

**BARNSLEY BSAC DIVERS: BRANCH 1864**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2009 at 7.30 pm at  
The Metrodome**

**Chairman's Opening Remarks:**

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from David Thacker (Diving Officer), Rob Taylor, Ian Woodcock, Neil Stubbs, Thomas Smith

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 March 2008:**

The Minutes of the meeting were circulated to members.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes be signed as a true record of the AGM.

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes that were not covered in the Agenda of the meeting

**Reports:**

Chairman: The Chairman, Ann Bailey, gave a comprehensive verbal report on general matters relating to the club over the last year. She thanked individual members of the committee for their hard work and support during the year.

Diving Officer: There was no report from the DO, David Thacker, as he had sent his apologies for non-attendance at the meeting.

Secretary: The Secretary, Diane Woodcock, gave a verbal report on club membership, which is holding steady. She also spoke about the quality of the water in the diving pool and noted that this had improved after a letter had been sent to the management of The Metrodome. The monthly cleaning of the pool was also helping to keep debris at the bottom of the pool to a minimum. She thanked Linda Marsh for her work on the web site and in keeping the site up to date.

Training Officer: The TO, Linda Marsh, gave a verbal report on the programme of training that is currently in place, and plans for future training schedules. She also spoke about diving trips that had taken place and trips planned for the future. It is hoped that there may be an increase in pleasure diving trips as opposed to training dives, and even the training trips should include at least one pleasure dive for instructors and trainees.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

The TO also expressed concern that although there have been many Try Dives during the year, very few have resulted in new members for the club. The economic climate has been cited as reason by people for not joining the club.

Equipment Officer: The EO, David Patchett, gave a short verbal report on the programme of maintenance for the equipment, and subsequent costs. The equipment hire charges cover the cost of maintenance.

Treasurer: The Treasurer, Diane Woodcock, presented an up-to-date balance sheet showing a cash and bank balance of £2965.81. The Treasurer went through the income and expenditure balance sheet and answered questions.

### **Election of Officers:**

The following Officers were elected unopposed:

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| Chair             | Ann Bailey      |
| Diving Officer    | Justine Downing |
| Secretary         | Diane Woodcock  |
| Equipment Officer | David Patchett  |
| Welfare Officer   | Peter Quinn     |
| Treasurer         | Neil Norman     |
| Social Secretary  | Mark Richardson |

### **Common Renewal Date for BSAC Membership**

Following a resolution passed at the last AGM, a Common Renewal Date for BSAC renewals had been set at 1 June 2009. For the past 12 months, BSAC renewals had been charged at a pro-rata rate to bring all members in line with the CRD. Exceptions are the members who pay by Direct Debit.

RESOLVED

To note the confirmation of the Common Renewal Date of 1 June 2009

### **Direct Debit Payments**

It is hoped that more members will pay their BSAC subs by Direct Debits and a campaign will be launched in the next couple of months to encourage members to sign up prior to the CRD. Direct Debit forms will be circulated with the next Newsletter.

RESOLVED

That a campaign be launched to encourage members to sign up for payment of BSAC subs by Direct Debit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

### **Club Membership Subscriptions and Annual Membership Form**

A long discussion took place regarding introducing 6 monthly or annual payments of club subscriptions. The discussion evolved to include how new members could be encouraged to join the club and what incentives could be offered.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (a) That new, inexperienced, members pay an initial payment of 6 months membership, which will include 5 weeks equipment hire which is worth £25;
- (b) Experienced divers joining the club to pay an initial payment of 6 months membership;
- (c) Existing members who set up a standing order for subscriptions continue to pay quarterly or at an interval determined by the standing order.
- (d) Other members pay subscriptions six monthly, with a limit of paying within 30 days of the due date

#### **Any Other Business**

(a) Two club members, Phil and Suzy Boardman, are moving to the Orkney Island of Eday but want to keep a link with the Club. Linda Marsh has enquired from BSAC about forming a division of Barnsley BSAC Divers on Eday, and this is possible.

#### **RESOLVED**

That a division of Barnsley BSAC Divers be formed by Phil and Suzy Boardman on the Orkney island of Eday.

(b) Associate Membership: Enquiries had been made by members of other BSAC clubs about becoming Associate Members of Barnsley BSAC Divers. There was a suggestion that a membership fee of £50 per year could be charged for Associate Membership, but the guidelines for Associate Members would be considered at the next general committee meeting.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the guidelines for Associate Members be considered at the next general committee meeting.

(c) CRB Checks: Discussion took place about CRB checks for club members. The Welfare Officer reported that these checks are discretionary not mandatory. A suggestion was made that Instructors, Assistant Instructors and committee members be asked to undergo a CRB check.

#### **RESOLVED**

That in the first instance, Instructors, Assistant Instructors and Committee members be asked to undergo a discretionary CRB check.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

(d) Surface Cover for Open Water Dives: Concern was expressed about the lack of surface cover for open water dives. The DO agreed that this issue would be addressed.

RESOLVED

To note the above

(e) Risk Assessments: Discussion took place about the need for risk assessments for open water sites. Most dive sites will have generic risk assessments in place that could be adopted by the club and put on the web site for general use. It was also agreed that a verbal risk assessment should always form part of the pre-dive briefing at any dive site.

RESOLVED

That generic risk assessments be sourced and posted on the web site.

(f) Affiliation with local PADI Clubs: One member asked if there was any provision for affiliation with local PADI clubs. The Secretary reported that this issue had been resolved at an earlier meeting and was minuted (see Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 6 March 2007)

RESOLVED

To note the above.

**Date of Next Committee Meeting:**

RESOLVED

That the next Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 1 April 2009 at 7.30 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson