

Diving Control Board Meeting Minutes 8 May 2009

In Attendance:

Stephen Jewett
Brenda Konar
Sherry Tamone
Elizabeth Siddon
Ginny Eckert
Bill Krause
Jerry Phillips
Max Hoberg
Terry Efird
Annette Chism (visiting)
Gary Beaudette (visiting)

Electronic Logging:

Stephen sent out reminder and a few divers activated
As of this morning: 21 divers have registered (about 1/3)
Stephen will send out a second message reminding people that they need to be on the system before they can dive this summer

Volunteer Forms:

Annette handed out forms and guidelines
Guidelines describe what qualifies a volunteer
Only “risky” volunteers need a Volunteer Agreement. Use the checklist to determine if the volunteer is risky. Divers are “risky”.
We can now bring on volunteers.

-upcoming volunteers: Joel Markis

Student accident insurance: additional \$2.60 per day for diving days. This is in addition to regular student insurance which caps out at 25K. What about DAN? Should we require this for all our divers/students? Annette will look into this and let us know if this is helpful. For UAF employees... is DAN the same as Workman's Comp? How does this fit in with Workman's Compensation? Annette will send us the Workman's Comp number and information regarding this. We need to notify Environmental Health and Safety about any accident resulting in death or hospitalization within 8 hours. When in doubt, notify. Annette will send out the phone number and information so that we can include this in our Dive Plans.

Boating Activities:

SFOS Juneau has a Small Boat Safety Manual. Perhaps this should be used at the statewide level. The UA diving program is statewide so boating practices should also be statewide. UAF Environmental Health and Safety is putting together recommendations for a safety program using this manual as a starting point. Juneau has a 2008 update that Ginny will send around. We need general manual with modules for specific types of operations. We also need someone (someone) to keep track of all this paperwork (who's

checked out on what). It will be approximately 6 months for the manual to be ready through Environmental Health and Safety. We can implement our own version within SFOS at any time. It is each department's responsibility to keep records of boating check-outs.

Temporary Divers:

Certain requirements can be waived for Temporary Divers. DCB wants requirements to be spelled out. They are now stated as First Aid, CPR, O2, scuba physical, record of gear maintenance, and check-out dive. Stephen will send this around and approval will be done by email.

Gear Check-outs:

Regs need to be checked out annually. BCs and computers do not but they should be checked before using at least once a year.

Fairbanks dive locker:

Please make sure the door latches when you close it.
Please keep tools picked up.