

## DCB Meeting Minutes

5/3/2017

Roll Call Members Present: Brenda Konar (DSO), Katrin Iken, Sarah Traiger, Jared Weems, Reid Brewer, Tracy Martensen, Amanda Kelley, and Sherry Tamone (Chair)

Approve the minutes of the November meeting: We approved via email in December

Approved the agenda

### Topics

- 1) DSO update (Brenda)
  - a. The 2017 AAUS meeting is announced. Northeast Michigan.
  - b. There could potentially be AAUS onsite visits. Visiting group will come to look at logs and answer any questions. This could be a good thing as they would make more uniformity among the members and organizations. The downside is that there is no money to support this review process. Could this be done electronically? Could start in the next couple years.
- 2) Dive Stats (Brenda): lots of dives in lots of places with lots of divers
- 3) Fairbanks diving update: Brenda's course first time offering May 27-June 2. Next time should cap the course at 8. All of the enrolled persons so far are students.
- 4) Sitka diving update.
  - a. Joel going to Reno for a PADI crossover, O2 Instructor, Vis Instructor.
  - b. Sitka now has 15 drysuit/gear set ups.
  - c. In the fall, Sitka will offer an open water dry suit course. And in the spring: ALASKA DIVE SEMESTER. Spring Diving intensive Semester. CPR 1st Aid. Skiff operation (1 Cr), engine repair (1 Cr), tender (1Cr). Max 15 students. Lots of people under Fish Tech want divers with higher levels of certification. ADFG research diving. Sitka is looking to increase the diving course opportunities to include classes that satisfy biology and marine biology
- 5) Juneau diving update:
  - a. Lots of check out dives
  - b. Jared asked about HR Volunteer diving forms. Can use a statewide volunteer form. Plus the LOR. This form is also used for students who have left the UA program recently but want to dive on a project. If diver is inactive, Brenda helps them get active and then they dive with the research project.

6) AAUS divers diving for fun. Dive plan required. These dives would be considered proficiency dives

7) Non AAUS dives (ie..dive buddy is not AAUS Certified)

We discussed whether these can count toward annual dives. Different AAUS organizations have different rules. Some never count them and some do. Some organizations have more flexible dive logs, and are more easily sorted for non-AAUS dives. Brenda does not want non-AAUS dives logged in the AAUS dive log. If at the end of the year the diver has not met the 12 dive minimum, and has completed other dives, the diver can submit these dives to Brenda on an Excel spreadsheet and she will keep these on file. We did not determine the number of non AAUS dives that could be used in this way and think this will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Brenda cannot change the official AAUS interface on the logbook to ensure only AAUS dives.

8) Can UAS-Sitka rent out gear to divers needing gear who are working on a research project, are not AAUS, and are not associated with a course? Outside of the University system Tracy says this is not an option.