University of Alaska Diving Control Board Meeting
2/26/2007

Attendees:
Stephen Jewett
Max Hoberg
Katrin Iken
Brenda Konar
Rob Chadwell
Sherry Tamone (teleconference)
Bill Bechtol (teleconference)
Bill Krause
Tracey Martinson (visitor from Codes and Safety)

2006 Dive Stats-Stephen
Dive activity was (number of dives, bottom time and number of divers) similar to 2005
Bulk of dives at K-Bay (students)
We are middle of the pack when compared to other AAUS members

“UA Active” Status-Stephen
Dive Manual 5.51.. minimal activity to maintain certification:
12 dives in 12 months, including at least one dive to near the depth of your UA scientific diver certification
12 months is based on a 12 month period and not the calendar year
A diver classified as inactive must undergo a check-out dive
Check-out dive is putting them through the skills
Dates for periodic diver recertifications (CPR, O2, etc…) are posted on the web
The UA Scientific Diver Program is for staff, faculty, and students
Individuals no longer with the UA, but wishing to participate in UA dive activities must either: (1) obtain reciprocity from a sponsoring agency; (2) take classes (i.e., become students); or (3) otherwise comply with US scientific diver requirements (sec 5.00). Individuals no longer compliant with UA will be sent a courtesy email informing them of the situation and options

Dive Class Update-Brenda
16 in Scientific Diving
6 in Advanced Scientific Diving
New summer course: Cold Water Diving in August
Please advertise this to any folks you know in the “lower 48”
Want to attract potential Marine Biology students

Safety Classes Update-Stephen and Brenda
O2: 2 classes taught this month, certified 24
Next O2 in Juneau will be 2008
CPR: 2 classes, certified 23 (co-taught one class with Thadd Williamson (C&S)
First Aid: 1 class this Wednesday. Will be co-taught with Thadd (C&S)
16 registered for this class so we have four openings

Dive Physical Coordination-Tracey
C&S wants copies of all physical approvals
Students go to health center (C&S cover grad students, faculty, and staff)
Possible Juneau connection: Dan Garcia (UAS C&S)
Bill K will contact Julie Becker (Statewide) about the university covering Juneau staff, faculty, and grad student physicals

Juneau Dive Update-Sherry
Sherry has recently checked out new divers. (many diving with Ginny)
Wants to start NaGISA sites (biodiversity monitoring)
Trying to find money for dive locker
Perhaps start something with Auke Bay Lab
**Stephen will find out if Sherry can teach Scientific Diving without having an instructor card**

New Tank Regs-Bill B
Effective Jan 1 2007, all pre-1990 aluminum tanks must have eddy current exam when getting hydro
Max is getting their tanks replaced with the help of C&S and SFOS
**Everyone should check their tanks; Bill and Sherry will examine UAS tank status**

Ice Diving-Stephen
Time to put more verbiage in dive manual about ice diving
Consensus is that we don’t go with UW regs
Stephen will get an Antarctic Dive Manual to Juneau
**Stephen will distribute an amended ice section (sec 7.2) for comments (next couple months)**

Nomination for new student rep-
Shawn Harper nominated for DCB student member for UAF
Stephen going to AAUS next month
Jodi Pirtle (PhD) student got AAUS scholarship this year (student of Ginny and Jennifer Reynolds) (**Sherry will send info to Carin Bailey for web posting**)

Next DCB meeting
Meet next year unless something comes up.

Minutes prepared by Brenda Konar