

BARNSELY BSAC DIVERS – BRANCH 1864

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1 September at
7.30 pm at The Metrodome**

Present: David Thacker, Diane Woodcock, David Patchett and Linda Marsh

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were accepted and recorded from Ann Bailey, Suzy Brooks and Peter Quinn

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2008 had been circulated to committee members.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be signed as a true record.

Financial Statement:

DW presented an up-to-date financial statement. DW said that she had been in touch with Royal Bank of Scotland regarding bank charges being levied and had been assured that the account was now marked 'exempt'. A letter was to be sent to recoup bank charges previously levied.

RESOLVED

- (a) To accept the financial statement as presented;
- (b) That a letter be sent to Royal Bank of Scotland asking for reimbursement of bank charges already levied.

Correspondence:

DW reported that she had sent letters of thanks to John Camm for the Sea scooter evening and to Patrick Smith for his generous donation of £200.

A letter had also been sent to the management of Barnsley Premier Leisure regarding the poor quality of the water in the diving pool, but no response has been received yet.

RESOLVED

To note the above.

Chairperson

Dive Planning and Communication with DO:

A long discussion took place about the necessity to submit dive plans and dive marshal reports to David Thacker as Diving Officer. Discussion also took place about a recent incident involving a member of the club and his subsequent actions, and the possible implications to the club.

RESOLVED

- (a) That a diary be made available for all members to log any dive trips planned, and which could also be used as a means of club members finding out about planned trips;
- (b) An item be placed in the next Newsletter about the need to submit dive plans etc. to the DO;
- (c) A dive marshalling sheet be made available.

Club Benefits for Instructors:

Discussion took place about a possible subsidy for instructors and assistant instructors in recognition of their commitment to the club and members' training.

RESOLVED

- (a) That club subscription fees be waived for all instructors and assistant instructors for the last quarter of 2008, and in subsequent years instructors and assistant instructors be charged 75% of the annual subscription fee;
- (b) That a suggestion be made for members to make a voluntary contribution to instructors' and assistant instructors' expenses when undertaking open water training i.e. by paying for an air fill or a contribution towards site fee or travel expenses
- (c) That a notice be put in the next Newsletter informing members of the committee's decision regarding a subsidy for instructors and assistant instructors, and suggesting a voluntary contribution in line with (b) above.

Equipment:

Some equipment is due for testing in November and December and the O2 kit is still not sorted.

Discussion took place about the possible need for 12 ltr cylinders for trainees undertaking open water training but it was decided that there is no need to commit this amount of expenditure at this time.

_____ Chairperson

The EO asked for permission to dispose of unwanted or damaged equipment.

Discussion took place about the need for small BCs and also the need to have some BCs repaired.

RESOLVED

- (a) To take note that some equipment will require testing in November and December;
- (b) That the purchase of 12 ltr cylinders is not necessary at this time.
- (c) That the EO could carry out an audit of equipment and dispose of any unwanted or damaged equipment;
- (d) That the EO would look into the possibility of having some BCs repaired and obtain prices for small BCs

Chairperson