

BSAC 36 Committee Meeting 7/3/11.

Present.

- AL Adrian Lane
- MN Martyn Nicholls
- LN Louisa Nicholls
- PB Paul Baker
- AB Alison Baker
- AM Andy Mills
- LD Lewis Dugmore

Matters Arising.

- 1) AL to remind Club once again about the communications access to the Club using the Google Groups email.
- 2) LN suggested that it might be better to get a group of 3 people together to organise Jim's 80th celebration meal. LN to ring people to organise.
- 3) AL has raised the fact that there are difficult decisions to be made about the future funding of the Club in his Blog and also after the last pool session in the Queen's Head.
- 4) AL has organised a free ad. in Diver. It will run for 15 months and is free.
- 5) LN has contacted Helen Beddow at Ponds Forge to have information about the Club visible. Material has been sent to Ponds forge.
- 6) AL has talked with cavers and they have their own Scuba Instructor.
- 7) MN and LN took 10 sets of regulators to Aqualogistics.
- 8) PB to sort the BSAC stickers to prove the diver is Dry Suit certified. This will allow hire at the Inland Dive Sites for those qualified and for Instructors to hire for their students.
- 9) AL talked to the Queen's Head about the number of sandwiches at the last but one Club evening. This had the effect of markedly improving the number of sandwiches at the last Club Night.

Boat Fees.

Currently it is £50 per day. If the boat is taken for 2 consecutive days then the fee for both days will be £80.

AGM. (To be read in conjunction with the Boat Officers report).

The Forms for the AGM had been proofed and with minor alterations ready for sending out to the Club. Following the Boat Officers report it was decided to redo the forms completely to take in the various matters raised.

Hard copies of the forms would need to be posted to Margaret Swithenbank and Tony Hewins.

The Committee stressed the need for the Club to realise that the Committee posts were open to all and not the select few in the 'In Crowd'.

It was also thought that the number of Committee meetings in the new Committee year could be reduced. Was there really a need to meet every month when there is email and Skype?

It was also agreed that if possible it would be good to have a Social Secretary on the Committee.

Club Membership and Advertising.

LN was in the process of providing further leaflets for Ponds Forge to go with the poster on display at the pool. The idea of some form of 'sandwich board' with leaflets for the side of the pool on Pool Nights was suggested.

Reports.

Equipment Officer.

2 new sets of pool fins have been purchased for the club in the Size 10 region.

A new face mask for the Marinox Emergency Oxygen is needed. PB to organise.

Training Officer.

Ocean Diver theory is now complete and the exam needs to be done. This will allow concentration on the Sports Divers.

Michelle has her Drysuit and can begin moving towards open water.

There is still space for ALL divers on the April 11 Expo.

A brief discussion was had on the advantages and disadvantages of moving straight from Ocean Diver to Sports Diver with and without a period of diving consolidation. No decision was made as both had pros and cons.

Treasurer.

Account balance is £3250 and gently declining.

Membership Secretary.

John Wytak has renewed, but unfortunately Anna Thrake has not. AB will contact to confirm that she will not be renewing her membership.

Dive Officer/Boat Officer.

The trip to Stoney on 28/2/11 was enjoyed by the 7 divers that went.

MN has talked to Mark Jones in Bridlington about servicing the Boat. The trailer also needs work on the brakes and wheel bearings, at £300 approximately. There is also the intermittent engine fault that needs investigating.

The boat can be accessed on a Friday/Saturday/Sunday at present but from the 1st April this will be seven days a week.

There then followed a Committee discussion about the boat. At least a further £1000 will be needed this year for the Boat costs - servicing, insurance, berthing etc. This is for 2 weekends diving in 2011, based on the past 4 – 5 yrs usage and present Club interest.

This is unsustainable at the present fee level. It would require an extra £30 - £40 pounds on the yearly fees for each Club member to keep and pay for the boat.

It was decided that nothing would be done to the Boat until a Resolution had been passed at the AGM as to the future of the Club Boat. Any Boat money would be held in the Current Account and no Club fees would rise until the future of the Boat has been decided. The Vote would provide a mandate from the membership for any payments with respect to the Boat and the necessary Club fee rises.

A resolution would be put to the Club along with a Proxy Vote form with the AGM information for the future of the Boat. There are three alternatives.

- 1) Keep the Boat and spend anything necessary to get the boat to full working order.
- 2) Keep the Boat, get the Boat to full working order BUT not the trailer. It could only be launched from Bridlington.
- 3) Sell the Boat.

MN to find out a rough estimate of how much the Boat is worth 'as seen' from Mark Jones.

AL to send a Club email about the need for decisions at the AGM about the Boat.

LD to arrange a proxy voting form with the AGM material.

AOB.

MN and **AL** to investigate a change in the hosting of the Club website.

MN and **PB** to confer and agree on the 'Trainee of the Year' and the various Certificates to be issued at the AGM. The award for 'Wally of the Year ' has still not been returned by Chris Keating.

PB was contacted by the Police to check that no suspicious people had approached the Club for training that could help with terrorist acts. He was pleased to say that nobody fitting that description had tried to get training through the Club

Next Meeting is on Monday 4 April at Adrian's.