

# MICHIGAN LAKE DIVERS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES FOR 2-25-2008

### Attendance

Dave Zarling  
Jeff Vass  
Jim Leslie  
Billy Gagnon  
Norb Demmel  
Michelle Zarling

### 1. President's Report – Dave Zarling

#### A. Meetings – two a month

- 1) One large meeting, i.e. Keynote Speaker or Event  
One small meeting, i.e. Movie and/or General Business

#### B. Communication

- 1) Board Meeting to be held once a month on Tuesday's according to Pres. Dave Zarling's rotating schedule.
- 2) Issues related to the club.
  - a. Please bring all issues of a sensitive or libelous nature to the President's attention for board discussion.
  - b. Individual Event Chairpersons appointed by the board will be the contact person for details and information regarding said events.

#### C. Pool Nights

- 1) Regular Scheduled Pool Nights – everyone pays, fees as follows:
  - a. Divers - \$15.00
  - b. Swimmers - \$3.00
- 2) Free Pool Nights – fees as follows:
  - a. Members in good standing attend at no charge.
  - b. Non-members pay the following fees (as shown above)
    - Divers - \$15.00
    - Swimmers - \$3.00
- 3) Scooters will be allowed on the shallow side only for the safety of those in attendance to dive.

D. Speakers – tentative schedule as follows:

- 1) Joe Sobczak, Thunder Bay Scuba, 2/28/08
- 2) Jim and Pat Stayer, Out of the Blue Productions, 3/16/08
- 3) Cris Kohl, Marine Historian & Author, 4/20/08
- 4) Dave Trotter, to be announced
- 5) Andy Morrison, to be announced

2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Leslie

A. Actual figures to follow

B. Membership

- 1) A current list of existing members generated this date and attached. This list will be updated monthly. New members will receive their patch and membership card.
- 2) The possibility of adding photos to the membership cards is being explored by webmaster Norb Demmel.

3. **Website Report** – Norb Demmel

A. Several points of interest

- 1) May be adding a member photo page to Website
- 2) Links have been added on Websites of Interest page.
- 3) A movie will be forthcoming covering the club members trip to Chicago on 2/15/2008

4. **Old Business**

A. Whitefish Point Charter Trip (Shelley Zarling)

- 1) Dates: August 14, 15, 16, and checkout Sunday 17, 2008.
- 2) Confirmed club event with information to follow at the 3/17/08 meeting and on the website.

B. Hospice Treasure Hunt Event, info to follow, club is committed to participate.

C. Rec. Tec. Charter, date 9/21/08, Dave Zarling will confirm details.

D. Acheson's Underwater Camera, divers needed to schedule for camera events

E. Dive Safety Leader (Bill Gagnon)

- 1) Bill will remain on the board as our Charter Dive Master

- 2) While Bill is away on business, a temporary replacement will be sought and appointed by the board. Bill will resume his position upon his return and will attend meetings/events when available.

5. **New Business**

A. Big Charter 2009, investigating a club trip to Roatan in Jan 2009. Information to follow via Shelley Zarling.

B. Be a Tourist in your Hometown Event

- 1) Date to be announced

- 2) Club will be involved again this year with a display at the Acheson Center much like last year.

C. Our World Underwater 2009 – Chicago

- 1) Dates: February 20-22?

- 2) Planning to attend this event as a club trip. MDLA plans to use the Rosemont Embassy Suites Hotel (directly across the street from the Stevens Convention Center) as its hotel of choice. Information about reservations to follow.

D. Quarry Dates, will be planned and announced via meeting and website.

E. New T-Shirts

- 1) Requests have been heard and noted. A new shirt is in the plans.

- 2) Dive club merchandise to be revisited and a new vender is presently being sought.