

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL OF DIVING CLUBS
Minutes of August 13, 1970 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Hal Reeser at 8:00 p. m. in the Pacific Beach Recreation Center. A roll call determined there was a quorum present with the following clubs attending: Addicts, Bottom Scratchers, Delta Divers, SEA, Sea Dogs, South Bay Depth Chargers, Spearfishermen, UPS, and Unlimiteds. What have we done to the Kelp Kings and the North County Divers? We only had one real "guest" . . . Phil Olimb --- and he was just "looking". Paul Powers (Spearfishermen) and Cliff Burgess (SEA) were checking up on how the council was being run.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund	\$142.19
Search and Recovery	452.04
Competitive Fund	--
Total on Deposit	594.23
Petty Cash on Hand	8.08
Total Funds	\$602.31

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harold F. Riley Memorial Fund To date a total of \$577.75 has been received. Disposition of the funds is still pending and under consideration.

Underwater Park WE DID IT! City councilmen today adopted an ordinance creating the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park, 6.2 miles long and extends seaward from the shoreline between 1.5 and 2 miles, from La Jolla Cove to the southern end of Del Mar. They also introduced an ordinance creating a standing committee to advise the city on maintenance of the park as a marine life reserve, and will consist of representatives of the following: Scripps, U S Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Game, San Diego Council of Diving Clubs, sport fishing interests, a member of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Underwater Parks and Reserves and one member at large. Committee members will be appointed by the mayor with consent of the council (city, that is . . .). It was a tough fight, Harold, but we won. The proposal submitted by Harold to City Manager Walter Hahn was adopted almost to the letter, the major departure being the selection of an appropriate name. It was our original intention that it be dedicated as the Conrad F. Limbaugh Memorial Park, and more recently, that we attempt to include Harold's name because of his unstinting devotion to this project. We are still working in this direction. After all, it only took the council a healthy eight years to get the city council this far! At the recent meeting of the council board of directors, it was decided that the President and the Legislative Chairman would represent the council on the advisory board.

Legislation A revised proposed Resolution to the California Fish and Game Commission re: black sea bass was submitted to the representatives to be taken back to their clubs for discussion and acceptance or rejection at the September council meeting. The original read, "Small boat owners and other salt-water fishermen, including divers and spearfishermen . . . ", and was changed to read, "Salt-water fishermen, including spearfishermen, . . . ". Please be prepared to discuss the adoption of this resolution and subsequent submission to the F&G when you come to the council meeting.

Competition According to President Reeser, after observing the blatantly successful nationals' banquet, and the ensuing meet, "We can do just about anything we want to do!" In total, it was an accomplishment well deserving of all the praise bestowed upon the many persons who contributed to its success from beginning to end. Not enough can be said for Old Blunderbuss who commandeered the operation from its inception and who was rewarded for his efforts by his fans with a standing ovation at the banquet --- including the team from Hawaii. Bouquets of praise were heaped upon the heads of many . . . and it only goes to prove that we do have the talent --- if we can just get them out of the woodwork. Now, about the performance of the council team in the meet: they tried. Placing seventh out of ten isn't too bad. We could have been tenth. Maybe next time. Looking at the bright side, the competitive committee netted approximately \$700! With results (financially) like that, we should host the nationals every year.

Safety A report, based on known facts available at this time, was given concerning the death of UPS president and long-time friend of the council, Bill DeCourt. He was on a training session in Cozumel with his employers of only four days, Beckman Instruments, learning to use the Electra Lung, a mixed-gas apparatus for deep diving. At 350 ft., he was observed experiencing convulsions; an attempt was made by his partner to bring him to the surface but he began to have difficulties of his own due to the increased work load, and had to leave Bill either unconscious or dead at about 225 ft. on a ledge. Subsequent attempts to relocate him were to of no avail. Due to conflicting statements from the individuals involved, a formal statement by Beckman has not been released.

Chioppino Everyting (sic) is all set, including the "stage" at the foot of Lamont street, which will be secured by the early-bitds of the council, the Sea Dogs . . . who, incidentally, have offered to fix breakfast for any and all who wish to join them at 6:00 a. m. on Sunday, August 30. Whether you take them up on their offer or not, be sure to be there by 2:00 p. m.

Film Festival . . . and don't forget to get your tickets for the 6th Annual Underwater Film Festival at any of your local dive shops. Dedicated to Bill DeCourt, it promises to be a winner this year.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to watch and critique some slides taken by yours truly of the Nationals, including a candid shot of Bill Johnston on the Scratcher with some dive shop manager whose name I failed to catch. Guess I'll have to make another trip . . .

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 10
8:00 p. m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center
Entertainment: Jim Dallas promised me we
would have Bob Mitchell (AquaCraft) show some slides of his recent trip to the island of Truk.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lee