

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

13 April 2011



Present

Karen Shaw (KS), Iain Shaw (IS), Sandy McPherson (SMC), Alastair McLeod(AMC), Clare Dillon(CD), Dave Rillie (DR), Ian Smith(ICS), Fiona Smith(FS),

Apologies

Dave Carruthers (DC)

Agenda

1. Club Business
2. Risk of sending offensive/racist group emails - Data Protection Act
3. Request for all diving activity to be posted on the website.
4. Purchase of Resuscitation Annie
5. AOB

1. CLUB BUSINESS:

DC update

1. No new open water trainees (see website for trainee status, diving page, trainees status)
2. Membership still to be completed via SCOTSAC for a couple of trainees.
3. DC would like the some feedback from Instructors about Harness Weight belts use for trainees. FS will send an email out to instructors asking them to contact DC with views.

2. Risk of sending offensive /racist group emails - Data Protection Act

The club would like to introduce a policy that club emails should only be used for Club business. From now on it is prohibited to piggyback onto group club emails things that are not relevant to the club activities.

A recent email was sent out to members A-G in the address book and the Committee would like to apologise on behalf of the member who sent it. Please be reassured that this is not what Musselburgh Sub Aqua represents.

3. Request for all diving activity to be posted on the website

1. It was discussed and agreed that club members only need to inform the diving officer when they are going diving. All Members are encouraged to involve other club members where possible when diving is being organised, but it is not compulsory.

4. Purchase of Resuscitation Annie

1. This was previously discussed at a Committee meeting and decided against as SCOTSAC has one that is hardly ever used. (query look into borrowing from SCOTSAC).
2. AMC will get in touch with the Scouts and see if they still have the old fire station resus annie that he donated to them for us to use for training/lectures.

Any Other business

Treasurers Report (KS)

1. 53 members paid fees during March to MUSAC for 2011/12.
2. VAT - it was discussed that the club should look further into applying for a VAT exemption certificate.

Although we are non profit organisation, we have to pay VAT on purchases, exemptions are mainly to non profitable charities.

Link to HMRC website and VAT guidance below if anyone wishes to pursue this further on behalf of the club.

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/vat/intro.htm>

3. KS received a Thank you letter received from Lifeboat Eyemouth for donation from Xmas dance proceeds.

Pool Training Officer (AMC)

1. AMC thanked Atilla, Iain Shaw for helping him to make/provide lead for new club weights.

Equipment Officer (DR)

1. DR investigating suitable heat shrink ties for colour coding hoses on regulators. ICS will look into this with his supplier.
2. Buddy Jacket - replacement hose - AMC said he had a spare corrugated hose and would bring along to club. If this is not suitable DR will purchase a new one to get the jacket back into circulation.
3. A club regulator and computer are still to be returned, person has been in touch. This needs to get back to club asap, a few trainees nearly ready for open water and can use the equipment for their training.
4. AMC requested that the fresh water tubs are put out every week to wash the equipment used in the pool session. Anyone who is at the side of the pool can do this to help out, fill the tubs with fresh water from tap (or cold shower). This would be a big help.

Expedition Officer's Report

1. Friday Boat dives - £12.50 per dive

Boat dives are starting this Friday night (15th April). Anyone wishing to go on these boat dives please send a text to Sandy to say that you are diving. Sandy will let you know if there is space and will not contact you again unless the trip is called off. Please acknowledge this message so that he does not have to re-send. The spaces are 'first come first served' basis but it gets confusing if you try and book several weeks in advance or don't book at least by the night before.

Arrive at Eyemouth harbour for 6.30pm, ropes off at 7pm. All divers will need a reel and a deco bag. We need at least four on the boat to make it worthwhile

Trainees need to check with the Diving Officer and ensure they have an instructor to take them on the boat.

2. Other diving events for 2011

June - Training weekend with ScotSAC summer solstice - location to be confirmed.

July - Sound of Mull wreck dives. The high cost of fuel is making the Sound of Mull dive trips we took for granted only five years ago very expensive if we base ourselves in Oban. Next wreck dive is the Hispania and we will look at staying near the wreck and getting a dive boat in the area.

3. Scotsac Diving conference - Sandy is organising this again and it will take place on 19th November in Oban. If you want to help out please speak with Sandy.

Any other business continued

FS Ian and I will be away for December this year. Someone will need to organise the Christmas Dance. David Rillie will get a date booked for the dance. I will need someone to be responsible to arrange disco and buffet, sell tickets, buy raffle prizes etc etc.

ICS Informed the Committee that the issue with not being able to upload movies to the Musacdivers channel on YouTube has been resolved, for info and password contact ICS, members should be able to load their own photo albums directly to Picasa, as well as adding to Musac Dive sites on Google maps, again please speak to him for log in details.

AMC Raised an issue about problems with the diver profile page.

ICS Was not aware and will look into the problem, any other reports of faults or info for website will be gratefully received.

Lottery Grant:- The committee thinks that someone volunteered at the AGM, can the member make themselves known to a committee member, so this can be pursued.

Future Committee Meetings are scheduled for (location probably Horseshoe pub)

Wednesday 1 June 7pm

Wednesday 3 August 7pm

Wednesday 5 October 7pm

Wednesday 7 December 7pm

Wednesday 1 February 7pm

Meeting closed 8.08pm