DCB Minutes for November 2008

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Present:
Jerry Phillips
Stephen Jewett
Katrin Iken
Bill Krause
Dave Christie
Brenda Konar
Max Hoberg
Sherry Tamone
Bill Bechtol
Elizabeth Siddon
Terry Efird
Ginny Eckert

Agenda:
Update on diving program (Jewett)
37 divers are reporting this year (this is down a bit.. 46 last year)
4 divers behind in dive logs (Juneau primarily)
Only 2 visitors this year… lower than usual
We sent out 15 divers… more than last year
Konar will contact Edwards to get LORs from divers that were at K-Bay this summer: DONE Nov 19
February stats are due to AAUS
No problems this year with diving or program

Update on classes (Konar and Eckert)
Spring classes are on track
Konar has invited two people (Christian McDonald AAUS pres elect and Rob Robbins Antarctic Program) to observe the class in spring
I would like to start to incorporate AAUS modules into teaching
UPDATE: These will be available by Christmas and I will use them in the spring.
Summer Cold Water Diving in August was cancelled, not enough students
Will try to offer in May 2009 to see if I get more interest
Juneau classes:
Ginny wants to do a class spring 2010. Needs to find an instructor to teach with her. Reid Brewer might also be interested. Brenda and Ginny will talk about classes.

Replace BOD members Chadwell, Harper and Bechtol (all)
New members: Dave Christie (replace Chadwell), Elizabeth Siddon (replace Bechtol), Terry Efird (replace Harper)
Students will be on for two years

Volunteer Divers and affiliates (Konar and Christie)
In Homer, there are folks who are willing and wanting to dive with or program. They are not students, staff, or faculty. Stephen says that he accepts divers that are not AAUS. He allows them as Visiting Divers. These divers have some of the qualifications but do not strictly adhere to AAUS. It was voiced that there should be stricter standards. Visiting divers should meet all AAUS requirements (including physical and check-out dive). Is there a time limit for visiting divers? Yes but they can keep renewing. Perhaps have annual renewals.

Need to flush out the temporary diver status that is currently in our manual and better define. Stephen will expand on the temporary diver permit.

Protocols for safe boating and diving at the K-Bay Lab (Konar and Christie)
Dave would like to know when is it okay for two divers to go out on a boat without a tender? Dave would like guidelines for this. Also different rules for summer and winter.

Terry will try radios and cell phones (calling in before and after) for feasibility during the next trip (around Thanksgiving).
Perhaps tracking GPS so that boats can be monitored
Lots of people have cell phones and can call the lab while out on the boats.
Perhaps portable e-perb in boats.
Requiring tenders will make diving difficult.
As a board, we need to make a statement as far as a tender rule.
Stephen will draft guidelines.

On-Line dive log reporting (Terry Efird presentation)

Use by UCSC, Moss Landing Marine Labs, Scripps, others
Diver log in and admin accessibility
Keeps track of dives
Find dive buddies
Log search: Search dive logs by a variety of things
New Dive: Fill in new dives Some fields required, some not. All tabs are those items required by AAUS. If divers exceed something, DSO get email
Diver info: diver information
Reports: AAUS required reports and others
Logs can also be downloaded in bulk from a sensus pro or excel file.
Terry is looking into where to get this and how much it costs
UPDATE: Terry says that the program has a set-up fee (used to be about $200) and a yearly maintenance fee (about $250 but may be increasing). AAUS also has an electronic logging program that they want to provide to OMs. They will be setting up so that we can use this during their testing period. The testing should be complete and the program fully functional by early next year.
General consensus is this would be great to get on-line January
Next meeting tentatively set for Feb 9 at noon. We will talk about year end AAUS reports, courses, and perhaps have the new reporting system working.