



# Annual General Meeting Minutes

## 2015-2016

Thursday June 9, 2016

**Executive Present:** Bruce Beattie (Chair), Ron Seidl, Mike MacDonald, Ross Coates, Bruce Thorpe, Chris Nagy, Dale Johnson, Todd Pope, Brenda Tsotsos, Marianne Collins(recording)

**Absent:** Mike Yano, Hervé Seguin, Jennifer Bullock, Jamie Stafrace

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Quorum of 25% of 76 members = 19. Approximately 28 members in attendance. Quorum achieved.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM.

President Bruce Beattie welcomed members and new divers from the Open water course.

### **Review of 2015 Minutes:**

Due to 2015 AGM Minutes not distributed for review, acceptance of the 2015 AGM Minutes deferred until next General Membership Meeting.

### **2016 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **Additions to written Reports**

##### **President – Bruce Beattie**

- Nothing to add.

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President | Training – Ron Seidl (verbal report)**

We had a successful Checkout on June 4-5 at Windmill Point Park.

3 current OW Candidates and a candidate from last class were successful. Submission has been made to ACUC for their c-cards to be mailed to the candidates.

The Rescue checkouts also yielded success as all candidates performed well, with 2 candidates still requiring to write their exam.

A BIG thank-You to all the members that came out to help. Massive thanks to Ken Boyce for organizing the lunch on Saturday, and to all who contributed.

Currently there are no plans for future courses, as the new Training Director will establish in the coming month.

I am stepping down as Training director for personal reasons and I would like to thank all those involved in their time and help over the past years.

In the last year we have completely revamped the open water course accomplished throughout last summer. Thank-yous to Art and Dale for their early morning meetings to accomplish this task. Thanks to all for your input. As we go forward, input is much appreciated. You do not need to be an Instructor to offer your suggestions.

A special thank-you to Paula Huber for conducting Buoyancy Clinics for us. Going forward we have planned to revamp the Advanced course, and hopefully offer further educational opportunities to members.

If you have a suggestion for a course, gather your friends, members and lets do it!!

I look forward to diving with you throughout the summer

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Safety – Mike MacDonald** (verbal report)

I am happy to report another save dive season for 2015 with no major incidents. A big thank you goes out to the Instructors, Divemasters, Safety Divers and to all the Club Members for making this last season a safe one.

This past year we have had a spike in our out of air or potential out of air situations compared to the previous years. Safety and Training committee are being very active in addressing these situations and helping our divers to be more aware of the air consumption during a dive. As a reminder, please help out the Divemasters with ensuring your data is accurately entered on the DM sheets, this includes the amount of air remaining after a dive, maximum depth, SI and your RNG group. This information is vital to you and the Divemasters to ensure that your next dive is planned in a safe manner.

This year we were not disappointed with the numbers of dives. The Dive Chair and his team planned 9 club sanctioned. As the result, we had over 15 days when we had to dry out our wet suits. As a club we enjoyed over 380 dives. In addition, the instructors carried out training for OW check-out and Rescue dives last week-end to great success. This could not have happened without everyone's placing safety first.

Thank you all for practicing safe diving.

**Past President – Ross Coates** (verbal report)

Thank you to Chris Nagy for his work on revamping the Club website.

Thank you to Goncalo Jorge for taking care of the Club's training equipment.

**Webmaster – Chris Nagy**

- Nothing to add.

**Events – Dale Johnson for Jennifer Bullock** (verbal report)

Events committee had a good year. Suggestions are always welcome and can be directed to the new Events Coordinator. Lots of help is always needed. One ongoing issue is that people need to let us know if attending in order to plan for food and space planning.

**Community Events Coordinator – Ken Boyce** (verbal report)

This year's Food Bank events turn out has been great. All community events have been well attended. An underwater Shoreline Cleanup is being planned for the future.

**FINS Below Editor – Marianne Collins**

The 2015/2016 Editor of the **FINS Below Newsletter** and **FIN Strokes News Bulletin** would like to thank everyone who submitted articles and photos to help make an informative club newsletter! Your contributions make for a content rich bulletin.

