

Hi guys -

Here are the minutes from our last meeting, held this past Wednesday, Sept. 2. If you missed the meeting, never fear! In this email are plenty of ways for you to get involved with the club - whether you're a certified diver or not. As always, information, photos, and contact info are on our website. Our website is the best place to go for up-to-date info. Check it out now at www.underwaterterps.com.

Officers:

Eric Zdankiewicz, President
Yoav Achiam, Vice President
Patrick Brice- Treasurer
Kristen Gunderson - Secretary
Scott Shriner - Instructor

Committees

Fundraising committee - Will Martin
Social Committee - Lindsay Colley and Janet Carroll

Would you like to be on a committee? Have ideas you want to share? Hey, maybe you even want to start a new committee. Tell us! We want to know. You can find everyone's personal contact information on the Underwater Terps website.

Meetings

Meetings will be held once a month on Mondays in the Stamp Student Union. Times and exact locations will be announced before the meetings.

Our meetings are not just for the officers to read off an agenda. We want to hear from you guys too. One of our favorite things to do is share diving stories. Have you been diving somewhere fun? Or horrible? Share it with us at our meetings!

First Look Fair

The First Look Fair is coming up on Wed. Sept. 16 and Thurs. Sept. 17! If you don't know what it is, the First Look Fair is a giant showcase of ALL the clubs and organizations on campus, held on the mall. It's a lot of fun. We're looking for volunteers to help with the Underwater Terps table anytime between 9am and 3pm (the fair starts at 10 but we'll need to arrive early to set up).

And don't think you have to be a scuba expert or a long-time club member to help out. This is a great event for newbies! You get to learn about the club and hang out with new friends. We share stories about diving, play with equipment, and generally goof off and have fun (which is what makes our club fun in the first place!). So if you are free between 9am and 3pm on either Sept. 16 or 17, we'd LOVE to have you at our table. Sign up for a

timeslot on our homepage at www.underwaterterps.com. Whether you can spare 20 minutes or 4 hours, every little bit helps! See you there!

Trips

Several trips are on deck right now. The first is a treasure hunt on Sept. 19 and 20, and others will take place in more tropical locales during winter and spring breaks.

Treasure Hunt:

Where: Lake Rawlings, VA

We will be hiding bottles in different places around the lake and having a contest to see who can find the most. Prizes will be given! Buddy teams will search together and will find their own ways to surface the bottles. Last year people got very creative!

This is a great opportunity to hang out and meet club members, and have a little extra fun while diving. Don't miss this trip Sept. 19 and 20!

Winter Break:

Where: Florida Keys

We will be offering two trips to the Keys during winter break this year. Both will be from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. Scott will be leading one and Kristen will be leading the other. Scott's trip is more dive-oriented, while Kristen's trip is more party-oriented, but both trips will have plenty of both.

Details of Scott's trip:

Scott's trip will cost at most \$650 (after deposit returned), with the price most likely lower. It's a wonderful way to get to know other club members. The cost includes everything except your transportation to Key Largo and food. Lodging, diving (10 dives to wrecks and reefs), and equipment are all included. The lodging consists of a gigantic house right on the water! Last year some manatees were spotted (and petted) right by the house! All final trip details will be released next week, and the first trip meeting will be at the end of the month, so stay tuned.

Details of Kristen's trip:

Kristen's trip is a New Year's tradition. The trip itself is organized by Penn State and is attended by several universities; Kristen makes sure the Terps represent. It's a great opportunity to meet and make friends with divers from colleges all over the mid-Atlantic. This trip is about \$250 and includes all diving/gear and accommodation (3 boat trips or 6 dives - including a wreck and night dive). The accommodation is camping - but since it's in a KOA with a restaurant, pool, hot tub, and beach only a few miles from the party

town of Key West, it's hardly rustic. New Year's Eve in Key West is always a night to remember - if you can.

Spring break:

Where: Roatan

Kristen is tentatively leading a spring break trip to the island of Roatan, where she just spent the last two months. A tropical Caribbean island with warm water and deep wreck/wall diving on pristine reefs is a can't-miss! Tropical drinks in tiki bars abound after dives....More information to come!

Classes

Scott is offering several Open Water (basic certification) classes this semester for anyone who is interested in being a certified scuba diver! His classes are hands-down the cheapest certification classes you'll find in the area - and the most fun. He is holding one next weekend (Sept. 12), and will be scheduling more depending on interest. He can also teach Advanced Open Water, Rescue, and specialties, so if you are interested in any classes, look on our website for upcoming courses and their schedules.

If you can't find what you're looking for on the website, or you'd like to request a course that's not yet scheduled, email Scott for more information at

instructor@underwaterterps.com

Fundraising

Will Martin is our director of fundraising. Once a month or so, we have a variety of fundraising events for the club, which generally entail a little work, a lot of fun, hanging out with friends, and oodles of dollars in our pockets for the club! Keep an eye out in emails and on the website for fundraising events that you may be able to help with! And if you have any fundraising ideas, we want to hear them! Send them to Will at fundraising@underwaterterps.com.

Party of the semester!

On Sept. 26th, our instructor, Scott, will be hosting a blowout party at his house. Food, drinks, games, and a pool will be part of the fun. Starts at 1pm and goes till we get tired (Wooo! 1am? maybe?). Hop in the pool for a dip or even a quick Discover Scuba Diving lesson! We want to meet all of you and celebrate the new semester, as well as send off a few of our favorite members/officers who will be leaving us in December. Bring friends!