

Proposed agenda Items for the MDC 2009 Fall Business Meeting

Please try very hard to attend the 2009 MDC Fall Business Meeting, October 31st, 9a.m. at the home of Phil and Mary-Ann Gross - (Out for dinner after the meeting.)

Fellow Officers/ Directors, Delegates, Members,

The following is a list of proposed agenda items that I am submitting for the Fall 2009 Business Meeting.

Old Business:

- * Review of Pro-Am Dives
- * 2010 Nationals – Items to include but not be limited to the following:
 - * Team Selection
 - * Event Schedules
 - * Bid Requirements
 - * Web-site Pages
 - * Any additional discussion items
 - * Expenses
 - * Souvenirs
 - * Awards
 - * Banquet

New Business:

- * Retire Current Red Book as our instructions for operating. - (See attached letter – Attachment #1))

Red Book Changes:

- * Change current requirements for conducting official MDC business.

Blue Section, Article IV, Section 3, plus any related areas: – Change the current section so that official business can be conducted with three clubs being present to vote with each club having an equal vote.

Blue Section, Article IV, Section 4, plus any related areas: Change the number of Delegate votes to one per club.

(Attachment #1)

Fellow MDC Members,

I feel very sad that the MDC has been reduced to its current state. But facts are facts, and I think it is time that we face them!

For whatever reason(s), the MDC has been downsized from a once very large, active, and intensely competitive group of divers/clubs to a very small organization that is being kept alive by a handful of divers/competitors/die hard supporters. (Call 'em what you will.) I guess alive at whatever phase we might be, is better than not alive at all!!

The problem that I am addressing at this point is that we are still trying to operate under the "old" guidelines and rules called the "Red Book."

At this point in time, I feel that we can no longer follow the instructions that many of us put into a Red Book that was set-up for much larger and more complex group.

No longer are we able to fill all of the officer positions!

No longer do we need all of the officer positions!

No longer do we have a "Diver of the Year," or a Skin/Scuba Diver of the Year!

No longer do we have more than three/four voting members/people show up for Spring/Fall Business meetings.

Seldom do we have more than three clubs show up for the meetings.

I could go on and on, but I think/hope you get the idea that I am trying to convey.

I think that we could agree that the old "Red Book" was not perfect, but it is that what we had to fall back on for procedure.

However, if we cannot get enough people together at one time to do as the current Red Book instructs us to do, then we are in violation of our Constitution and/or Bylaws and we need to change the rules so that we can operate within a constitution and bylaws that better fits our current group size.

I honestly believe that if we as the MDC in our “smaller version” is going to carry on, (and I am sure that we will in some form), then we need to be able to be more flexible with how we do things.

What I am proposing is not that we throw the current Red Book away, and say to hell with procedures.

What I feel we need is a “smaller” version of a Red Book for a smaller organization.

I am sure that there will be plenty of raised brows, questions, comments, and disagreements with what I am heading towards.

Please attend the meeting as your clubs Director/Delegate, take part in the discussions, state your opinion, and come prepared with some good alternatives.

We cannot change without you!!!!!!

Thanks for your time and attention!!

Phil Lamm