

Sheffield BSAC 36 AGM 2010

Members Present:

Alison Baker	Andy Mills
Paul Baker	Duncan Moutrie
Steve Barber	Louisa Nicholls
Richard Coates	Marty Nicholls
Molly Dowling	Norman Norsworthy
Lewis Dougmore	Alex Sohl
Sean Farrow	Mark Stevenson
Alan Gill	Jim Swithenbank
Susan Gill	Margaret Swithenbank
Mick Himsworth	Anna Thake
Chris Ingold	John Gray
Adrian Lane	

Apologies:

Terry Armitage	Michelle Hunt
Liam Baker	Louise Lane
Josh Barber	Sonya McIlmoyle
Tessa Fisher	Emily Mills

The upstairs room of the Fat Cat Public House started filling up from 7.20 onwards. The chairman Adrian Lane silenced the excited mutterings and kicked off the meeting at 7.35. He welcomed all.

It was agreed that the minutes from the 2009 AGM were accurate. Alan Gill / Norman Norsworthy proposed and seconded.

Matter arising;

from the previous minutes was the issue of the club boat; Pegasus. It was reported that the boat had been used on several trips in the last year. Expenditure on the boat had been higher than expected due to a number of high cost repairs.

Norman Norsworthy brought up the subject of boat towing. There will be less people able to tow and launch the boat this year.

Steve Barber suggested that the boat could be berthed at Bridlington again, and also commented on his friendship with a local club that were happy to take us to some good dive sites.

Susan Gill asked about the boat insurance, and questioned if the off shore range of the insurance was sufficient to reach the best dive sites off the Bridlington coast.

The discussion was closed with Chris Ingold's comments that as a trainee he was looking forward to the opportunity of going out on the club RIB.

Chairman's Report.

Adrian Lane expressed that he was happy to see so many faces. He reported that it had been a successful year of diving and social activity. He told the club of some of the changes over the last year such as cease renting the garage for the storage of club equipment, thus saving the club £400 per year. The equipment is now distributed around club members for storage. He also praised the new club web site, He commented on the closer links that are being forged with other BSAC clubs for the purpose of sharing open water instructors.

Finally he thanks the members for their participation over the last year. He reminded them that the club can only be as good as their contribution. The thanks the committee and asked the members to applaud them.

Diving Officers Report.

Martyn Nicholls reported that he was very happy that it had another SAFE year of diving. He commented on the importance of being dive fit. Through examination of the dive logs that should be submitted to Martyn the club did a total of 441 dives last year. And detailed examination showed that Susan Gill reported the best air consumption all off the members. Martyn reminded the club the importance of getting the logs into the DO after the dive.

A dive calendar has been created this year listing many events that are planned for the year. This gives everyone plenty of opportunity to sign up early.

The DO then stressed that good training is essential to the club and he thanked Paul Baker for his work over the last year.

At that point Martyn handed over to Paul Baker to present the Training Officers Report.

Training Officers Report.

Paul Baker firstly thanked the instructors that had given their time over the last year. He announced that it had been a busy year for pool training and that 45 modules had been signed off over the year.

Paul also announced that his open water training expo's would be resuming in the new few months.

Paul congratulated the members that had passed various exams, Ocean Diver, Sports Diver, Oxygen administration, and external Boat Coxen.

Treasurer's Report.

Louisa Nicholls thanked Liz Crowther for auditing the accounts.

The current accounts are down from this time last year. Extraordinary boat maintenance costs were cited for this.

Membership income has been steady; there is the same number of members now as last year although there has been a fresh incoming of 17 members Steve Barber was thanked for his contribution to fund rising.

Margaret Swithenbank nominated the accounts as a true record and this was seconded by Alan Gill.

Awards,

Trainee of the year went to John Wytak who progress very quickly.

Certificates went to John Wytak and Richard Coates for ocean diver and sports diver respectively.

Chris Keating received Blunder of the Year – for hoping his wallet, phone, jacket, etc. would stay dry in the RIB one dive off Bridlington – they didn't! Chairman's award went to Paul Baker for his continued hard work in organising, doing and generally overseeing the club training. There was a special mention for Steve Barber who contributed greatly to the club last year by taking the club boat out many times.

Many others were acknowledged for the hard work they put into the club.

Committee Nominations.

The nominations for the committee positions up for elections were read out. There were no contested positions for the members approved the nominations.

Chairman: Adrian Lane

Treasurer: Louisa Nicholls

Secretary: Lewis Dugmore

Membership secretary: Alison Baker

Equipment officer: Andy Mills

Boat officer: Steve Barber

Social Secretary: Alex Sohl

The committee later nominated Martyn Nicholls as Diving Officer, and he in turn asked Paul Baker to stay on as training officer.

(Diving officer and training officer are the 2 committee positions that are not directly elected by the members.)

Any other Business.

Norman Norsworthy reminded people that there was a weekend trip to Plymouth on October 16th. Staying on the Royal Watcher. Price £90

Close

Adrian closed the meeting thanking all for their attendance and hoped that many would stay of the beer and curry in the pub afterwards.