

METRODOME BSAC DIVING CLUB – BRANCH 1864

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2007 at 7.30 pm at The Metrodome

Present: David Thacker, Diane Woodcock, Chris Newsam, Suzy Brooks

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were reported from Peter Quinn

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2007, had been circulated to committee members.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be signed as a true record

Financial Statement: Diane circulated a copy of an up-to-date financial statement showing a balance of £888.90 in the current account and £320.32 cash in hand. There is also a balance of £878.33 in the 60-day account, with the annual interest due to be added at the end of April. A list of members' arrears was also circulated showing a potential total of £1309, but as some people on the list are thought to have terminated their membership, the actual figure likely to be collected is much lower than this.

This led to a discussion about the number of paid members at the club and it is a concern that the club cannot remain viable with the current membership. The club needs to be promoted, with a drive to recruit experienced divers if possible.

Diane and David reported that they have arranged to meet the Business Manager at the Bank to discuss the club accounts and get last year's statements, as these are not to hand.

RESOLVED

That the financial statement be received

Correspondence: David reported that he had received some advertising materials from BSAC but it is no use putting up posters etc. without the contact telephone number.

RESOLVED

That it be noted that advertising materials are now available and will be put to use as soon as possible.

Matters Deferred from Previous Meeting:

- (a) CRB checks: as nothing had been heard from Graham regarding CRB checks for instructors and committee members, David said he would look into this matter before the next meeting.

_____ Chairperson

- (b) New Club Name and Logo: As there are so many other issues to address at the moment, it was decided to defer this matter indefinitely
- (c) Mobile Phone: It is of concern that we have still not received the mobile phone from Graham. David said he would e-mail Graham to make arrangements to obtain the phone. There was also discussion about the possibility of buying a new SIM card and using an old phone belonging to a committee member if the club phone could not be secured. It is necessary for the phone to be available and for the number to be posted on advertising material, to promote the club.

RESOLVED

That the above actions be noted

Junior Members: Discussion took place regarding the guidance and regulations from BSAC regarding training junior members, i.e. one to one pool training; junior members to be accompanied by an adult.

RESOLVED

That where possible BSAC guidance and regulations would be adhered to.

Club Equipment: In the absence of the Equipment Officer a general discussion took place about the quality and state of repair of the club equipment. It was agreed that there were a number of regulators in need of servicing.

RESOLVED

That a full audit of club equipment be carried out to ascertain need.

Publicity and Marketing: Pete has a marketing pack from BSAC. Discussion took place about possible advertising in the Barnsley Chronicle and on Dearne FM.

RESOLVED

That Suzy make contact with the Barnsley Chronicle and Diane would contact Dearne FM

Any Other Business:

Discussion took place about a number of club members who have expressed an interest in doing nitrox training, and the cost involved.

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RESOLVED

- (a) That Chris would ascertain how many members are interested in doing nitrox training and plan the best method of doing it.
- (b) That more training packs be ordered, with extra nitrox tables for members wanting to do the nitrox training

Date of Next Meeting:

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Monday 14 May 2007 at 7.30 pm at the Metrodome.

_____ Chairperson