

METRODOME BSAC DIVING CLUB – BRANCH 1864

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 August 2007 at
7.30 pm at The Metrodome**

Present: David Thacker, Diane Woodcock, Chris Newsam, Peter Quinn

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2007, had been circulated to committee members.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- (a) CRB Checks: David circulated CRB forms to committee members present and will be circulating them to other committee members, instructors and assistant instructors as soon as possible.
- (b) New Club Name and Logo: The closing date for entries is Tuesday 7 August but to date only one entry has been received so it may be necessary to extend the closing date by a couple of weeks.
- (c) Training – result of questionnaire. Chris had circulated a questionnaire to all instructors and assistant instructors asking for their views on the training of junior members. Most instructors/asst. instructors are happy to train 12 year olds and to teach both sexes, but some indicated a preference to train older juniors i.e. 14 year olds, and one female instructor had indicated a preference to teach only females. Further discussion took place regarding the minimum age limit for joining the club and the general consensus was that 12 years of age was too young. Discussion also took place about the need for parental supervision of junior members whilst at the club.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minimum age for joining the club be raised to 14 years
 - (ii) That junior members under the age of 17 years should have parental/adult supervision. This to be included as criteria in the information booklet.
- (d) Social events: A social evening on 11 September was confirmed and this will take place at The Metrodome, probably with a bar meal. Discussion also took place about the Christmas social and whether junior members will be included. This will probably depend on the venue chosen.

_____ Chairperson

RESOLVED

That Diane makes enquiries at The Metrodome about the need to pre-order bar meals and also seek a venue for the Christmas social.

Financial Statement:

Diane circulated an up-to-date financial statement and also a financial projection to the end of 2007. At current rates of income and spending the finances could be in deficit by the end of the year.

Discussion took place about the possibility of increasing the members' subscriptions and other ways of generating income i.e. sending a flyer to ex-members to encourage them to re-join the club. An increase of 2 or 3 in the club membership would have a positive impact on the financial situation.

RESOLVED

- (i) That members' subscriptions should not be increased at this time
- (ii) That the club continues to actively seek new members

Hire of Equipment:

Discussion took place about the procedures in place for the hire of equipment for open water diving. The present position is that members take what equipment they need and pay for the hire on return. However, this can cause a problem on club night when equipment has not been returned, leading to a shortage of equipment.

RESOLVED

- (a) To introduce a £10 deposit for the hire of equipment for open water diving, and equipment to be paid for at the time of hire. The deposit is refundable if the equipment is returned on the next club night, otherwise it is forfeited.
- (b) That the above information be included on the next Newsletter to inform all members.

Date of Next Meeting:

RESOLVED

The next meeting to be held on **Monday 3 September 2007 at 7.30 pm** at The Metrodome.

_____ Chairperson