

TDA - Newsletter 2 /2007

Phuket, 17.03.2007

Dear all TDA members and Dive Academies,

The TDA Board of Directors and Representatives Meeting 2.2007 was held at TDA Head office Phuket on 17. of March 2007.

Following points were discussed and agreed:

1. The accounts were clear presented and fully agreed with the TDA BOD.
2. From now on all invoices for membership payments and academies will be sent by letter not by email. Only reminders will be sent by mail from the treasurer.
3. The TDA office will buy a new color card printer to give a faster and better service to the instructors and academies.
4. Vice President for the TDA Marketing, Mr. Claude De Crissey was excused, but as he promised to give his marketing plan for the TDA until 1. Of March 2007 the BOD gave him a deadline to present a competent marketing plan by Monday, the 19. Of March 2007.
5. The BOD agreed that if this marketing plan will be not ready or not efficient, Mr., Claude De Crissey will be replaced from his position but stay as a consultant within the TDA BOD, as he is to busy to fulfill the requirements.
6. Mr. Claude De Crissey has canceled as well the membership for the next year of his 5 Star Dive Academies Aqua Master and All 4 Diving Co.Ltd.
7. Vice President Khun Pragon Gaetgun asks hereby all members who are interested in supporting and developing the TDA marketing committee to send a letter of introduction.
8. From 24.-27. Of May 2007 the TAT and the TDA will share the booth at the TDEX. 12 TDA Academies or Supporting Members will have the chance to promote their Academy for 4 days together with TDA and the TAT.
9. The price for each 6 sq.m booth will be 17.500 baht. Already confirmed to participate are: Sea Bees Diving Chalong / Kao Lak, Ko Lanta Diving Center, Calypso Ko Tao, Aqua Divers Phuket, Seafarer Divers. Interested Supporting Members or TDA Academies please don't hesitate to contact. [membersupport@cmas-Thailand.org](mailto:membersupport@cmas-Thailand.org)
10. The Bangkok Administrative Court has confirmed on February 13. 2007 the verdict according to the last years diving regulations case from Nakhon Sri Thammarats Administratives Court.
11. The court has confirmed the **new regulations affecting Phuket dive operators suspended indefinitely**, pending the results of a court case challenging their legality. The case was lodged against the province, which brought the new regulations into effect October 1, by members of the Thai Diving Association (TDA).
12. TDA representatives told the court on October 19 that the strict new rules infringe on their privacy rights and are very difficult to comply with, and requested that the court temporarily suspend the regulations until the court rules in the case.
13. The suspension was granted by court order on October 30. The court cited in its decision concerns that former **Phuket Governor Udomsak Usvarangkura may have overstepped his authority** by authorizing the regulations. The court accepted that some procedures required under **the regulations**, including the submission of business information, **appear incompatible with the stated aim of the regulations, environmental protection**. "Although the judge understood why Phuket province issued the regulations he said they might give too much power to the Governor. The judge said that we have many laws to protect the environment, so we should use the existing laws rather than make new ones"!
14. For detailed questions according to this regulations and the actual court confirmation, don't hesitate to contact TDA Lawyer Khun Phongasawn Sathatham.

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact TDA.

**It is the duty of TDA to support ALL the diving industry across the Kingdom of Thailand according to international rules and regulations, helping out our members as much as possible in any way TDA can.**

**TDA want to thank all the diving industry for supporting TDA.**

**Best regards yours truly**

**TDA Diving Association (Thailand)**

