

## DCB Minutes for November 2008

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### Present:

Jerry Phillips  
Stephen Jewett  
Katrin Iken  
Bill Krause  
Dave Christie  
Brenda Konar  
Max Hoberg  
Sherry Tamone  
Bill Bechtol  
Elizabeth Siddon  
Terry Efird  
Ginny Eckert

### Agenda:

#### Update on diving program (Jewett)

37 divers are reporting this year (this is down a bit.. 46 last year)  
4 divers behind in dive logs (Juneau primarily)  
Only 2 visitors this year... lower than usual  
We sent out 15 divers... more than last year  
Konar will contact Edwards to get LORs from divers that were at K-Bay this summer: DONE Nov 19  
February stats are due to AAUS  
No problems this year with diving or program

#### Update on classes (Konar and Eckert)

Spring classes are on track  
Konar has invited two people (Christian McDonald AAUS pres elect and Rob Robbins Antarctic Program) to observe the class in spring  
I would like to start to incorporate AAUS modules into teaching  
UPDATE: These will be available by Christmas and I will use them in the spring.  
Summer Cold Water Diving in August was cancelled, not enough students  
Will try to offer in May 2009 to see if I get more interest  
Juneau classes:  
Ginny wants to do a class spring 2010. Needs to find an instructor to teach with her. Reid Brewer might also be interested. Brenda and Ginny will talk about classes.

#### Replace BOD members Chadwell, Harper and Bechtol (all)

New members: Dave Christie (replace Chadwell), Elizabeth Siddon (replace Bechtol), Terry Efird (replace Harper)

Students will be on for two years

#### Volunteer Divers and affiliates (Konar and Christie)

In Homer, there are folks who are willing and wanting to dive with or program.

They are not students, staff, or faculty.

Stephen says that he accepts divers that are not AAUS. He allows them as

Visiting Divers. These divers have some of the qualifications but do not strictly adhere to AAUS. It was voiced that there should be stricter standards. Visiting divers should meet all AAUS requirements (including physical and check-out dive). Is there a time limit for visiting divers? Yes but they can keep renewing. Perhaps have annual renewals.

Need to flush out the temporary diver status that is currently in our manual and better define. Stephen will expand on the temporary diver permit.

#### Protocols for safe boating and diving at the K-Bay Lab (Konar and Christie)

Dave would like to know when is it okay for two divers to go out on a boat without a tender? Dave would like guidelines for this. Also different rules for summer and winter.

Terry will try radios and cell phones (calling in before and after) for feasibility during the next trip (around Thanksgiving).

Perhaps tracking GPS so that boats can be monitored

Lots of people have cell phones and can call the lab while out on the boats.

Perhaps portable e-perb in boats.

Requiring tenders will make diving difficult.

As a board, we need to make a statement as far as a tender rule.

Stephen will draft guidelines.

#### On-Line dive log reporting (Terry Eford presentation)

Used by UCSC, Moss Landing Marine Labs, Scripps, others

Diver log in and admin accessibility

Keeps track of dives

Find dive buddies

Log search: Search dive logs by a variety of things

New Dive: Fill in new dives Some fields required, some not. All tabs are those items required by AAUS. If divers exceed something, DSO get email

Diver info: diver information

Reports: AAUS required reports and others

Logs can also be downloaded in bulk from a sensus pro or excel file.

Terry is looking into where to get this and how much it costs

UPDATE: Terry says that the program has a set-up fee (used to be about \$200) and a yearly maintenance fee (about \$250 but may be increasing). AAUS also has an electronic logging program that they want to provide to OMs. They will be setting up so that we can use this during their testing period. The testing should be complete and the program fully functional by early next year.

General consensus is this would be great to get on-line January

Next meeting tentatively set for Feb 9 at noon. We will talk about year end AAUS reports, courses, and perhaps have the new reporting system working.