

MUSAC - Minutes of Committee Meeting – 18th January 2006

Attendees: Sandy McPherson (SMcP), David Carruthers (DC), Ian Smith (IS), Rab Malcolm (RM), Billy Symington (BS).

Non Committee: Gary Calvert, Fiona Smith.

Apologies: David Carruthers for being late.

The meeting opened at 7.20pm and closed at 8.25pm.

Agenda

1. Minutes & outcome of meetings on 03/08/05 & 5/10/05
2. Minutes & outcome of extraordinary meeting on 24/8/2005
3. Chairperson's update
4. D.O's update
5. Treasurer's update
6. Secretary's update
7. Equipment Officers update
8. Vacant committee member position
9. Set date for AGM
10. Lottery Grant application
11. Set date for training weekend
12. Set diving expeditions for this year
13. AOB

1. Minutes of meetings on 03/08/05 & 5/10/05 Agreed.
2. Minutes of extraordinary meeting on 24/08/05 Agreed

(See below for agendas and outcomes for above meetings)

Meeting Agendas for the 03/08/05

- (a) Pool fees (Achieved)
- (b) Should the Equipment Officer be on the committee? (Achieved)
- (c) State of the Equipment Cupboard. (Work in progress)
- (d) Ideas for increasing & retaining membership (Achieved)
- (e) 10th Anniversary celebrations. (Achieved)
- (d) New website. (Achieved)

Extraordinary meeting agenda for the 24/8/05

- (a) A change to the way pool fees are paid. (Achieved)

Meeting Agenda for the 5/10/05

- (a) Discuss letter sent to DO about a member being a social diving member. (Work in progress)

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3. Chairperson's Update

No relevant information.

4. BDO Update

4.1. Training

Jenny on snorkel work, Martyn & Lyndsay on aqualung training as is, John, James & Kieran

Penny & Danny onto openwater training congratulations on completeing pool work.

Good to see Jim Syrett back to openwater training.

4.2. New Trainees

Possible 2 new starts & 2 crossovers.

4.3. Sport Diver Lectures

To start on the 15th of February at 7:30pm.

4.4. Diving Officers Conferance 18th February at Oban

David will be attending.

4.5. CRB forms. (criminal records board)

Forms to be filled out and date set for meeting before our AGM (B.I's only)

4.6. Deep Sea World club night.

David would like to remind everybody going, that we are Ambassadors for MUSAC & SSAC, and have a good night.

4.7. With reference to outcome (work in progress) from meeting 5/10/05.

For those members not paid MUSAC's pool fees and levies, (DC) will write a letter to SSAC informing them that he can not take responsibility of their diving activities and as for as MUSAC is concerned they are no longer members of our club.

A letter to members concerned will be sent out also notifying them of this.

5. Treasurer's Update

42 fully paid up members 9 of which are on standing orders.

The 9 members paying by S.O. may have noticed that December's & January's have not been removed this is because the old account has been closed and a new account is pending, when the account is finally up and running (RM) will inform members of account details, so the S.O's can be set up again, also could they pay him at the pool for the missing months, apologies for the inconvenience, but the old account was impossible to work with and required changing.

Balance at present £3,800 approx (money's still to be paid in when account finalized)

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6. Secretary's Update

- 6.1. Email from Alison (SSAC) asking to pass on link to all members for SSAC occasional news letter subscription. Email forwarded to members.
- 6.2. A member inquired if the Club would by a copy of new training manual, for older members and B.I's reference.
(DC) produced a copy of the new SSAC Diving Manual this copy belongs to the club and will be kept in the filing cabinet for members to borrow.
(BS) mentioned that this is not a training manual and one is in the process of being written. When the Training Manual is ready, the committee agreed that if it is not handed out to all members, then a copy will be purchased for the clubs library.
- 6.3. Another member inquired what the committee felt about the club purchasing a cargo trailer, for carrying equipment and freeing up space in cars opposed to a mini bus.
The committee felt at this time it was not a viable proposition, due to the lack of cars with tow bars, the difficulty in access to some sites I.E. reversing into St Catherine's parking area,
Also the cost at around £2,500 (new) would put a serious dent in the club funds.
- 6.4. Logo winner.
Won with only 6 votes, this logo will have to be changed to avoid infringing on copyright laws, using the logo at front door of Musselburgh pool is an option, with a tank and mask drawn on it.
Ian Baillie kindly offered to amend the design, and if the offer still stands, and he is still willing to, when it is completed, it will be posted on the website for the member's approval.
The logo will have MUSAC around the top, with Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club & www.musac.co.uk on the bottom.



- 6.5. New Website
Is now up and running, and still evolving, the main idea is that anything happening past, present and future, will be on the website, so all members are aware of what is going on.
(IS) Mentioned that members should try and check the site as often as possible to keep themselves informed of what's happening, also any ideas, stories, pictures or info will be gratefully received.
- 6.6. Deep Sea World Club Night
Great response from members with 21 attending, email to be sent out with list of members attending, so if possible pairing up in cars etc.

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7. **Equipment Officer's update**

2 cylinders still missing, could any members with cylinders inform (BS)

(BS) is going to look into a different method of booking out equipment.

All Cressi Sub regulators serviced

Cylinders in test, one cylinder failed.

7 Regulators could do with replacing soon. (lottery grant)

New toolkit to be purchased for repairing equipment, this will be kept in filing cabinet, only Billy & Dougie to carry out repairs or maintenance on club equipment, I.E. if suit hose is required to be fitted to club regulator, ask either of them, if they are not available phone them to inform them of your intentions, this way they can keep track of equipment.

Big Thank you to Dougie Ritchie for his assistance.

7.1. Equipment Cupboard.

Colin Forbes kindly offered to chase up the possibility of replacement of ceiling tiles and general maintenance of cupboard.

8. **Fill vacant committee position.**

Not necessary with only one other committee meeting until AGM.

9. **Set date for AGM**

Required to be 2 weeks before SSAC AGM in March, no date set for SSAC as of yet.

This will have a bearing on when the last committee meeting is set, and this will be to set the agenda for the AGM, members to be informed when date set.

10. **Lottery Grant**

(IS) apologised for the halt and delay on the application, due to the last application form and correspondence being missing, and other commitments, nothing further has been achieved. Again Colin Forbes very kindly offered to assist again, and work on the application will start very soon.

The application is for Laptop and data projector along with software for hopefully producing more professional lecture, and other club business.

Also applying for new regulators as mentioned in Equipment Officers report.

11. **Set date for training weekend.**

To be set for March avoiding clashing with SSAC's AGM, members and website will be updated when date is set.

(SMcP) has been in touch with Youth Hostel for availability, and will inform when dates are confirmed.

12. **Expeditions for 2006**

(SMcP) Apologises for none being arranged as of yet, due other commitments, but will very soon get some organized.

He asked if anybody else is planning trips, can he be informed so they don't clash with dates.

Expeditions will be posted on website when organized.

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No other relevant business.