

**Napa Valley Divers
Meeting Minutes,
August 13, 2007**

The meeting of the Napa Valley Divers was called to order at 7pm at Buckhorn Restaurant.

1. Meeting was opened with a reading of the new dive club's Mission Statement. This statement was created by Cindy "The Minnow" Stigall (with some help from Terry Stigall and David Topper) and reads as follows:

"We are a fun-loving group of people who have a passion for diving and traveling. We desire to stay connected and socialize outside of dive activities. The goals of the group are to provide a place for divers and their families to socialize, plan recreational activities, plan dive trips, promote continued communication among members and to provide a forum for keeping keen on dive skills and the dive industry."

This Mission Statement was accepted by vote of the attending members of today's meeting.

2. Guest introduction: Gayle Harrison attended as the guest of club member, Mike Geib.

3. Minutes from the July 9 meeting were read.

4. Old Business: Finalized vote was held for the election of new club officers for the 2007-08 year. New officers are as follows:

- 1. President: Jayma Claus**
- 2. Past President: Roger Haseltine**
- 3. Vice President: Bob McGahey**
- 4. Treasurer: Terry Stigall**
- 5. Secretary: Joan Lord**
- 6. Communications: David Topper**

5. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer: We now have \$2,111.37 in the club account. Four club members renewed their membership with accompanying dues at this meeting. Terry has paid \$49 for the renewal of the Website fees.

B. Communications: New website is online. David Topper is requesting input/suggestions for site information. Without consistent input, the website becomes stagnant. Send any information or related dive pictures to David Topper via email and he will post them on the Website. If you have not already done so, and provided you have paid your yearly dues, contact David and he will give you a password to access "members only" areas on the Website. You may keep the password David has assigned to you, or if you desire a more personal password, once you access the website, follow the posted instructions for changing your password. The website will contain links to a forum, where divers can post info regarding informal trips, connect with buddy divers for trips to the CA coast, sell used equipment, etc. There will also be an Events link to post upcoming dive club sponsored dive trips, socials, etc. If you have any questions or need help navigating the Website, call David Topper at 707-224-6570.

David shared with the meeting members the "New and Improved" Dive Club Logo that is up on the Website and was approved by the July 2007 meeting attendees. Logo was approved by this meetings membership.

C. Events:

We have members who have volunteered to help out on the Events Committee, but we need someone to assume leadership of this committee, and hence join the Executive Committee listed above. Contact Jayma Claus if you are interested in this position.

Napa Dive and Sport is hosting the annual Lake Berryessa Clean-Up on Saturday, September 15, 2007. Cost for participation is \$20. Contact Roger Haseltine at Napa Dive and Sport 257-2822 for more information and sign-ups.

There is an open water certification class from Napa Dive and Sport being held at San Carlos Beach in Monterey on Saturday, September 8. The dive club will be having a picnic at this site on this date at 11:00 am.

December 10, 2007 is the date for our annual Christmas party/December meeting. Plan on an ornament exchange similar to last year's event.

D. Membership: We will use the Picnic at Monterey on September 8 as an opportunity to encourage club membership enrollment. We also need a volunteer to head this Committee. Contact any of the Executive Committee officers if you are interested.

6. Executive Officer Committee Meeting: Jayma will be contacting the Executive Committee Members this week to set up a meeting of the Executive Committee.

7. New Business:

A. Jayma purchase a canopy for use at club events. She will submit the receipt to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

B. David will make arrangements to have a canopy banner created using the new club logo. This banner will be placed on the canopy in use at events.

C. Nancy Celieno volunteered to renew and manage the ticket raffle activity at future club meetings. This activity is the one where attending club members purchased raffle tickets, and at the meeting's end, the winning raffle ticket was awarded one-half of the meeting's ticket sales.

D. Mack Morgan re-introduced the topic of the dive club sponsoring a warm water dive trip. It was noted by members, that this would involve not only choosing a trip-place, date, cost, and amenities-acceptable to a number of club

members, but that someone would need to be in charge of collecting non-refundable deposits. One suggestion is that on our Website Forum, individual members could post dive trips that they are taking on their own, and any interested club members could then make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

E. Napa Dive and Sport is sponsoring a dive trip from November 3-10 to Fantasy Island Resort in Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras. There are 5 spaces available. Contact Roger Haseltine at Napa Dive and Sport if you are interested in joining this charter.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be held at Buckhorn's Restaurant on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

**Joan Lord
Secretary, Napa Valley Divers**