



# MDA Meeting

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020

14:00 & 1600 Hrs.

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**Attendees:** Managers/Owners of Dive operators listed below, and Bo Mancao - Commissioner for Philippine Commission on Sports Scuba Diving (PCSSD)

**14:00 hrs.** Lion Dive Centre, Cebu Dive Centre, Nelsons Dive Shop, Asian Belgium Dive Resort, Kasai Village, June Dive, Herbs Guest House, Neptune Diving Resort, Seaquest Dive Centre, Amigos Dive Centre Cebu Fun Dive, Quo Vadis Dive Resort, Magic Island Dive Resort, Savedra Dive Centre.

**16:00 hrs.** Blue Abyss Dive Resort, Blue Orchid Dive Resort, ML Divetown, Free Diving Planet.

**Absent:** Tiki Tiki Dive Centre, MB Ocean Blue, JoJo South Cebu Adv. Loves Dive Resort, Emerald Green Dive Centre, Club Hari Dive Resort, Amo Diveshop

## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Feedback on visit to Moalboal by Cebu Provincial Governor on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Discussion:

Purpose of visit was to officially reopen Moalboal's tourist activities as part of a province wide tour, with DOT, DOH etc. It was reported that during Governor's speech, MDA was acknowledged and thanked for our position of not publicly disagreeing with the newly launched "Tourist Portal" or aligning ourselves with other associations, who initially opposed the plan.

Discussion centered on the functionality of the portal, and some of the introductory technical issues currently being experienced.

### Conclusions:

Making every effort to support the portal, and after liaising with Moalboal Tourism officer, it was agreed MDA members would steer all new guests (Fun Divers) through the portal process. Any problems encountered should be communicated directly to Moalboal Tourism Office.

As with any new technology/process introduction, we anticipate technical issues and MDA will endeavor to work with MTO and LGU to find working solutions for MDA members.

We will continue to use the MDA "Contact Tracing" form. This should be completed and copied to Moalboal Tourism office daily.

| Action items                              | Person responsible | Deadline |
|---|--------------------|----------|
| Liaise with MTO and LGU to find solutions | John Dutton        | Ongoing  |

| <b>Action items</b>                          | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b> |
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| Communicate working solutions to MDA Members | John Dutton               | Ongoing         |

**Agenda item:** PCSSD

**Discussion:**

PCSSD Commissioner - Bo Mancao, kindly addressed both meetings to outline the current situation the dive industry is facing and how the PCSSD can support diving communities during tourism recovery and any future projects, such as local Hyperbaric Chamber and Shipwreck.

**Conclusions:**

Going forward it was requested any guest feedback regarding the Moalboal diving experience, be copied and forwarded to PCSSD to help them identify any tourist trends etc.

| <b>Action items</b>        | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b> |
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| Customer feedback to PCSSD | All                       | Ongoing         |

**Agenda item:** MDA becoming a legal identity

**Discussion:**

To allow the MDA to be officially recognized by LGU, we need to apply for formal legal entity. For this we will need an elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Conclusions:**

It was agreed that each of the current 25 MDA members could nominate 1 candidate for 1 of the above 4 positions.

Once nominations received, each member will have 4 votes to cast on the 4 positions to give a duly elected committee.

All legal costs would be funded by the MDA, through membership subscription.

| <b>Action items</b>                  | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b>           |
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| Nominations for committee candidates | All MDA Members           | Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020 |

| <b>Action items</b>              | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b>           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Election for Committee positions | All MDA Members           | Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> 2020 |
| Establish Legal Costs            | John Dutton               | Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020 |

## **Other Matters**

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### **Branded Merchandise**

In line with gaining legal entity it was suggested a small range of MDA branded clothing could be made available, such as Polo shirts, Scarves, Baseball Caps etc.

Lee Butler will contact supplier for pricing.

### **Hyperbaric Chamber**

With funding coming from LGU, in near future we will require a project group within MDA who can identify and action the chamber progress.

### **Shipwreck**

Both Cebu Provincial Governor and Region 7 DOT Director have both offered their support and help bring to fruition our idea of a shipwreck diving attraction here in Moalboal.

We will establish dialogue/communication with all parties to gain momentum and progress project

**Circulation of Minutes:** Those present and absent.

**Date of next meeting:** To be confirmed

John Dutton

MDA Secretary (Acting)

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 2020