

Diving Control Board Meeting Minutes 2 December 2011

In Attendance:

Stephen Jewett
Brenda Konar
Katrin Iken
Max Hoberg
Dave Christie
Jerry Phillips
John Clendenin
Ginny Eckert
Sherry Tamone

Old Business:

Dive Plans:

Dive plan submission got better in 2010. Some were granted for extended periods, which was a concern last year.

Electronic Logging:

Electronic logging is going much better. Some need reminding but people are doing well. Stephen will be sending out a reminder so that folks remember to submit their 2011 logs.

2011 AAUS meeting:

The next three years of AAUS meetings are planned. We could try for 2014. Next year it will be in September in Monterey. The year after that will be overseas. If we do it, it could be in Seward, perhaps with a field trip to Kasitsna Bay and/or related workshops. We need to associate diving with the conference. Southeast would be another option (Ginny is not volunteering). Stephen says that there is interest in coming to Alaska. If we want to do this, we need to put together a packet with Powerpoint. It requires a lot of work. No one volunteered. Everyone needs to think about this. We will meet again in the spring and decide. Someone(s) needs to take charge. The actual meeting needs to be in September.

New Business:

UA Dive Manual Revision:

Our manual has not been updated for about 10 years. We need to update our content, have the board approve it, and then send it to AAUS for approval. Stephen will put together a draft for everyone to review and approve (at the spring dive control board meeting).

Our manual is not that different from the current AAUS guidelines. We need to change some text. There are also some general categories in the guidelines that we don't use... aquarium diving, staged decompression, etc... Stephen does not think that we need to

include these. Brenda would like to see rebreathers put in as she is doing this type of diving. There are also logged Nitrox and aquarium dives in 2010, so this should probably be included. Stephen will send around the Nitrox, rebreather, and aquarium sections for the board to review. Nitrox and rebreathers are probably going to be in our future so we should not omit these things. Perhaps we should delegate these activities to others who are qualified in these activities, to alleviate more training for Stephen. Aquarium diving should be included as we do occasionally have divers at the Sea Life Center and other.

Appendices have some new formats. Content is the same.

Section 2.7 will have a section added on the need for electronic diving and put a link to the UA logging site.

2010 stats:

Stats and incident report were submitted to AAUS. Number of divers and reciprocity divers are up. We are still about the middle of the pack with the other AAUS members. Over the half of the dives were at the Kasitsna Bay Lab.

Dive Physicals:

These now need to be signed by a doctor (not PA).

Program Review and Site Inspection:

Someone (or group of people) will come to UAF to inspect our program. We will have to pay for this. They will look at our paperwork, manual, etc.. perhaps visit our other sites (Kasitsna, SE). This is not currently happening but will be in our future. They want to do it with existing programs every five years.