Council General Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017

Meeting held at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant Called to order at 6:30 pm by Joel Tracey

Board Members Present:

President:	Joel Tracey
Vice President/3Rs Dir:	Marc Henning
Treasurer:	Tony Guerrero
Secretary:	Liz Tuttle
Directors:	Scott Anderson, At Large
	Mike Russell, Fundraising
	David Pierce, Interagency Relations

Members/Guests: Sandra Anderson, member Ken Hunrichs, member Marie Hunrichs, member John Rahm, member George Shultz, guest

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Board Members Absent:

Directors:	Craig McDowell, Webmaster
Committee Leads:	John Leek, Historian

1) Open Forum

a. Ken Hunrichs, Council member and president for the Friends of the Children's Pool (FoCP), presented the Council with the rare opportunity to support the reacquisition of not-well-known public beach access path located near Princess Street in La Jolla. This path was available for public access up until about 25 years ago when the current homeowners purchased the property and chose to ignore the City easement because it was not properly recorded. This access path has now gone through all the court challenges and is ready to be restored to public use. Restoring full access, however, is not automatic even after the legal battles are over. It requires a sponsor to accept the dedication and some means of funding the work needed. All this requires a confidence that this is supported and desired by those who would most likely use it.

At this time, Ken is not asking for the Council to act as sponsor, but instead show our support in the form of a letter stating we are one of the ocean user groups that acknowledges the importance and benefit of reopening and restoring this access from Princess Street to the ocean.

Joel Tracey expressed his concerns that restoring public access might upset the delicate balance for resident marine life in this area, such as leopard and tope sharks, during their breeding season. Ken responded that since Princess St is not a well-known access point, and is not the easiest path to traverse, that any impact to wildlife in this area would be minimal.

Mike Russell made a motion that the Council support the future sponsor to restoreand maintain this access. The motion was seconded by Marc Henning.Yeas: 9Neas: 0Abstention: 1Motion passedKen Hunrichs agreed to draft said letter of support for the Council's review.

- b. Scott Anderson, current director and former Council president, shared that he came across some Council boxes while cleaning his garage that contained some important documents. Liz Tuttle, secretary, was tasked with reviewing the items in the boxes, maintaining any important records, providing John Leek, historian, any documents of historical significance for scanning, and disposing of anything insignificant.
- c. Scott also wanted to announce that the Annual San Diego Dive Club's Easter Egg Hunt was taking place this Saturday.

2) Officer's Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

- i. <u>Current account balances</u>: Checking \$2,557.15 Savings \$ 500.09
- ii. Income: \$190.00
 - 1. \$15.00 membership dues
 - 2. 175.00 3Rs bbq raffle
- iii. Expenses:
 - 1. Records storage rental (February) \$30.00/mo
 - 2. Records storage rental (March + late fee) \$40.00/mo
 - 3. Website domain renewal \$79.98
 - 4. PO Box renewal \$134.00
 - 5. Annual contract with SD Project Heartbeat \$50.00/yr
 - 6. 3Rs BBQ food & awards \$267.22 / Cash \$40

b. Secretary's Report

i. Nothing at this time.

c. Vice President/3R's Director's Report

i. 2016 Rocks, Rips & Reefs BBQ

- a) Many thanks to Scott Anderson and the SD Dive Club for providing the bbq equipment and grilling services.
- b) Only feedback Marc received regarding the BBQ and its organization was that the Council should plan a specific time for the dive next year.

ii. Rocks, Rips & Reefs Refresher for Safety Crew

- a) The refresher is <u>tentatively</u> scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 7am-1pm at Shell Beach. Watch your emails for the official announcement from Marc (or Mike).
- b) Lunch will be provided. Mike Russell volunteered to sponsor the food.
- c) Marc would like to clear out his garage of the 3Rs gear so that it may be accessible to the 3Rs crew should he be out of town.
 - i) It was suggested that the gear be signed out to safety swimmers for the season and it be their responsibility to bring the gear to the events.
 - ii) Also suggested the Council find a new place to store it. Space is limited in our current storage unit, so Tony will look into the cost of increasing

our storage size. Joel said he would ask the lifeguards if they had some available storage space we might use.

d) Does anyone know of someone/someplace willing to donate color printing of the 3Rs schedule flyer?

d. President's Report

i. Nothing of note at this time.

2) Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising (Mike Russell)
 - i. Mike has been working with an insurance broker to find possible coverage for the Rocks, Rips & Reefs program. He is preparing questionnaires provided by Philadelphia Insurance and USLI.com in order to receive quotes from these companies. Mike will forward these forms to the Board for assistance in completing them. Once the questionnaires are completed and returned to the insurance companies, Mike will inform the Council of the quotes received.
 - ii. Mike told the Council we need to update our corporation information online through a State website for charities called "Guide Star".
 - iii. Mike also made the suggestion that if we should want to apply again for a grant with the City of San Diego, we should send a letter to each and every district Council Member informing them of the history of the Council of Divers, who we represent, what we currently do, and what we would like to do in the future.

b. Historical Committee (John Leek)

i. Not in attendance.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30pm. Location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Liz Tuttle