

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club  
Additional Committee Meeting

15 June 2011



**Present**

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

Non committee: George Steedman, Douglas Ritchie, George Cairnie, Billy Symington, Jean Marc  
Ryckebusch

**Apologies**

Sandy McPherson

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the point below in more depth and agree some proposals to put forward to club members for going forwards:

1. A member has asked the Committee to address un-safe diving practices that have been witnessed and discussed by trainees and other club members.

DC will send out an email clarifying the club and SCOTSAC's position on the issues raised (solo diving and decompression diving) and any other safety diving issues.

DC would like any other diving related safety business raised directly to the Diving Officer in the future please.

DC is planning on holding a Branch Instructor meeting and these issues will be discussed with instructors then. He will follow this up with a trainee meeting to clarify any diving and training issues they have.

BI Meeting - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at Musselburgh Grammar School - 7pm

Trainee Meeting - Wednesday 31 August 2011 at Musselburgh Grammar School - 7pm

2. **Car sharing /Equipment transportation - to and from dive sites.**

It is the member's responsibility to arrange any transportation of equipment to and from the dive site and pool, this may be an arrangement you have with another member, but please remember to offer to cover the cost of fuel, air fills and assist with the cleaning and moving of equipment if you are unable to store it until the return to the pool cupboard.

3. Although the club endeavours to supply equipment for trainees/members, members/trainees are encouraged to purchase their own diving equipment as soon as possible as it is not guaranteed that the correct size or type of equipment will always be available. The Committee/equipment officer will try and put in place a fair system so that everyone gets equal use of available club equipment.

**Points 2 and 3 to be discussed further at BI/Trainee meetings.**

4. New regulators have been purchased for the club. The old ones are available for purchase £100 each (please see David Rillie - 07795 263 438 for more details). They will be advertised on MUSAC/SCOTSAC website. Please note that these will need serviced before using the open water.

5. There was an issue raised that the new APEX regulators were marked as operable from 10 degrees. DR has extensively researched and confirmed with APEX, there is an upgrade available to allow them to be used in colder water (<6 degrees). As we all know Scottish water can go below 10 degrees, the committee agreed to go ahead with this upgrade (total cost £340 for all regulator upgrade, no labour charges). Thus bringing the regulators up to the specification we require for diving within Scottish waters in winter.

DR apologised if anyone felt he had made a mistake when purchasing these regulators but it was done in good faith and under a tight timescale. Due to extras involved with the purchase of the regulators ie din fittings and longer hoses. Despite the upgrades the regulators have still come in with a reasonable saving.

DR was thanked for his diligence in researching and rectifying the problem.

Reminder that all club equipment needs to be returned the following week by 8pm or the deposit will be lost. If you are depending on other people returning the kit for you please ensure that all equipment is returned as you will still liable for this.

6. KS informed the Committee that the pool hire price had increased to £59.10 per session (hour). This means that the club membership fee no longer covers the cost of the pool hire, we may have to consider an increase in membership fees come March 2012. Please remember that the fees have been the same for quite some time now and an increase in the club fees has been discussed at the previous two AGMs. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting.
7. If anyone sees something wrong with equipment or training please **discreetly** bring it to the involved parties attention, try not to do this in front of trainees. Try and do this in a manner that does not cause any anxiety to the trainees or cause embarrassment to the instructor.
8. A buddy check before each dive will be the time to explain and demonstrate how each person's equipment is set up, everyone has different types of equipment and preferred set ups.
9. AMCL - Training report - All trainees are progressing through their training, 8 in open water and 1 in the pool.

AMCL thanks Dave for his organisation in the equipment cupboard and has found it helpful having the equipment returned by 8pm, allowing the equipment to be available for pool training.

AMCL would also like to thank all instructors and trainees who turned up on the Wednesday nights despite not getting in due to poor sea conditions on some nights.

10. Clare has very kindly taken over the arrangement of Xmas Do with Fiona's guidance. The date for your diaries is 9<sup>th</sup> of December at Musselburgh Rugby Club, tickets will go on sale in October - cost £10.00 each. Indian buffet/disco and prizes!
11. BBQ - thank you for everyone who turned up - great day. Club will reimburse for fuel/launching fees for boat. Apologies for it not being used due to sea state.
12. Facebook page has been set up 'Musselburgh Sub Aqua Club'. Members are requested to keep the good name of MUSAC - emails and website postings, please use for club business only and do not post any inappropriate materials. This will be removed.
13. Not discussed due to time but thank you to all who helped out to cover the Riding of the Marches.

Closed 8.22pm