

MUSAC Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 13 May 2009 @ Musselburgh Learning Centre

Meeting Commenced at 19.03hr



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

Apologies: Tom Hares (CM), Sandy McPherson (EO/Chairman),

1. Branch Diving Officer - Ian Smith

- Branch Instructor meeting scheduled 20 May at the Learning Centre.
- There are six pool trainees. In the open water we have six trainees.
- George W, James W and Anna O moving nicely through their training thanks to those Instructors involved
- There is still a lot of interest in joining Musselburgh branch, IS asked if it should be capped, or at least no more new trainees until those training are almost cleared, then a Come & Try Night later on in the year, to get a batch rather than individuals spread throughout the training syllabus.
- The pool will close from 1 July through until 22 July, back to pool on the 29th of July. I am looking into running the lectures on the Wednesday night at the learning centre if there is enough interest.
- MUSAC slides updated for lectures, and lectures to start.

2. Treasurer - Karen Shaw

- KS to contact East Lothian Council regarding the pool fees, they vary month to month. Also to check with ELC re VAT charge.
- KS will also check with the pool staff when we need to be out the building, hire the pool from 8.30 to 9.30pm,? out the building by 10pm.
- KS/Committee monitoring club monies throughout this year with regards if there is a need to increase club levy in 2010.

3. Equipment Officer - Douglas Ritchie

- Reminder if any club equipment is faulty to mention it to Douglas Ritchie, who will follow it up.
- DR has found a company called Blackfords who will be able to service the SEAC regulators.

- Propose changing the regulators and jackets to better known makes, easier to find local companies who can service (Buddy, Apex for example, hopefully purchase through lottery funding).
- DR would like to step down from Equipment Officer in six months and is looking for an apprentice, as he is finding he does not have the time to go and get the club bottles filled. Please speak to Dougie if you are interested. Any assistance in filling club bottles would be appreciated - see Dougie on a Wednesday night if you can help out.
- Club bottles are being returned to the cupboard with below 50 ATS, this should **never** happen, some dive shops will not fill them if below 50 ATS, if empty some dive shops will only fill after a visual inspection, costly to the club.

Please ensure bottles are returned to the cupboard with 50 ATS or above.

- Reminder all Branch Instructors/qualified divers should be using their own bottles at all times. Keep the club equipment for trainees.
- Another rack was to be purchased to keep the club equipment tidy.

4. **Secretary - Fiona Smith**



- Successful Heartstart and O2 course. Thank you and well done to all who attended, big thanks to Bert Smith, (Volunteer Instructor). I still have two people who would like to attend this course, anyone else let me know and we can organise another one.
- David Crosbie is leaving MuSac and going to join East Lothian Divers, closer to his house and easier for him to attend. Sorry to see you go.
- FS will organise a club BBQ/dive day East Coast - watch this space.
- Club laptop has been purchased, will be kept by the club secretary for club official use. ie lectures, book keeping, presentations.
- Once you get your reminder through from SCOTSAC for membership please process it ASAP, there have been a few instances where the memberships have taken longer to come back through and people have not been able to go out diving. This includes the pool. Insurance is not valid unless both memberships are up to date.

5. **Sandy McPherson**

- F/U
- SMcP/IS going to book another training weekend for October 2009.
 - Look into Farne Island and Sound of Mull trip for 2009.
 - Seasearch interest - course £35.00 <http://www.seasearch.co.uk/>

Any other business

- KD to approach Sport Scotland regarding another lottery grant. What does the club need? Wording for the equipment. ? Compressor
- SMcP organising SCOTSAC The 2009 Scottish Dive Conference, anyone willing to help him please indicate.
- REMINDER DO NOT USE THE DISABLED PARKING AT THE POOL, drop your gear off and park in the normal car park.
- Lifeguard book to be signed every week at the pool reception.

Meeting Closed at 2010 hrs

Fiona Smith
MUSAC Secretary

Objectives for 2009

Objective	Actioned	Date
Branch Instructor Meeting	IS/BIs	20.05.09
Sport Diver Lectures to start	IS/BIs	
Approach more potential Branch Instructors	IS	
Investigate minibus hire from East Lothian Council	TH	
Application for Lottery Grant - Sport Scotland	KD and Committee	
Come & Try to be organised	IS/BIs	October 09
KS to approach East Lothian Council re pool hire costs/VAT	KS	
Approach the pool staff organise a meeting re issues with pool hire.	Committee	
Find and train an apprentice or get assistance re filling club bottles	DR	
Liaison with KD regards lottery application, prices and equipment type etc	DR/Committee	