

**Top Island Econauts –Meeting  
Agenda: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



**1. Call to order/introductions/new members (quorum = 6)**

- Apologies: Ken
- Present:

**2. Approval of Minutes of December 4<sup>th</sup>**

- First:                      Second:

**3. Update on Action Points**

|        | <b>Action</b>   | <b>Update</b>   |
|--------|---|---|
| Jacqui | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurements for console cover</li> <li>• Membership and air bills 2008 and liability waivers to members</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On hold</li> <li>• Update under point 4</li> </ul>   |
| Jackie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update re. Robson Bight funds</li> <li>• Look into A-Frame church for possible meeting location</li> <li>• Confirm with TCR for MLW booking</li> <li>• Feedback about MLW schedule from Duncan Divers</li> <li>• MLW invitation to clubs</li> <li>• Text for boat operators' letter</li> <li>• Check with Gods' Pocket if have boat</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be returned once get footage. See point 8</li> <li>• \$25/night; liability waiver required; A-frame get meeting priority.</li> <li>• Done</li> <li>• Good</li> <li>• Done by Dec 12th</li> <li>• For Feb</li> <li>• Email sent Jan 7th</li> </ul> |
| Andy   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Box outside fire station for cylinders</li> <li>• Look into Lions Hall for possible meeting location</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On hold</li> </ul>   |
| Sean   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look into price for boat trailer in CR</li> <li>• Ladder for Ernie's boat</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On hold</li> <li>• To be done, if possible, by next MLW. If not done – let divers know this vessel does not have dive ladder</li> </ul>  |
| Gord   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install GPS</li> <li>• Sunfun available for April 5<sup>th</sup>?</li> </ul>   |   |
| Glen   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storage locker key</li> <li>• Contact Chris re. Helping Gord install GPS</li> <li>• Look into fire hall as possible meeting location</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordered</li> <li>• Done</li> <li>• Not possible</li> </ul>   |
| Garth  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydro due on compressor cylinders</li> <li>• Audit committee meet prior to Jan meeting</li> <li>•                      </li> <li>• Billing information to Jacqui</li> </ul>  |   |

**4. Administrative**

- Membership application - Terry Fidler: 221 cold water dives as of January 1st, 2008. Two dives that day. Good start for the year. Never been in warm water. Own my own dry suit since dive # 14 or so. Plans to come up end of Jan/begin Feb. A
- Report from audit committee (postponed from December meeting) past/new President; past/new Treasurer; two chosen non-executive members.
- Membership dues and air bills update
- Liability waivers signed by: Jackie, Glen, Will Fox, Others?
- Plans for webpage JH

**5. Executive – Issues for Executive's attention? Need meeting?**

**6. Financial**

- Financial report (Garth)
- Bills: Furney; post office = \$161.70 for the year. Smaller box \$105.00 per year, but they charge \$110.00 for a change of address for a business.
- Room rental - Other possibilities discussed. Rate increase is from \$8 to \$15/hour
- Cheques: \$110.50 JH dues
- Bursary committee to meet re. criteria. Stubbs okay amount and criteria for 2008 Environmental Stewardship Bursary. Not hear back from full committee re. our criteria (Jac, Jackie, Ursula, Lee-Ann, Diane). Jacqui email Lee-Ann, Diane, Ursula.
- Previously on hold: bursary increase (voted on at Executive meeting to remain at \$500 October 9<sup>th</sup>), trailer for skiff (\$2000 reserved); subsidy for local classes to whale watch

**7. Newsletter (Jacqui) – Emerald Expressions**

Past dives (Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> cancelled due to poor weather; Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Plumper Rock and NE Pearse; Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Bear Cove due to large exchange. No dives since Nov 8<sup>th</sup>); upcoming skills dive; executive thanks; dive Booker; Come diving in New Year!; LCEMS? Further feedback/content?

## 8. Reports/Correspondence

•LOS: For now, could you please ask the dive club to wait a bit longer. We still don't have the footage. Until we do, I do not consider it a mission accomplished. If MoE were to renege, we might have to pay Nuytco to go down there for a day and film for us. Wouldn't be as expensive, but still, would not like to give funds back until we are assured we have a copy of the footage.

Dear Andy,

•Rendezvous Dive Lodge: First of all happy new year and all the best wishes for 2008. And there is good news for the diving industry! BC Dive Community© is an industry platform with a new approach. In contrast to associations, clubs and other organizations, BC Dive Community© has no formal board or directors structure. All members have equal access to tools, input, projects and can participate on an individual bases.

How does it work?

1)Membership is free. There is no rationale in charging people to network and cooperate on projects

2) Projects (e.g. advertising, website etc) are proposed by and/or to members who then can give input/feedback. After a final project proposal each individual member can decide to participate or not. This means that the member can judge whether a project benefits the member.

