

**PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 19, 2015
BLUE BAY SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, SALISBURY, NC
1:45 P.M.**

Call to Order – President Tim Klima

Pledge – President Tim Klima

Roll Call – Secretary Lisa Garrison

In attendance:

Officers: President Tim Klima, Vice President Tom Garrison, Secretary Lisa Garrison.

Board of Directors: JD Emerson, Mick Wrenn, Mike Hicks, Jeremy Hood, Dennis Harrow, Tim Stafford, and Barry Moore. Having 7 of 9 members of the Board of Directors present, a quorum was achieved.

Reading of Minutes – The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Tim Klima

Tim gave an update on the diver who passed away at Lake Norman the week before last, Tony Sanders. He has been informed the family believes it to be due to a medical condition, probably a heart attack. A memorial was sent to Tony's church, as was suggested by the family. Lisa contacted the insurance company to make them aware of the incident.

After the unfortunate incident at Lake Norman, members were posting questions about it on social media. Tim reminded everyone to be careful about what they post in the name of PDRA.

It has come to the attention of some Quarry Managers that some members are signing in too many guests at one time and that will be monitored more closely. Students are allowed three days of diving on their student passes.

Vice President – Tom Garrison

Tom had nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Lisa Garrison – Report Attached

Lisa reported as of this date we have \$84,072.95 in CDs, checking, and savings accounts and \$23,379.70 in the Wayne Weatherford Annuity account for a total of \$84,072.95. The loan for the new building at American has a balance remaining of \$7,219.66. The amount of \$2,000.00 needs to be transferred to the Wayne Weatherford Annuity from the operating account for two Life Memberships which were recently purchased.

Things are running smoothly. An official Facebook page has been created: NC PDRA. Lisa is the administrator.

It was brought to Lisa's attention by Jim Robertson, Mac Robertson's son, the domain name Primary Contact and Tech Contact should probably be changed from Roy Fielding and himself to someone with more contact with the Association. That has been accomplished. Tonya Donahue, the web master, and Lisa have been listed as the Primary Contact (Lisa) and Tech Contact (Tonya).

There was a glitch with the online Membership Application process from approximately July 10-13 and memberships were not able to be processed. After getting no answer from WordPress support as to what was causing the glitch, Tonya reloaded the form, and everything is back up and running.

Membership Report – Tim Klima

As of this date there is a total of 954 total members. There were 987 members total in 2014. There have been 135 students who have signed up. Quarry Managers are going to be watching more closely to make sure all students coming into the quarries are complying with the rules. Tim is now issuing cards for extra divers, something not done in previous years on a regular basis. Next year all family members will get cards. It is to be decided later whether non-diver family members will get cards with their names imprinted on the card or just the term "Non-diver."

Quarry Managers' Reports

American – Tim Klima

Tim reported the school bus is in, but members have taken the hood off so they can dive underneath the bus. Signs will be going up at every quarry reminding everyone not to move or remove anything at the quarries, both above and below the water. The aerator is going to be turned off during the day in the summer because it is too warm.

Lake Norman – Barry Moore

Barry reiterated the information about the incident at the quarry where Tony Sanders died. He also reported people are not filling out the release forms either correctly and the Quarry Managers need to work harder on getting the forms filled out correctly. Barry said the grounds look good and the viz has been around 12'-15'>

JMR – JD Emerson

JD reported the viz is good and it is about 35'-40'. Unfortunately, several hundred fish have died due to the heat. JD and Assistant Quarry Manager Ray Mason have been replacing the buoys and ropes with new ones. They have fixed the roof on the metal building and repaired the steps. Gear-up benches were moved to the dock. Cameras have been put up on the property to try to determine who is vandalizing the property and/or trespassing.

OLD BUSINESS

Flattening of Association's Business Operations – Tom Garrison

Tom Garrison reported he has gone through the paperwork and Bylaws to see what needs to be updated. He will send those to Mick Wrenn for his review. There was a discussion about the fact the term "child" has never been defined in terms of an exact age. Barry Moore moved a Bylaws change should be presented to the members at the General Assembly meeting in October to include the language "Anyone under 18 is required to be with an adult member while they are diving." Tim Stafford seconded the motion. After a vote the motion passed unanimously. The topic of diving guests are only allowed to visit the quarries two times per year was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarry Improvements Schedule – Tim Klima

The major improvements at American are about 99% complete and should be completed this coming week. JMR improvements will begin next week. The plan is to add more parking and more student area. At Lake Norman the goal is to add an aerator and an enclosed water area for instructors to use (based upon approval of the insurance company), with a projected roll-out time frame of next spring. The parking, rails, and the back area of the quarry also need some work.

Budget for 2016 – Tim Klima

Tim presented the Board with the proposed 2016 budget. Tim explained on this proposal he included figures from this year, next year, and actual costs. He also explained he had put in a cap for the capital expenditures. After some discussion Tim Stafford moved the proposed budget be accepted and presented to the members at the General Assembly meeting in October. Barry Moore seconded the motion. After a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Rules and Regulations – BOD

A discussion was held regarding what Board members could do if they saw a violation of a Rule or Regulation. It was decided to have cards printed up for members of the BOD to have where they can check off a violation listed on the card and put it on the windshield of a violator or to possibly be handed to a diver. It is recognized by the BOD that most members are not intentionally breaking the rules but perhaps just do not know what they are.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no more business to discuss, JD Emerson moved for adjournment. Mike Hicks seconded the motion. Following a vote the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Lisa Garrison, Secretary