

**Top Island Econauts –Meeting
Minutes; December 4th, 2007**



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

- Apologies: Jacqui, Sean, Lee-Ann
- Present: Andy, Garth, Glen, Jackie, Ken, Gord

2. Approval of Minutes of November 6th

- First: Glen Second: Andy

3. Update on Action Points

	Action	Update
Jacqui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurements for console cover • Membership and air bills 2008 and liability waivers to members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On hold • Garth relay bill information to Jacqui
Jackie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update re. Robson Bight funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will get cheque back
Andy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box outside fire station for cylinders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On hold
Sean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look into price for boat trailer in CR • Ladder for Ernie's boat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On hold • To be done, if possible, by next MLW. If not done – let divers know this vessel does not have dive ladder
Gord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install GPS • Sunfun available for April 5th? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be done
Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage locker key • Contact Chris re. Helping Gord install GPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be done • To be done this week
Garth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro due on compressor cylinders • Audit committee meet prior to Dec meeting • With Jacqui – invoices 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow night at 7 PM • See point 4 - move to have in Jan • Will relay bill information to Jacqui

4. Administrative

- Membership: Note – group of 4 from UBC did not join due to poor weather on the day planned for diving.
- Report from audit committee (to complete audit before December meeting) past/new President; past/new Treasurer; two chosen non-executive members. Glen and hopefully Ursula (Garth to contact). Motion to present at January meeting. Garth. Second Glen. Unanimous
- Report back on year-end- dinner
- Meet Jan 8th not Jan 1st? Yes.
- Membership due January 2nd.

5. Executive – No issues for Executive's attention

6. Financial

- Financial report (Garth) – note did not have last bank statement
- Room rental for Old School up from \$8 to \$15/hr as of Jan 1st. Look into other possibilities. Andy Lions Hall; Glen Fire Hall; Jackie A-Frame church
- Glen fill 12 cylinders for urchin divers.
- Cheques: \$20 Fernand
- Quotes for dive trips under point #14
- Previously on hold: bursary increase (voted on at Executive meeting to remain at \$500 October 9th) , trailer for skiff (\$2000 reserved); subsidy for local classes to whale watch

7. Newsletter (Jacqui) – Emerald Expressions

Past dives (no one to do write-ups); upcoming skills dive; executive thanks; dive Booker. Need coordinator for Medieval theme for MLW.

8. Reports/Correspondence

Email from John Ford re. Whale bones and DNA: Thanks for thinking of this again. I'm still very interested in whatever bones may exist. It does not sound encouraging that none was seen off the the whaling station. I'm not sure what the rate of degradation of submerged bones should be. Some colleagues have got not just DNA but also hormone levels out of old bones recovered from the bottom of a bay in front of a 17th century Basque whaling station in Newfoundland....perhaps its a matter of water temp and salinity, though. Jim B reported bones off the old Cachalot whaling station at Kyuquot, I believe. Anyway, if you guys are keen to check it out, that would be fabulous!

Best, John

- WKWAP confirm donation
- Town of Port McNeill re. Room rental
- “Evening with the Brits” presentation February 7th

9. Regalia - no action

10. May Long Weekend

.1 Invitations /Registration/Confirmation package (Jackie)

- Timeline – Invites out by Jan 14th; deadline for payment – Feb 1st (was Feb 14th); sponsorship letters – mid Feb; confirmation package – mid march; confirmation of boats/ prices – April 1st
- Confirm fees \$160/diver; \$25/non-diver; no fee for children to 12
- Jackie to confirm details with TCR
- Invitation numbers. Markus moves we up participation to 60 divers. No 2nd. Likely will have Gods Pocket Boat for this year only. See table for invite numbers
- Invitation content. Changes made as suggested to text below.

Club	2008 Invited
UBCPS	8
Coquitlam	8
Pescaderoes	6
TIE Out of town (based on seniority)	4
Richmond – sooner DL	4
Campbell River	6
Duncan	10
Aquarius dive club	6
Sponsors	2
Total	54

It's that time of year again fellow divers.

This is your club's invitation to our annual celebration of diving, the May Long Weekend Dive Extravaganza.

The usual dive enthusiasts are being invited: Divers from 7 clubs – the Richmond Aqua Addicts, Vancouver Pescaderos, UBCPS, Coquitlam Scuba Club, Duncan Divers, Aquarius Scuba Club and the Campbell River Tiderippers – in addition to having a limited number of places available for out-of-town Econauts.

A happy reminder too that we have all agreed to join the Duncan Dive Club in their insanity and all participate in the **Medieval Theme**. Get ready to joust baby!

Attached, you will find the liability waiver and registration form for the allotted number of divers, non-divers (unlimited number) and the waiting list. **The registration and payment deadline is February 1st**. In order to ensure solid organization, we will be rigid in adhering to this deadline. Non-payment by this date will be interpreted as non-registration. Confirmation packages will be sent out by mid-March. Note that we are unable to reimburse if divers need to cancel but will make every effort to assist in the sale of the available spot.

As those of you who have participated in the past are aware, the diving conditions of the North Island are for experienced cold-water divers only. There are up to 10' exchanges this year. There is also a strict “no take, no touch” policy. **Club executives are to ensure** that their registering members are sufficiently skilled, aware of the dive competency required and the Econauts' policies.

We ask for your understanding in that we are unable to have rebreather divers at the May Long Weekend Event. It is a simple matter that volunteer diver masters are not ready to take on the added responsibility of dealing with the mix of technology.

C-cards and dive logs should be available if requested by the registration team.

With regard to any existing health conditions including any medication being taken, please provide Ursula Schneider (registered nurse) with a sealed envelope with the pertinent medical information at the time of registration. Indicate name on the outside of the envelope. These envelopes will be regarded as highly confidential and will not be opened unless there is an emergency. They will be returned at the end of the weekend.

Non-divers are very welcome. The non-diver fee for the dinner is **\$25.00**. There is no charge for children under ten. Please realize that in order to be able to organize the dinner, **we must have the final number of non-divers by April 14th**. Also please note that there **is limited space available for non-divers** on the boats. Our apologies, but this is necessitated through Transport Canada regulations. Every attempt will be made to have non-divers on the boats when numbers allow.

The event will again be held at **Telegraph Cove Resort**. Book your lodging soon because many clubs already have! Check out www.telegraphcoveresort.com and contact 1-800-200-4665; email tcrltd@island.net. Group rates are being offered. Please ensure that you are aware of cancellation and check out policies.

The diving package is as follows. **\$160.00 per diver** includes:

- Two boat dives Saturday and two boat dives Sunday
- Saturday evening dinner
- Two fills, air only - please note that divers must bring 2 filled tanks for Saturday's dives. 80's are preferred for ease of filling. Regretfully, double cylinders cannot be filled. High pressure DIN tanks can only be filled to 3200 lbs due to the limits of our compressor. **Cylinders must have up-to-date visual and hydro inspections or they will not be refilled.**
- Please label cylinders with your name.
- For Nitrox, contact North Island Diving (Port Hardy) 250-949-2664 or Sun Fun Divers (Port McNeill) 250-959-2243. Note that Nitrox divers will be asked for maximum operating depth and their mix prior to diving.

We are already busy collecting prizes for the grand RAFFLE and will also be distributing door prizes. Of course, any contributions from clubs to the door prizes are very welcome. If you wish the donator to be included in our list of sponsors, it would be greatly appreciated if club prize information could be relayed **by March 14th**.

Tentative Schedule:

	Time	Notes
Friday, May 16 th	5.00 PM	• Killer Whale Café open
	6.00-8.00 PM	• Registration and dive sign up in pub. • Delivery of any pertinent medical information to registered nurse, Ursula Schneider, in sealed envelope with diver name on outside. • 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 th	06.45 AM	• Safety meeting for all boat operators & accompanying DMs at far end of boardwalk
	07.30 AM	• Departure Dive #1 • 9.5' ebb to flood
	2.30 PM	• Departure Dive #2 • 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 th	8.00 AM	• Departure Dive #3 • 10' ebb to flood
	11.30 AM	• Pancake Brunch • Fun and games • Grand Raffle
	3.10 PM	• Departure Dive #4 • 6' flood to ebb

Note: The restaurant will be open for dinners, potentially breakfast on Sunday and pub style lunches. More information about the Saturday dinner will follow in the confirmation package

Very much looking forward to seeing you!

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
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Safety	Mimir				Skipper Markus. Diane and /or Ursula

- Ensure boat letters go out and are followed up by a phone call. Will have text available for January meeting.
- Sean will make a ladder for Ernie's boat, for next year. People should be aware that there is no ladder.

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

- Vinderskov house is already booked for next year – Jackie check
- Sign up – Glen, Jackie, Andy,

10.5 Dinner/Restaurant (Jackie)

- \$20.95/adult which includes GST but not tip = 1801 → \$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 check with Duncan Divers
- Desserts? Who? Ursula? Lee-Ann?

10.6 Sponsorship/raffle (Jackie, Jacqui)

- Winner McGiver = Ian Rabinovich; Winner Oops = Margie Gang; Winner C-Card = Dave Bigio (DD)
- Timeline, division of labour
- Tickets? Jacqui?
- Decide to split raffle and door prizes – see schedule.

10.7 Safety & Dive briefing (Lee-Ann)

- Text for safety documents for March meeting.
- Will have for March meeting. Have added “relay divers in and out to safety boat” and “no safety stop if diver recall”
- 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 19th, 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 Ages (who coordinate?).

10.12 Other? No.

11. Emerald Express – vessel

- Scraping needs to be done
- Add Fernand to boat drivers. Glen move / Second Gord. Unanimous
- Boat regs to remain same until request to discuss again.
- Discussion re. Having a rotating designated boat operator for winter dives

12. Safety

- Remember, as a result of Markus' presentation as part of all dive briefings: For all dives, state maximum dive time as part of dive briefing. Will be determined per dive.

13. Community Festivals / Support

- Dive for whale bones in Coal Harbour.
- Beach Camp (Terry E.) On hold.

14. Diving

Past dives – see point 7

Upcoming dives/events

-December 9th (Sunday) - Departure from Telegraph Cove at 09.00. Divers: Gord, Andy, Glen

- December 15th (Sunday) – Departure from Telegraph Cove 13.15. Divers: Gord, Andy, Glen, Jackie

- December 22nd (Saturday) – Departure from Telegraph Cove at 11.35. Divers: Gord, Glen, Jackie

- December 29th (Saturday) – Departure from Telegraph Cove at 13.10. Divers: Gord, Glen, Jackie

- Help with New Year's jump in Port Hardy. Garth contact John Tidbury. Garth and Gord available.

- January 5th (Saturday) – Departure from Telegraph Cove at 11.15. Divers: Gord, Andy, Glen

- January 13th (Sunday) – Departure from Telegraph Cove at 12.10. Divers: Garth, Andy, Gord, Glen, Jackie

- January 20th (Sunday) – Meet at Bear Cove at 10.00 (big exchange @ 15' so no boat dive). Divers: Gord, Garth, Glen, Jackie, Ken

-February 9th (Saturday) – 09.00-1.00 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 5th (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.

Further Events for scheduling: More quotes for dive trips? No.

15. Any Other Business (AOB)

Ken: Rangers did exercise on low tide at Lizard. Is a sunken ship in Trinity Bay.

16. Submissions Future Meeting(s)?

- Post meeting presentation – no suggestions.
- Text for MLW boat operators meeting – Jan
- Text for safety briefing and emergency procedures – March.
- Bursary Committee – Jan
- Constitution – do we make mention of conservation and do we define non-diver

17. Announcement of next Meeting/Adjournment Next meeting – January 8th, 19.30 in Old School, Port McNeill.
Meeting adjourned at: 9.00 PM