3)BC Dive Community© also intends to create a network with real industry news. All organizations that are directly or indirectly, full time or partly involved in diving are invited to join to get exposure and communicate with the diving community. Eco and tourism organizations are invited to join to.

Currently we have a growing base of members and we have secured the domain name for the website.

(www.bcdivecommunity.org <<http://www.bcdivecommunity.org>> .... not active yet!!!) This website will be one of the first projects that we need to realize. A survey under the members of what is needed/possible will be send out soon.

The ultimate goal is to create is network that promotes BC as diving destination, attract new local divers, informs and communicates with and to the members. All this with the involvement of the members. A first newsletter will follow soon.

Please join us and help make BC a prime dive area to the benefit of all involved. E-mail your

answer to [info@rendezvousdiving.com](mailto:info@rendezvousdiving.com) for the moment. (Please text only!)

Kind regards and thank you for your help in advance.

•Rendezvous Dive Lodge #2: Thank you joining us and after only 3 days we are close to 20 members! We are growing with leaps and bounds and we are confident that we will soon represent a majority of dive organizations in BC. As we prepare our website I would like to ask you to send me the following information that will feature on the website. Members will be listed as general categories such as charter/resorts... dive shops etc.

Please provide us with: full company name; street/mail address; phone number; e-mail address; website address; a overview of services ( e.g.. courses, lodging etc.); we will ask for logos later

•Thank you from Colby Day (bursary winner)

## 9. Regalia - anyone willing to take on?

## 10. May Long Weekend

### 10.1 Invitations /Registration/Confirmation package (Jackie)

- Timeline – Invites out by Jan 14<sup>th</sup> (actual Dec 12<sup>th</sup>); deadline for reg for out of town TIE January 15<sup>th</sup>; deadline for reg & payment Richmond = Jan 25<sup>th</sup>; deadline for reg & payment others – Feb 1<sup>st</sup>; sponsorship letters – mid Feb; confirmation package – mid march; confirmation of boats/prices – April 1<sup>st</sup> .
- Clubs that wish to be considered for additional spots UBC, South Island Divers (Steve Erb)
- Those wanting the TIE spots – Ian R; Margie; Ralph; Paul and Lily; Terry & Christine, Terry D and Will, Steve & Frank. Those underlined have most seniority. Some want to “come and take their chances.”
- No confirmation of response from Richmond.

| Club  | 2008 Invited |
|---|--------------|
| UBCPS                                       | 8            |
| Coquitlam                                   | 8            |
| Pescaderoes                                 | 6            |
| TIE Out of town (based on seniority)        | 4            |
| Richmond – sooner DL = Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> | 4            |
| Campbell River                              | 6            |
| Duncan                                      | 10           |
| Aquarius dive club                          | 6            |
| Sponsors                                    | 2            |
| Total                                       | 54           |
|   |              |

### Tentative Schedule:

|                              | Time         | Notes   |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> | 5.00 PM      | • Killer Whale Café open  |
|                              | 6.00-8.00 PM | • Registration and dive sign up in pub.<br>• Delivery of any pertinent medical information to registered nurse, Ursula Schneider, in sealed envelope with diver name on outside.<br>• Please have liability waiver ready. It is anticipated that divers <u>only</u> sign up themselves and their buddy. This is being done to support equal opportunity for all divers to be on the boat of their choosing and promoting more “mixing” of clubs on the boats. |

|                                |              |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Saturday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> | 06.45 AM     | • Safety meeting for all boat operators & accompanying DMs at far end of boardwalk |
|                                | 07.30 AM     | • Departure Dive #1<br>• 9.5' ebb to flood   |
|                                | 2.30 PM      | • Departure Dive #2<br>• 6' flood to ebb   |
|                                | 6.00 PM      | • Group dinner at the Killer Whale Cafe  |
|                                | After dinner | • Door prizes, dessert, contests; slide shows etc.                                 |
| Sunday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00 AM      | • Departure Dive #3<br>• 10' ebb to flood  |
|                                | 11.30 AM     | • Pancake Brunch<br>• Fun and games<br>• Grand Raffle                              |
|                                | 3.10 PM      | • Departure Dive #4<br>• 6' flood to ebb   |

## 10.2 Dive Coordination (Andy)

## 10.3 Boats (Sean, Ken, Garth)

Last year:

| Boat # | Boat Name  | # divers | Dive AM       | Dive PM        | Crew - Tentative                     |
|--------|--|----------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1      | Stubbs Skiff   | 8        | Gumboot Alley | Warbonnet Wall | Skipper Chris, Jackie (DM)           |
| 2      | Cetacea  | 12       | Marg's Wall   | Plumper Rock   | Skipper Dave, Glen, Lily, Garth (DM) |
| 3      | Ernie's Skiff (make sure people know there is no ladder) | 12       | N.E. Pearse   | Plumper Wall   | Skipper Ernie, Lee Ann (DM)          |
| 4      | Emerald Express  | 12       | N.E. Pearse   | Bob's Spot     | Skipper Sean (DM), Jacqui            |
| 5      | North Island Diving                                      | 10       | Bob's Spot    | Marg's Wall    | Skipper Kevin (DM), Andy, Gord       |
|        |  | 54       |               |                |                                      |
| Safety | Mimir  |          |               |                | Skipper Markus. Diane and /or Ursula |

- Phone now to confirm boats? Boat operators' letter text and tentative boat crews for Feb. meeting?
- 2007 = \$1320 (E & C); \$1000 (K); M and SS = gas \$
- Sean make a ladder for Ernie's boat. If this does not happen, divers should be aware that there is no ladder.

### 10.4 Site preparation, signage, clean-up (Glen)

- Signed up for Vinderskov house: Glen, Jackie, Andy, Gord,
- Reserved - cost is \$542.40 (\$160/night +tax)

### 10.5 Dinner/Restaurant (Jackie)

- \$20.95/adult which includes GST but not tip = 1801. Paid \$1900. Children = \$1 per birth year up to age 12. = 16. We were free to give what tip we thought appropriate.
- Jackie deal with Killer Whale Café. Wild salmon buffet now available. Simplify choices – Wild salmon, veggie, steak?
- We pay for boat operators. Econauts will be charged \$10 on air bill (can opt to waive after MLW as did last year)
- Ticket printing – Jacqui
- Brunch: Jackie checked with Duncan Divers. All good.
- Desserts? Who? Someone needs to approach Ursula.

### 10.6 Sponsorship/raffle (Jackie, Jacqui)

- Winner McGiver = Ian Rabinovich; Winner Oops = Margie Gang; Winner C-Card = Dave Bigio (DD)
- Mo photo will be brought up on MLW.

### 10.7 Safety & Dive briefing (Lee-Ann)

- Text for safety documents for March meeting.
- Used 7 alpha as channel

### 10.8 Non-diver activities

- Have sign up sheet to be on boats (Andy)

### 10.9 Cylinders & Compressor (Glen & Gord)

**10.10 Monday dive:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, departure 08.30 (10'). From June 2007 meeting: The priority for the dive are the workers on the MLW, no charge for this dive.

**10.11 Theme = Medieval Times (who coordinate?)** JH emailed Watts Costumes (Vancouver) for quote: Medieval costumes would be approximately 150.00 each for that length of time and we offer a 10% discount for groups of over 10 costumes. NISS - Jacqui can have a look.

### 10.12 Other?

## 11. Emerald Express – vessel

- Scraping needs doing
- Other?

**12.Safety.** Any points of concern?

**13.Community Festivals / Support**

- Report back on New Years' Jump (Garth & Gord)
- Dive for whale bones in Coal Harbour. On hold.
- Beach Camp (Terry E.) On hold.

**14.Diving**

**Past dives – see point 7.**

**Upcoming dives/events - Note boat dive times 15 min earlier**

- January 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Departure from Telegraph Cove at 11.55. Divers: Garth, Andy, Gord, Glen, Jackie. Glen or Gord are Capt'n
- January 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Meet at Bear Cove at 10.00 (big exchange @ 15' so no boat dive). Divers: Gord, Garth, Glen, Jackie, Ken
- February 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – 09.00-11.00 Skills dive and fun at the Port Hardy pool. Please come Econauts to practice those essential dive skills. Bring family to enjoy the hot tub, pool and sauna. Will have a group lunch afterward. Gord, Fran, Andy, Ken, Donna, Glen, Jackie,
- April 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - Potential dive to Booker Lagoon at \$40/diver. Divers: Garth, Gord, Glen, Jacqui, Jackie, Andy, Markus, Sean, Lee-Ann, Ken. Maximum divers = 10. Club subsidize rest.
- LCEMS - Accept data from Feb 2nd to March 10th
- Further Events for scheduling?**

**15. Any Other Business (AOB)**

**16. Submissions Future Meeting(s)?**

- Post meeting presentation - slides
- LCEMS details - Feb
- Determine if have extra MLW spots - Feb.
- Text for safety briefing and emergency procedures – March
- MLW confirmation package - March
- Boat operators letter and tentative boat crews - Feb
- Constitution – do we make mention of conservation and do we define non-diver

**17. Announcement of next Meeting/Adjournment**

Next meeting – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 19.30 in Old School, Port McNeill. Meeting adjourned at: