

**BARNSLEY BSAC DIVERS – BRANCH 1864**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2009  
at 7.30 pm at The Metrodome**

**Present:** Justine Downing, Diane Woodcock, David Patchett, Peter Quinn, Ann Bailey, Neil Norman and Linda Marsh

**Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 18 February 2009 and the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17 March, 2000, had been circulated to committee members.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 be signed as a true record.
- (b) That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2009 be signed as a true record.

**Matters arising from the Committee Meeting Minutes:**

Equipment:

- The free flowing regulator is still awaiting repair
- Fins in a larger size are needed, also a couple of masks
- The strap fins need new straps and there was discussion about replacing the traditional buckle straps with springs.

**RESOLVED**

That DP gets quotes for fins and springs for strap fins, and purchases the necessary equipment, i.e. fins, masks and springs. If equipment hire funds do not cover the costs, then additional monies to be claimed from club funds.

Cover for equipment cage:

DP reported that Mark Richardson and Harry Bennett-O'Hara have volunteered to assist in the cage and provide cover in DP's absence.

**Matters arising from the Annual General Meeting Minutes:**

Associate Membership:

Discussion took place to verify the decision that had been made at the AGM regarding Associate membership. The discussion also included the arrangements for a party of Sea Cadets to become Associate Members to give them the opportunity to use the pool for sheltered water training. This initiative is being arranged by JD, Diving Officer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

RESOLVED

- (a) That Associate membership be offered to members of other BSAC clubs for an annual fee of £50, payable on joining, which will give access to the club and pool facilities for a maximum number of 12 visits per year. Visits in excess of 12 will be paid on a 'pay as you go' basis.
- (b) That Associate membership be offered to the Sea Cadets for a fee of £25 each, plus the cost of equipment hire, for pool training. Each Sea Cadet to do a Try Dive for the normal fee of £10 each.

CRB Checks

PQ, Welfare Officer, reported that BSAC are sending new forms for CRB checks but these are required for instructors and assistant instructors only.

RESOLVED

- (a) To note that CRB checks are required for instructors and assistant instructors only.
- (b) AB and JD will verify identification for those undergoing the checks.

Surface Cover for Open Water Dives

NN asked if the person providing surface cover for open water dives had to be a club member. Discussion took place about the need for surface cover but it was not deemed necessary for this to be provided by a club member.

However, the DO reiterated that all members should log dive trips with her, whether they are clubs trips or individual outings. She will need to know when the trip is, where it is going and a text message should be sent to her when all divers are safely out of the water on the day.

RESOLVED

- (a) That surface cover for open water dives can be provided by any responsible adult who does not necessarily have to be a member of the club.
- (b) That all dive trips must be logged with the DO giving date and venue.
- (c) That a text message must be sent to the DO when all divers are safely out of the water on the day.

**Financial Statement:**

DW reported that she had officially handed over the club finances to NN and presented the updated financial statement for 2008/09.

Discussion took place about the need to buy at least two 12 Ltr cylinders.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the financial statement for 2008/09 be accepted.
- (b) That club funds be used to buy at least two 12 Ltr cylinders

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

**Membership Subscriptions:**

Discussion took place about changing the format for payment of club subscriptions, in line with discussion held at the AGM.

RESOLVED

- (a) That from 1 October 2009, club subscriptions be paid six monthly rather than quarterly as at present. Payments to be made 1 October and 1 April.
- (b) That members be asked to consider setting up standing orders for payments.
- (c) That members who have not paid subscriptions within 30 days of the due date will not be eligible to use the pool or take part in club trips until such time as subscriptions are paid up to date.
- (d) That new members pay £50 for the first six months membership and the remaining £50 to be paid within the first six months or before the start of Ocean Diver open water training, whichever comes first.
- (e) New members joining to train as Ocean Divers receive 50% discount on the hire of equipment for the first 5 pool sessions
- (f) That all members be notified of the new payment schedule in the next Newsletter.
- (g) That the club's information leaflet be updated to include the new payment details

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

RESOLVED

- (a) That the minutes of all previous committee meetings be posted on the web site
- (b) That committee members would take the time to read through all previous committee meeting minutes to familiarise themselves with decisions that had been made

**Any Other Business:**

Pool Cover

The question was raised about pool cover on club nights. It is a requirement that no unqualified person is allowed in the water unless an open water instructor is in the vicinity of the pool.

RESOLVED

To note the above

Bank Signatories

RESOLVED

That NN, DW and AB be the bank signatories, any two from three to sign cheques.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

**Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Wednesday 13 May 2009 at 7.30 pm at The Metrodome.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson