

**MUSAC Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 @ Horseshoe Pub**



**Meeting Commenced at 19.05hr**

**Committee Members:** Ian Smith (BDO), Karen Shaw (Treasurer), Dougie Ritchie (Equipment Officer), Iain Shaw (CM), Kenny Donaldson (CM), Tom Hares (CM), Fiona Smith (Secretary),

**Apologies:** Sandy McPherson (EO)

**1. Branch Diving Officer - Ian Smith**

- There are three pool training trainees and two open water trainees. Three of the pool trainees are nearly ready for open water. We have four new trainees coming along once their membership has come through from SCOTSAC, also been approached by two PADI crossovers and two branch crossovers from Midlothian.

Branch instructor training: Kenny to complete open water assessments.

- New branch instructors are to be approached. Next Branch Instructor course 31<sup>st</sup> January at SSAC HQ Glasgow. Anyone interested please speak to Ian (BDO).
- Diving safety was discussed and training will be tightened up in all aspects. BI Meeting to be called after lectures and test completed if not before, awaiting some feedback from SSAC.
- A member has approached the committee about a 17 year old joining the club for training, after a long discussion about the pros & cons of lowering the age limit within the club the committee felt that it would prefer to stay with the clubs constitution min age 18.
- SCOTSAC/SUUNTO Volunteer Award: A huge thanks to those who nominated me, and to those who have expressed their support and best wishes, the club and myself are only as good as all the members from Committee Members, Instructors to members helping out whenever and wherever they can. This is why i feel we are one of the best branches in SSAC and the second largest, the members are the club and not any individual person, and I am just carrying on what was installed in me by the likes of Tom Hares, Ali McLeod, Don Lees, Ian Whittaker and Kevin Watson. Hopefully (and it is) it will rub off on some new members to carry on the enthusiasm and dedication for the club.

Thanks again

Your very humbled BDO

**2. Equipment Officer - Douglas Ritchie**

- Club regulators have been serviced, certificates are in the drawer. 2 still to be done.
- It has been suggested that the club buy some assorted sizes of neoprene boots to allow trainees to use the open-water fins in the pool. Club also to purchase clips for regulators and hoses.

### 3. **Treasurer - Karen Shaw**

- Bank balance: £5,592.17. Pool fees have been paid and up to date. VAT was charged on one bill, KS will query with pool staff. A discussion took place if there was anything the club required or should invest in, it was deemed prudent to wait until the AGM see what monies were left after the year.

### 4. **Secretary - Fiona Smith**

- To contact Billy Symington re Public Liability Insurance certificate for our records.
- Christmas Dance: 81 tickets sold so far (last chance to buy is Tuesday), £10 per ticket includes hot buffet (curry, samosa (meat or veg). Veg pakora, onion bhaji. Disco provided by Rab Malcolm.

Raffle prizes:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£60.00 voucher for the Glasshouse Restaurant in Musselburgh
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£30.00 John Lewis voucher
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Bottle of Whiskey & bottle of Wine

Dougie and Tom will organise 'throw coin at the bottle' during buffet, proceeds to RNLI

### **Any other business**

- Kenny to look into another lottery grant for next year. Items the club could use to be investigated.
- A big thank you to Karen Shaw for organising a very successful skittles night.
- IS suggested the club buys a couple of semi-drys to allow trainees access to the open water. This was discussed and due to the sizing of suits decided against.
- MUSAC AGM will be 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. Anyone interested in being on the club committee should have their nominations in two weeks before this date, please give them to a committee person. Any items you would like discussed at the AGM should also be put in writing and handed /emailed to a committee member.
- Annual Fees are due 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009. FS will send out reminders beforehand.
- Training weekend - Sandy will be asked to organise for February next year, cost, air availability, accommodation to be looked into. It was suggested that the club funds be used to subsidise part of the cost for the above trip; give something back to the members.
- It has been suggested that the founder members of MUSAC get some sort of recognition for all their hard work within the club, the founder members still support the club after 13 years. It was agreed that this would be done at the AGM and not at Christmas dance.

### **Meeting Closed at 2100 hrs**

Fiona Smith  
MUSAC Secretary