

Divers Anonymous Scuba Dive Club
Minutes of Meeting Held on May 24, 2010

Prior to official start of meeting, various club members and guests Enrique Alvarez and his wife Marla, socialized and had dinner. All club members are invited to attend future pre-meeting dinners.

General meeting started at 7:30 pm.

Attendance:

Tom and Norva Gormley, Al Nesterok, Gary and Rich Mullen, Matt Brinkerhoff, Paul Duffy, Mark Russomanno, Tom Meyer, John Nardone and Devora Perich attended. Guests Garth Gormley, Ben Gualano, Myra A, and Alex O also attended.

Tom Gormley / President:

- DA minutes from April meeting submitted by Milton Rodriguez was accepted as read.
- Remembered our past club member and dive buddy Cara Ladouceur, who had a fatal local wreck dive related accident on May 1. Accident is thought to be equipment related failure while diving at a depth of about 80 feet.
- Tom and Norva will be down at Point Pleasant Dive Rescue this Memorial Day weekend and Tom is planning to do a local shore dive on Sun morning around 9:00am; and Matt and Paul are planning a Sun night dive around 9:00 pm. Local water temperature at shallow depths is now up in the 50's and quite doable with 7mm wet suits.
- Tom requested Rich provide brief description about our club's activities to guests.

Al Nesterok / Vice President:

Nothing new to report.

Gary Mullen / Treasurer

Gary gave his treasurer's report with checking account balance. Members were reminded if they have not yet paid their 2010 dues that he would be collecting the \$25 dues.

Milton Rodriguez / Secretary:

Milton could not make tonight's meeting due to family emergency.

Old Business:

- Gary reported on his investigation to purchase new DA club T-shirts for a total lot of 60 shirts at \$12 for S, M, L and XL; \$13 for XXL and \$14 for XXXL. It was voted and accepted that he should place the order with ordering a few sizes S, M and XXXL, while making the majority orders for sizes L, XL and XXL.
- Club members are reminded our webmaster Mike Dox requests your support to provide information for inclusive into our club's website. Please send your upcoming events, planned dives, diver reports and photographs to <http://www.diversanonymous.com>

New Business:

No new business to report

Dive Reports:

- Mark reported that Pierre Guibor just returned from another one of his exotic live aboard cruises and after a few days he again departed for another dive related adventure.
- Rich and Ben were up at Lake George last Sat for two fun dives hunting for old bottles and were not disappointed.
- Matt and Paul were planning a live-aboard dive trip next week to the Bahamas aboard the Nekton, but just discovered they went out-of-business with no advanced notice or refund. Lucky for them, Aqua Cruises offered them the same live-aboard experience at 50% discount. Mark reminded everyone that they should consider taking out dive trip insurance for any planned expense dive trip. Go to www.diveassure.com to view his recommended dive trip insurance carrier that he has used successfully.
- Many of our club members joined in to share they love and benefits of diving in NJ waters.

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Enrique Alvarez gave any excellent power-point presentation about his recent participation with archaeologists to help water dredge and uncover underwater Mayan ruin found at the bottom of a lake in Guatemala, Mexico. Researchers believe this historical site may have resulted from a catastrophic event which quickly flooded the buildings and surrounding area around 250 A.D. He showed photographs of some ceramics and other valuable artifacts recovered. No reported gold statues yet, but this project is still in the hush-hush mode and being filmed for future public release. Also, he discussed briefly about the benefits and thrills of local wreck diving.

Next meeting guess speaker

Not yet determined

The general meeting adjourned at 8:15pm and the presentation ended at 9:00 pm.
Following the discussion, Karen F, John L, and Mandy J joined DA