

## **Saturday June 15, 2007, CAUS AGM**

0900 – Start.

In attendance:

Philippe Daigle

Amelie Roy

Yvonne

Joelle Belanger

Richard (UVic)

Bruce Hatcher

Jim Rossi

Francois Hazel

Bob Guest

Brian Hartwick

Alison Ma

Bruce MacDonald

Sherri Golbeck

Richard Savignac

### **0915 Meeting called to order. Francois Chair, Tom Secretary**

Noted by Bruce MacDonald that the agenda from the last meeting refers to the 2004 meeting when it should be 2005. Error noted – Fernand to be contacted by Tom

Tom proposal to adopt the agenda – Seconded by Yvonne

Noted that the chair of standards would look into live boating to see what other standards say about live boating. Bruce Hatcher volunteers to look into it.

### **Tom: Move to adopt, Second by Brian Hartwick**

#### **President's report:**

No major legislation issues:

Bob Guest Notes that Nfld is looking back to their standards, thinking about taking out the reference to CAUS standards. This raises the concern that we aren't sitting at CSA table, therefore they may make changes that effect our standards without us knowing. Bob Guest trying to get in touch with CSA. Might have to follow this. Should send an official letter to understand why. But wait until we know more about what is happening.

**Bruce Hatcher – Move that CAUS write a letter to CSA saying that we will be willing to participate as an observer on the discussion, but not as a member.**

Further discussion about the letter

**Bruce – motion that CAUS executive draft a letter to CSA informing them that we would be willing and interested in participating in CSA meetings as observer but not as a voting member.**

Tom Bird seconds the motion  
Motion passed (all in favor)

Tom – The letter will be drafted before their next meeting  
Fernand – the letter should let them know who to contact  
Tom – letter will come from president, but it will go around for review.

President's Report Continued:

Commercial divers in Quebec will now require vocal communications for all dives (wireless or wired). Also some restrictions for water temperature – use of drysuit may be mandatory for some dives, length of dive is restricted – 90 minutes at 5 Celsius. Per dive

Discussion about the cost and ramifications of the changes to standards for Scientific Diving.

Sherri – we should let fact speak for itself rather than opinion. – Sherri is compiling mortality statistics. Also look to DAN at their reports, analyze and make recommendations.

Question: Could Sherri get us access to these stats so we can back our safety record up?

Treasurers report (Appended to Minutes)

Point of interest – 1080 dollars in revenue over past couple of weeks from membership dues.

**Bob Guest: Propose to increase dues by at least 30% - if price is too low than the regard is too low.**

Categories: less than 5 divers, 5-25, over 25 divers.

Bob Motion: increase membership dues by ~30% for 2008 membership dues

\$120 – 160

\$240 – 320

\$360 - 475

Bruce – what is the justification?

- 1) can't sell yourself short
- 2) increases in travel assistance
- 3) Never been changed since 1983
- 4) Hiring people for website, newsletters etc
- 5) No meeting in 2005, so no expenses
- 6) Value to membership is about 5x

Discussion about costs of diving with WCB standards rather than CAUS

**Bruce –Amend motion to increase fees 10-fold.**

Response – that would be the end of CAUS and scientific diver. Amendment stricken

Motion re-read, seconded by Richard Savignac.

8 for 1 against, motion carries

Need to make sure that members are aware of what they are getting before the increased dues come into effect.

**Treasurer's Further items:**

Last year we said in the minutes that we have members at large, but we don't.

Read letters from lawyers – **Get on File**

**Tom – motion to accept treasurer's report**

Second – Bruce macdonald

Passed

Bob – suggest that the treasurer also be the standards and procedures person to get all appropriate papers to the lawyers

**Statistics report:**

Statistics summarized (appended to minutes)

No accidents to report

Action – send letter to institutions that have not submitted stats, give them 2 months to comply.

Francois will get five years of past stats and fill in the gaps. Before next year.

**Tom: Proposal that the stats be by calendar year – all in favor.**

Bruce: supports long form versus short form . suggest we make it optional.

Francois – Suggest that we all submit an example of our data sheets

Action – We will all submit stats forms within a month – tom will send out an email and collect

Membership report: Francois

2 new members – PEI and university of Cape Breton. Hoping a few other people may join:

Potential new members: Ecole de la mer, Lavale university, U of C, U of A, Seachange, Queens University, Pearson college

Windsor university, Royal BC museum have dropped out

**Publications/communications:** Paul Boissinot - not in attendance.

**Training:** Scott Higgins – haven't heard from him.

Sherri – volunteers to do a level 1, level 2 and nitrox exam. Tom will send draft copy of level 2 exam:

For absentee chairs, stay in place for the following months, if no response, then carry on without.

Action: backup chairs will contact chairs who were supposed to be there

**Standards and procedures:** Bob

PEI has their standards and procedures in

Some changes to the new standards and procedures – latest version should be sent out to members. Bob will do it.

Nitrox working group proposed change to standards; Divers using nitrox for scientific diving needs standard of competency –proof of Nitrox competency from any certifying agency plus passing of CAUS Nitrox exam.

Exam to include competency in air depth calculation, toxicity, DCIEM tables, signs and systems of CNS and toxicity, 40%. Multiple choice written exam.

Membership feels that the current fitness standards are inadequate and propose a revision.

Action: Alison - will submit revision of fitness standards to chair of standards and procedures.

**Francois motion that 3.2.2.1-f be stricken from the standards (waiver required )  
Second by bob, passed unanimously**

**Tom motion that we change the standards to reflect minimum training standards for a DSO (specifically with reference to training divers underwater)**

Discussion and ammendments

Motion that the DSO:

serves as a member of DCB

Appointed by administrator, and DCB

Trained as scientific diver

Full member of CAUS

As well as being qualified to conduct underwater training

**Revised Motion:**

**Add to section 3.2.2**

**Person conducting in-water checkout and rescue evaluation shall be an underwater instructor from an internationally recognized training agency, or possess equivalent qualifications to the satisfaction of the DCB.**

Bruce Hatcher seconds the motion

All were in favor

**Safety and medicals**

Richard – Nothing to report

No accidents. Next year, would like to make contact with all DSO's and check through all the manuals to see if everyone's manuals are up to date for safety.

**Elections:**

**Open positions:**

President, president elect, treasurer, secretary

What does president elect do? Takes over from president if president quits

Presidency can be held up to 4 years. Annually change was too much. All other positions for one year, but treasurer should be more than 1 year.

Bruce Hatcher – nominate Bruce McDonald

Bruce declines commitment, suggests that a full time DSO do it.

**Voted For president:**

Tom as president, Sherri as president elect.

**Treasurer vote:**

Brian nominates Bob, Joelle seconds, all in favor.

Bob to be treasurer until Joelle and he agree to do the handover.

**Secretary Vote:**

Tom nominates Bruce Hatcher as secretary, Sherri Seconds. All in favor

**Chairs positions:**

*Statistics:*

Alison Ma Volunteers

Action: Tom will follow up on members that haven't supplied stats, Francois will supply Alison with stats from past 5 years.

*Membership:*

Francois still membership

Action: Will send membership information to Explos-Nature and Capilano College. Will also send a revised membership list with contacts to Tom.

*Publications:*

Paul is currently chair

Tom will be backup in the event that the chair is unavailable

Action: Revise CAUS website, create CAUS newsletter

*Training:*

Sherri willing to take over training. – will touch base with Scott Higgins

Action: Will revise CAUS level 1, level 2 exams, and will write Nitrox exam

*Standards and procedures:*

Bob and Joelle

Action: Type up changes to standards, send off to lawyer who makes changes with our document there

*Safety and medicals*

Richard Savignac will stay on.

Action: Make a medical description of the hazards of diving, along with an example of a basic dive medical consists of.

Will collect in the medicals of all members and make a standardized CAUS medical.

**Varia – other business –**

Mailbox – is on water st. in St. John's. Useless to current executive.

Paying \$134 each year.

**Motion to let mailbox run out – carried – all in favor**

Budget for next year

Income: \$4400 dollars next year + \$4500 in kitty + \$400 in registration

Next year, cash in hand of ~\$8700.

Expenses – Talled by Bruce:

Approx. \$2700

Approx \$5000 discretionary funds:

Suggest to spend \$2500 on Website

Business travel; Attend CSA, AAUS

Translation: \$1500

Booth for conferences:

Next meeting – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers to host next year's AGM – Bruce Hatcher would like organize it for next year in Nova Scotia. Bruce Hatcher and John Lindley will co-host

Bruce – 8 june 2008 is oceans day and is a Sunday – would instead be 2008)

Motion to adjourn by Richard Savignac, Tom seconded