

La Verne Eco-Dive Club

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**November
2007
Meeting
Dive
Log**



Date: Thursday, November 8, 2007
Site: Michael Angelo's Pizza Place in San Dimas
Time In : 6:30 for pizza, 7:10 for meeting
Time Out: 8:15 pm

Conditions: Room was quiet and it was easy to hear. Dive team was sparse, we missed our many colleagues. We viewed photos from the early November club dive trip to the Channel Islands. Lobsters were taken but not in the numbers anticipated. In addition, we heard much about the 'monsters' that 'got away!' (<:

President Mike reviewed again our idea for incorporating. It was moved to incorporate at a cost not to exceed \$30. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the model of doing club business—whether by total club discussion and vote or by the representative form using the officers council to do business and report to the club each month. Strong opinions were shared on both sides of the questions including the concern by the officers for being personally liable for decisions. It was moved and seconded to do business by the board but all business approved by membership. A motion to table put this matter aside until next month's meeting, at which time a motion to take it off the table will be required.

Sharky reported that the shop's insurance carrier could not allow the club to use the Sharky without serious cost issues for Tony and Catalina. Three new names were proposed—or re-proposed from our previous' months' discussion:

1. La Verne Eco-Divers
2. La Verne Eco-Dive Club
3. La Verne Hamerhead Divers

La Verne Eco-Dive Club prevailed. Hence forth, and in our incorporation and bylaws this shall be our name. You are now a member or associate of "La Verne Eco-Dive Club.

Benefits to paid members:

Sharky and Catalina announced an offer to paid club members: Ten free air fills per year; a 10% discount on all non-sale items. Way to go Sharky and Catalina, thanks!

Sharky introduced two newly certified divers recently completing courses at the shop:

1. Mike Struchota
2. Deric Lopez.

Tony announced a new course forming for advance certification: primary care and emergency first aid with Oxygen training; Hazardous marine life. The cost will be \$75 for the two specialties plus materials. Watch for an email.

Several members shared in a 'trip report' to San Miguel. Comments included: 'amazing fun, great pictures, calm seas, everyone enjoyed each other, the crew were helpful and accommodating and THE FOOD WAS AWESOME! The next trip being planned is July 8-12 on The Vision out of Santa Barbara. Cost will be \$825 for all. A \$250 reservation fee is due by May 31, 2008.

Chris brought up some possible club activities and suggested we plan a Beach Clean party at Laguna for a fun evening.

Once again this month, the president and Sharky urged every member who is not a D.A.N. member was strongly encouraged to join. The website where you can join is <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>

We revisited the club's need to establish dues. The

We waited to pay the dues until the next meeting, though some were ready to pay now. President Mike wanted us to wait until we could get bylaws drafted and approved and the insurance coverage we need. We passed a 'hat' to raise club-operating money and collected \$107 (thank you generous divers!) The officers were going

to draft up proposed bylaws for the December meeting. They will be emailed out if they are done in time ahead of the meeting.

The Sharkys sponsored raffle was held three lucky divers received interesting prizes. thanks Tony and Catalina for your continued generosity.

Next Meeting: it was moved, seconded and carried: that our next meeting will be December 13, 2007 at Michaelangelo's Pizza in San Dimas (this is on Arrow Hwy and Bonita, behind Applebee's and Denny's) then move to The Taco Factory, a location near Sharky's shop in La Verne for the January meeting. If you have thoughts or ideas about the club's activities please email President Mike Carter at mcarter@acm.org or Chris Barton at <mailto:time2dive04@yahoo.com>.

Dive safely, dive happy, dive often
Respectfully submitted
Dan Elliott, Log Keeper