As of Jan 2015, the Newsletter has been delivered by MailChimp in compliance with Canada's new Anti-Spam Legislation guidelines. A bonus to this distribution method is the statistic report that MailChimp generates. The current Reports indicate that about 53% of the members are opening the Newsletter. The industry average is about 23%. Members are reminded that the Newsletter is one of the club's primary communication portals for Upcoming Events and Notifications. Members are also encouraged to join the EUC Facebook and Follow the frequently updated conversations and Event Invitations.

Each full length Newsletter will include at least the next month's calendar of events pages for your convenience. Upcoming events are also listed on the front page as well as posted on the website. So there are several opportunities for keeping track of events so you don't miss them. Interactive links in some of the articles lets you link to more photo galleries on the Club's website or to related webpages or open a blank email message. So keep an eye out for clickable hyperlinks in the newsletter pages, indicated by this symbol. ↵

As you know, the website has been undergoing renovations. Newsletters can be viewed under the Resources tab/ Documents/ Newsletters. We are starting to make the Newsletters public so that anyone can see what the Club is up to. At the moment one year of back issues are viewable.

If you are not receiving the Newsletter, please let us know and give us an email address you want it to be sent to.

**Open Water Dive Chair – Bruce Thorpe**

- Nothing to add.

**Marketing – Todd Pope**

Word of Mouth continues to be our best advertising return. Inline ads prior to TRY SCUBA events have nit generated a lot of participation. Everyone can help distribute Club brochures. And please wear your Club garments at any event not just Club events. The SNAP news articles have provided good coverage. Outdoor Adventure Show had a good turnout for free publicity.

**Non Portfolio – Brenda Tsotsos, Jamie Stafrace (absent)**

Currently there are four areas of cracked/missing tiles noted in the binder. No incidents were caused by Etobicoke Underwater Club for the year.

**Motion to accept reports**

**Moved by:** Marianne Collins **Seconded by:**

**To:** Accept 2015-2016 reports

Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #3 now Motion #1:**

**Moved by:** Ron Seidl **Seconded by:** Sue Wenzl

**Motion carried.**

Honorary Membership extended to Dr. David Sawatzky in appreciation of his medical council and continuing contributions to the club.

**Motion #4 now Motion #2:**

**Moved by:** Roland Wenzl **Seconded by:** Dan Poirier

**Motion carried.**

Honorary Membership extended to Tom Richardson in appreciation of his contributions to the Club's training program eg. CPR training etc.

**Motion #5 now Motion #3:**

**Moved by:** Mary Maguire **Seconded by:** Elois Davis

**Motion carried.**

Honorary Membership extended to Assistant Instructor Jim Fennell in appreciation of his contributions to the Club's training program eg. CPR instruction, 30+ years of Open Water checkouts etc.

**Announcements and Questions from the Floor**

Pool will be closing for the summer starting first week of July to Labour Day. Sept 1 will be our first Thursday back. Regular Thursday night Humber Bay Park dives will start around 630PM. Dale Johnson will Divemaster.

**Motion to convene Executive Board Elections**

**Moved by:** Dale Johnson **Seconded by:** Ross Coates

**To:** Appoint Art Penney to convene the election of a new Executive.

Motion carried.

**Dissolution of the 2015 Executive Board**

**Moved by:** Mary Maguire **Seconded by:** Ron Seidl

**To:** To dissolve the 2015-2016 Executive Board.

Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE - chaired by Art Penney**

**Election Results:**

**Board of Directors**

President	Bruce Beattie
Past President	Can Sherriff
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President -Training	Dale Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Safety	Mike MacDonald
Treasurer	Hervé Seguin
Secretary	Mike Yano

**Executive Members**

Open Water Dive Chair	Bruce Thorpe
Events Chair	Brenda Tsotsos
FINS Below Editor	Marianne Collins
Marketing Chair	Todd Pope
Without Portfolio	Jim Steward
	Don Thorpe

**Committee Managers**

Equipment Manager	Goncalo Jorge
Webmaster	Chis Nagy
Community Events	Ken Boyce
Recording Secretary	open

**Elections closed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by: Seconded by:**

**To:** Adjourn 2016 AGM

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned