



Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 15th March 2006

Meeting Opened 7:25 pm

Attendees: David Carruthers, Iain Shaw, Danny Dutton, Russell Holland, Kirsty Robertson, Rhona Ritchie, Dougie Ritchie, Tom Hares, Lindsay Weir, Karen Davies, Gill Donaldson, Fiona Smith, Anne Goswell, Billy Symington, Kenny Donaldson, Ann-Marie Jamieson, Gary Calvert, Rab Malcolm, David Crosbie, Stuart Bowie, Tom Baxter, Sandy McPherson, Paul Guiney, Ian Smith

Chairman's Welcome - Sandy McPherson

Sandy welcomed everyone to MUSAC's 11th AGM, and thanked all for turning up. He asked if all mobiles could be switched off, he informed the attendees that there would be time to ask questions to the office bearers at the end of the reports and that all questions should go through him.

Apologies received

Susan Burrell, Adrian Kidd, David Rillie, Colin Forbes, Myles Ewen, Neil Campbell.

Minutes for 2004-2005 AGM

Minutes agreed

Proposed Tom Hares
Seconded Dougie Ritchie

Diving Officers Report - David Carruthers

Trainees in pool: Karen, Lindsay, James, John and Kieran, all doing well.
Trainees in open water: Penny, Danny, Myles and Jim
Congratulations to: Colin, Rhona, Gill and Kenny for completing Sport Diver award.
Master Diver training: Paul & Dougie progressing through open water assessments & attending lectures and exam this weekend good luck to them.
RI Training: Sandy is onto assessments good luck to him also.

Criminal Records Check: David was a bit disappointed in the lack of response from the Instructors, after he had handed the forms for them to be filled in, they can now be sent in with copies of identification direct to HQ, and this is voluntary check for current Instructors.

Safety / Diving talks: David mentioned that he would like to see safety / diving talks introduced into the club, the topics can be the members choice I.E. Stab jacket endorsement, underwater photography etc, if topics couldn't be covered in-house, then an outside source could be sought.

D.O's Report continued

Coastguard:

Should be phoned on every dive, they would prefer a quick call letting them know, how you are, how many in your dive party, and when you plan to finish your diving. Remember and phone when diving is completed.

East coast forth
West coast

01333 450666
01475 729988

David went onto thank all the Instructors for their hard work over the year, reminding members that they give up their time free to help out in the club. As he is standing down as D.O. he wished the new D.O. all the best and will give him or her, his full support.

He thanked all members for his support and hope that in his three years he has kept up the good safety record and training as his predecessors.

Treasurer's Report - Rab Malcolm (written by Ian Smith)

New account opened, still with the Halifax, but this time a cheque account for easier withdrawal of money through cheque book, 2 signatures required. Ian Smith & Rab Malcolm as signatories.

New method of receiving pool fees introduced in August 2005
Yearly or Monthly charge
31 Members opted for paying yearly.
11 Members opted for monthly payments by direct debit
42 Paid & Paying Members

Rab mentioned that with the change of the bank a few of the monthly charges missed and need to be re-gained.

Income Report:

Club levy £25 x 42 members	£1,050
Pool Money annual £50 x 31	£1550.00
Pool Money monthly £4.16 x 11= £45.76	
Pool money monthly to-date (£45.76 x 7)	£320.32
Pool monies taken before s/o began	£310.50
Total Pool money	£3,240.82
Road tax refund	£78.00
Sale of Van	£30.00
Commission from Web sale	£30.72
Sale of harness belt	£25.00
Bank Gross Int.	£13.61
Total Income	£3,418.15

Treasurer's Report continued

Expenditure Report

Pool Hire to 15/3/2006	£2,421.62
Equipment repair	£591.80
log books	£48.26
Expedition float	£200
LCD projector	£511.07
Website software	£60
Bank Tax	£7.48
TOTAL Expenses	£3,840.23

Income versus Expense

Income	Expense	Balance
£3,418.15	£3,840.23	-£422.08
Balance at 2005 AGM		Balance at 2006 AGM
£3,650	-£422.08	£3227.92

Any other information or further breakdown of income and expense can be produced

Secretary's Report - Ian Smith

SSAC news

Voting on new members for the general committee was carried out recently and the result for the new NDO is Kevin Miller from Strathclyde University Club. He out of all the others voted on is going to be the main one that members will come in contact with.

An email was sent from SSAC about a new, news letter from SSAC that members can subscribe to informing them of events happening in SSAC, most of the members did not seem aware of this and were informed that they could subscribe through SSAC's website.

Marine Recreation Questionnaire passed onto members

MUSAC was asked to be the first to attend Deep Sea World Club Nights

Although this didn't quite go to plan, a good night was had by all who attended, when arranging another night the members would pick the topic they wanted to hear about this allowing time to see behind the scenes.

Secretary's Report continued

MUSAC news

Lottery Application

Apologies to members for letting it slip especially to Colin Forbes how helped enormously in filling out application form, this was due to the last application information going missing and Ian getting involved with the website.

New Website www.musac.co.uk up and running, attracting hits from a wide variety of people, from Livingston camera club wanting us to do a talk on underwater photography, to a student in Glasgow University wanting to borrow a underwater video camera.

This as well as emails is going to be the main vehicle of communication on all Club business so please visit site regularly for updates on Club info

More information, pics & stories would be gratefully received, like favourite / most memorable dive (good or bad).

New Club Logo

Thanks to all those who participated for their entries, a bit of a poor show from other members, given that there was only 8 member's entries, out of 42 members

The winning entry was Tom's, huge thanks to Ian Baillie for his artistry.



We now need to complete the logo with text around it, Kenny and Gill have been putting a lot of effort into this as they did with their other entries, thanks again.



Just a couple of their ideas, anybody got other ideas let me know please

Equipment Officers report - Billy Symington

Club Equipment

9 Buddy Commando BCD
1 Cressie BCD
1 Seaquest Spectrum 2 BCD (DONATED)
9 Cylinders
3 Cylinders failed their tests, due to wrong type of boots and sitting on a wet floor this rotted / rusted the base of the cylinders.
1 Cylinder missing
1 12 ltr donated

5 Oceanic Regulators
5 Cressie Regulators
2 Sherwood Regulators

6 Semi Dry Suits + 1 bottom half, these are starting to rot way with the lack of use.
8 Open Water Fins
7 Pair Pool Fins
8 Masks
3 Snorkels
2 Oxygen Sets
5 Gear Gulper Boxes, these are taking up a lot of space and not being used.

Expedition Officer's Report - Sandy McPherson

Good years diving with good attendance on day boats.

Other dive trips this year

February: Inverary Weekend based at the youth hostel. Organiser- Ann-Marie great weather on that trip compared to this years

May: Summer Isle diving with Creagard Charters at Dundonnell near Ullapool for diving the Summer Isle and Loch Broom, organised by Gordon Swan of Lotsac, this was a joint venture between our two clubs, good dive on the Fair Weather 5 wreck was had, unfortunately a fish farm has been give permission to set up quite close by which could have a detrimental effect to further diving on this site.

June: Wreck diving in the Moray Firth from the Top Cat dive boat, again a joint venture with other clubs.

July: Billy organised a very successful trip to the Southern Red Sea

September: Diving From Stan Hall's boat in the Farnes Islands

All of the above trips were accompanied by photos compiled by Sandy

Any Questions & Answers to Office Bearers

Tom Baxter asked, with regards to the criminal records check, what was the point if it is voluntary.

David Carruthers replied, that it was only voluntary for existing Instructors, and that for new Instructors it was compulsory and may become compulsory for existing Instructors in the future.

Any Questions & Answers to Office Bearers continued

Tom Hares asked with regards to the Gulper Boxes that are not being used and taking up space that they should be sold on.

Billy agreed and there was some other equipment that could be sold on as well

Danny Dutton asked with regards to the new bank account that his standing orders are still coming off.

Rab informed him that they are not showing up on the new account.

Danny is going to check with his account where the money is going.

Ian Smith asked with regards to the new website how it was running on the members computers, he is aware that the movies may take sometime to load, but hasn't worked out how to make it load up faster yet.

Kirsty Robertson mentioned that the flash albums (weekend Album) take sometime to load.

Ian replied that this type of album having numerous folders, music and automatic slide show, is a good bit bigger and would take longer to load, but being the smarmy get he is he offered to change it just for her.

Kenny Donaldson offered a suggestion to the problem, if possible to put the newest set of pictures first as they load up first and you wouldn't have to wait for the rest to load up.

Ian replied smart arse, and would look into the possibility of re-arranging the pics.

Iain Shaw asked if the members page was going to be password protected again allowing contact details to be put on the site.

Ian replied that due to too many members having problems getting on the page, this is why it was removed, he also mentioned that he had moved the download information to a separate page, and was hoping the software company would bring out a different method of setting password protected pages, and would look into it again.

AOB

Gill Donaldson informed members, that she required deposits tonight, for those attending Skittles night on the 8th of April, and any other names who wanted to go.

Dougie Ritchie informed the members that he and Paul Guiney, in September sometime, were planning on walking the West Highland Way hoping to raise sponsorship money for charity as well as for the club, and said that any others would be welcome.

Iain Shaw and Tom Hares showed an interest in joining them.

Committee Stood Down

A big thank you to David Carruthers, for the past three years as Diving Officer

Thank you to all the Committee for their hard work in the last year.

Also thanks to all other members involved in helping out with social, diving and other club activities

Election of Committee Members

Nominations received

Diving Officer – Ian Smith
Seconded: Iain Shaw

Proposed by David Carruthers

Committee Position – Douglas Ritchie
Seconded: Ian Smith

Proposed by Fiona Smith

Committee Position – Kenneth Donaldson
Seconded: Gill Donaldson

Proposed by Fiona Smith

All other Committee positions continue to be the same – no nominations received.

As Ian Smith has become the new D.O. the secretary position has to be filled, no members at this time were interested so Ian will carry on until some can be persuaded or volunteers

Sandy thank all for attending and safe and happy diving for 2006 -2007

Ian Smith thank all members of the club, for it is them that keeps the Clubs good name by following the clubs rules and regulations, diving safely and generally being a great bunch of folk

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm