

MUSAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 26th June 2008 @ Musselburgh Learning Centre.



Meeting Commenced at 19.05hr

Committee Members: Ian Smith (BDO), Kenny Donaldson (CM), Dougie Ritchie (CM), Karen Shaw (Treasurer), Fiona Smith (Secretary), Sandy McPherson (EO)

Non Committee: Rhona Ritchie, Iain Shaw

Apologies: Tom Hares & Billy Symington

1. Ian Smith - Branch Diving Officer

- There are 7 pool training trainees and 5 open water trainees.
- Ian would like to start the lectures soon, proposing to do a 3-4 of them on a couple of Saturday mornings or normal Wednesday night before pool session. Trainees and instructors to be contacted to confirm their availability.

Karen and Kenny have both offered to do a lecture (An instructor would be required to attend to sign the lecture in log books). Anyone else who would like to help out and do a lecture should see Ian. The ScotSac lecture disc is available to anyone who would like to help.

- Ian has informed the Committee that there is a likelihood that he will not be standing for BDO at the next AGM (September).
- The Pool will be closed for training on 23, 30 July and 6 August back to pool on the 13 August.

2. Sandy McPherson - Exhibition Organiser

- Billy's boat out of Eyemouth is booked for most Fridays, please text or email Sandy to say you would like to go.
- Planning a training weekend for November at Oban, