will be sent from Juneau and 10 from Fairbanks for the main page and Alex and Brenda will work on updating class pictures. The dive stats, dive manual, and DCB list are current.

Can the stat page be updated? Stephen will update the previous year's stats in Feb (as usual) and then in April after the Sci Diving class with the new divers.

Is there a better spot for the link for this page? Everyone should check out the page layout and give suggestions.

-Budget Cuts

We will need to decrease travel by 15%. Ideas? We will probably also need to do a 3-5% decrease across the board. Ideas?

We can easily cut \$750 off our last travel budget and not impact us.

We need another O2 kit (\$750)

Take tank hydros and reg annuals out of budget (except for Stephen's regulators)

Take air testing out of budget

These cuts should be 5%

Stephen should submit budget to Jennifer and Mike and point out cuts and also share the budget with the board.

-Symposium

Planning is going on.

The meeting will be the week of Sept 8 in Sitka. It is on the AAUS web site.

Committee: Chair: Ginny, members: Reid Brewer, F&G folks, Sherry, Stephen, Scott (APU), Sonia

Abstracts: due in May

Registration is now available and can do it on-line

Field trips: a bunch (some workshops) before the meeting, only a trip to KBay after the meeting but this is currently not on the page

Ginny needs suggestion for keynote speaker... Rick Rosenthal? Cinematographer/diver who has worked with Stephen. Jim Estes? It will be a science talk. Rob Robbins? He is not local. Ken Dunton? Craig Welsh? Journalist from Seattle Times. Has reported on shellfish and OA. Brenda? Stephen will talk with Rick.

Stats from last year.

Everything was the same this past year. Same turnover. Nothing new or unusual.

Why can't divers stay active when they leave UAF? General council told us years ago that they cannot stay active because of liability. We can extend temporary or visiting status to our divers but this is not typical.

Replacing Stephen as DSO starting FY2016.

Budget-wise, this is good. We need to start thinking about this. This person needs to be an instructor. Perhaps Mitch Osborne would be a good possibility. This would help the budget. Perhaps Mitch could teach an Open Water Scientific Diving 1 course and do the DSO position. This could grow the program and increase tuition revenue. Shawn Harper is another possibility.

Next meeting in the fall after AAUS