

**PIEDMONT DIVING AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANURY 20, 2019  
BLUE BAY SEAFOOD RESTAURANT  
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
1:45 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Garrison

**ROLL CALL** – Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Garrison

In attendance:

**Officers:** President-elect Tim Stafford, Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Garrison.

**Board of Directors:** Karen Hughes, Ray Mason, Mick Wrenn, Doug Leary, and Mark Whitney. Having 5 of 7 members of the Board of Directors present, a quorum was achieved. Barry Moore, Quarry Manager of Lake Norman Quarry and Steve Hughes, Quarry Manager of JMR Quarry, were also present. Also present were Tom Garrison, Buddy McKinney, and Mike Jacobs.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Garrison

Lisa administered the oath of office to all new members present. Immediately following the oath, President Tim Stafford appointed Tom Garrison to fill the vacancy in the South District. Tom will serve out the final two years of that position. Tim also appointed Buddy McKinney and Mike Jacobs as co-Quarry Managers at Lake Norman. Barry Moore will be assisting them in teaching them the ropes. Tim will be appointing someone to fill out the vacant director position in the Central District. Stephanie Culp and the newly appointed director for the Central District will be sworn in at the next meeting when they are in attendance.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**President – Tim Stafford**

Having just taken office, Tim stated there is no report. With there being several new people in attendance, Tim had everyone introduce themselves and state their position. In addition, Tim announced the quarry managers would be the following: JRM – Steve Hughes and John Griffin. American – Jerry Sliker. Lake Norman – Buddy McKinney and Mike Jacobs.

Tim thanked Lisa Garrison and Barry Moore for their years of service to the association.

Tim asked anybody who needs something to please email him, as he will be able to go back and refer to the emails if need be.

**Vice President – No report**

## **Membership Report – Mick Wrenn**

As of December 31, 2018, there were 1,068 regular members, 48 Life members, and 411 student passes issued. As of the date of this meeting, there are 660 regular members, 48 Life Members. As of the same time last year, there were 549 regular members. Mick was unsure of the reason for the increase, whether it be due to a higher rate of early renewals or an increase in new members. He will be monitoring that throughout the year.

Mick asked for help in getting addresses of all vendors who need keys. The Quarry Managers said they would help with getting the addresses for the sheriff's departments in each county, and Lisa said she would get the addresses for the septic companies.

## **Secretary-Treasurer Report – Lisa Garrison – (Reports attached)**

Lisa reported as of this date there are no outstanding bills, and we have \$75,842.33 in CDs, checking, savings, and PayPal accounts and \$25,513.00 in the Wayne Weatherford Annuity account for a total of \$101,355.33. 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 previously purchased.

Lisa reported the association is in good financial shape. There is only one CD left. All others have been cashed in due to the fact most of them were so small they were not earning any interest. The plan has been to consolidate some of the money which was cashed in and get another CD.

The website is working well. Some of the documents on the site have been updated, but there are a couple that still need to be worked on. The Rules and Regulations have been updated.

Lisa has been in contact with Matthew Thompson. Matt is a student originally from Lumberton, NC, who is studying at Oxford University in the United Kingdom. He is working on his dissertation in archeology (with an emphasis on maritime archeology). His dissertation is entitled "Underwater Acoustic Localization and Referencing: An Enhanced Positioning Method for Archaeological Data Collection of Submerged Cultural Resources." Lisa met him at Lake Norman Quarry at the end of December to give him a tour of the quarry. Matt was very impressed with our facilities and believes it will work well for his project. His plan is to use sonar and computers to map the four boats close to the entryway. He and his partner will spend approximately two weeks mapping that area. He has asked Lisa to find any volunteers who would like to help. There will be no reason to close down the quarry, and the project will not be intrusive to other members diving. The abstract for the project is attached to this report.

At this time the books and records are being transferred to the incoming Secretary-Treasurer, Stephanie Culp. Lisa will have the taxes completed. All signature cards for the bank accounts will be signed before the books are transferred.

## **Quarry Managers Reports**

### **American – Barry Moore**

Barry had been diving at American on the day of the meeting. He reported the viz was great. The temperature was 49 degrees top to bottom. The water is draining due to having a drain, so the abundance of rain is not causing the same problems as at the other two quarries. Barry said he would like the tractor, which is at American, be brought back to Lake Norman so the road and parking lot can be graded after it dries out. He said the excess rain has really rutted out some areas. Before the tractor is brought back to Lake Norman, Barry said the road at American needs to be scraped again because the rain has rutted it out again too.

### **JMR – Steve Hughes**

Steve reported due to the rain the water is the highest he has ever seen it. The water is almost to the pavilion, and the deck is completely underwater. He said he believes it will remain high for quite some time because there is no drain. Steve and John Griffin have done a lot of work cleaning up things and continue to do so. They have the wires run for the power to the lower part and just need to call the inspector to come out to approve the work so a meter can be placed and the power turned on. The road, which was in terrible shape, has been resurfaced and is a vast improvement. Steve stated the deck is a foot to a foot and a half under water and is in very poor shape. The deck has been submerged for about six months and actually became disconnected and floated off. It has been roped off so no one can use it. Steve said a new deck is very much needed.

Steve said he is going to replace the old buoys, which are propane tanks, with ones that are not metal and will not rust. Tim Stafford told the Quarry Managers anything they needed that were marine supplies, such as mooring balls, rope, etc., he could get for the PDRA at cost and to just let him know.

### **Lake Norman – Barry Moore**

Barry reported things are going well. He said the water is the highest he has ever seen. It is now up on the floor of the structure where the grill is and halfway up the student benches. There is no drain at the quarry, so the water will remain high for quite some time. Due to the high water, Barry has been turning off the power before he leaves. The back road is still drivable. Everything is saturated.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PDRA Documents – Tim Stafford**

A committee had been formed to review the documents of the association. At a previous board meeting, Mark Whitney and Michelle Slate presented proposals to the Rules and Regulations. The proposals and changes are delineated in the July 2018 board minutes. Only one of the proposals was tabled and was to be addressed at a later time. The following is the proposed change:

**Present Rule:**

RR 13. Children

All PDRA leased or owned property (usually water-filled rock quarries) is by their very nature, dangerous places for children to engage in unsupervised play. Therefore, children shall be kept under strict adult supervision at all times to minimize the dangers of drowning, rock slides, falling over the edge, rock throwing, snakebite, etc.

**Change Submitted for Consideration:**

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This changed was tabled in order to determine if the insurance policy said anything about the age of children.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Wayne Weatherford Annuity – Tim Stafford**

Tim stated in looking at the annuity that it has remained stagnant for a long time and is earning very little, if any, income. He suggested the Board recommend to the Board of Trustees, who control the annuity, they move the annuity into a CD so it can earn a little more than what it is now. The board members agreed with this step.

**Treasure Hunt – Tim Stafford**

After some discussion it was determined the 2019 Treasure Hunt will be Sunday, June 23, 2019, at JMR Quarry. The Treasure Hunt rotates each year to a different quarry and switches back and forth between Saturday and Sunday.

Now that the date has been set, Mark Whitney and Michelle Slate will work on getting the t-shirts designed.

Tim Stafford asked Lisa to forward him the budget for the prizes and food at the Treasure Hunt. He will start working on getting prizes and possibly a trip or two to give away.

Ray Mason said there needs to be a lot of work done on the decks at JMR before the Treasure Hunt can be held there. The main access is unavailable at this time. They are getting a quote

for a new 40 x 30 deck. The problems with the deck were discussed in the JMR Quarry Manager's Report above.

### **Instructor Committee – Tim Stafford**

Tim stated he wanted to get the Instructor Committee back up and running in accordance with the rules of the association. There was a discussion about whether instructors were receiving cards with the word "Instructor" on them anymore. Mick Wrenn, who is responsible for printing the cards, said there was some confusion on whether that was being done before he took over that job, and because of that he had not been printing the cards with the word "Instructor." After some discussion it was decided it would be printed on the cards going forward. Mick also discussed the fact instructors were not sending in their proof of insurance and a way to collect those needed to be decided upon. It was decided Lisa Garrison, with the help of Steve Hughes, if needed, would add an upload option on the Membership Application where instructors could upload their insurance paperwork and have it go straight to Mick at the time they join or renew. They would also be able to send it to Mick via the USPS or via email if they had already joined but had not sent in their paperwork. Mick will keep a list of instructors and will send their card and key when he has all of their required paperwork, and he will disseminate the list of active instructors to the Quarry Managers and the president. Lisa stated she would put in her final email to the membership in the next couple of weeks that all instructors must send in their proof of insurance.

The board discussed the Instructor Committee needing to be updated. A suggestion was made to have two people from each district be on the committee. The committee will be listed on the website when everyone has confirmed with Tim they will serve.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no more business to discuss, Mark Whitney moved to adjourn. Steve Hughes seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Lisa Garrison, Secretary-Treasurer