



(GM #2), Feb. 11, 2026, SUCI General Meeting

Call to Order: 7:35 pm

Attendance: 25 and 3 guests about in-person + 2 on Zoom

Member	Position	In-Person	Zoom
Owen Jones	President	X	
Ed Rutland	Treasurer	X	
Mike Napran	1 st VP		
Pauline Platt	2 nd VP	X	
Heather Lemieux	Secretary	X	
Stephen Polistuk	Training Director		
Lee Ann Smith	Social	X	
Li Kirkwood	OUC Liaison		

Minutes of previous GM#, 2026, are now on our website.

President's Report: Owen Jones

- **Welcome and thanks for attending, either in person or via Zoom.**

OPEN REMARKS

Heison's shipwreck presentation was excellent - great to see so many people out and not all divers, the facilities were also wonderful to be in. Big difference from the Lecture Halls that we remember.

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Pool Night - Feb 18th, 2026 Becky is supervising

1st Vice-President's Report: Mike Napran

- **2025 Dive Season up on the website**

Treasurer's Report: Ed Rutland.

- **Finances are in good financial shape**

2nd Vice-President's Report: Pauline Platt

- **Membership status: 64**

Training Director's Report: Steve Polistuk

- **Training Update**

Social Director's Report: Lee Ann Smith

- **Future Events - Mini Putt?**

SWAG - If you ordered the 65th anniversary shirts, they are in, but are not correct - the image is not what was approved. So they are redoing them - bonus - you will end up with two of them.

Secretary's Report: Heather Lemieux

Website: Jack Purchase - Geraldo and Arron are all doing well

Blackbeards - have 12 divers booked, need 6 more to fill the boat.

Presentation by Alec Peirce

Mike McCabe - introduced him - story about ice diving

Alec kept us entertained

Did you know that years ago, there were no scuba stores, so there were instructions on how to make your own dive equipment, including your wetsuit, snorkel, mask and other dive gear. It was the era of DIY. Alec built his own gear and used to try them in the family's bathtub. As a young adult, he would drive his motorcycle with his tank on his back to dive sites.

Alec brought part of his collection of old scuba gear, which was really cool! He brought an underwater camera, regulators - double and single hose, fins, a few Masks (one of which you can even put in a pair of glasses). He even explained the issues with a double hose.

Included in the collection were great magazines that sold scuba diving as a dangerous sport!

Brochures of dive gear, like Heathways, where there is a submarine that you could also purchase

He also brought in an old Sears Catalogue - way back then, you could buy anything from Sears, including scuba gear, a dog and even a pony.

Alec told stories about the good old days and how they made Scuba 2000 - so successful - "learn to Scuba dive in 2 weekends" -
Alec took 26 weeks to get certification

Alec talked about - old scuba stores in GTA mostly in Scarborough
In 70's & 80's, there were 20 dive stores in Toronto
Now there are less stores and less Scuba Clubs
Back then - Scuba Clubs did training - Stores sold equipment
Then of course dive shops realized that they should train as well to increase sales

Popular Dive places back then.
Fenlon Falls - there is a 62 Pink Lincoln - put it on the ice - for a contest - time and date - when the car sank.
Other sites included: Tobermory, Klarny, Toronto Harbour - Cherry Street, Georgian Bay and Trout Lake - Innerkip.

A few months ago, Alec spoke to us about Sea Hunt, the TV series. He suggested we check out the Birthday Present reel
(Sea Hunt S1E32 The Birthday Present (August 16, 1958))- also take a look at who the little boy was - it's on YouTube.

Check out Alec's YouTube Channel - Alec Pierce Scuba - he has lots of interesting tips

Next meeting

- **Wednesday, March 11th, 2026**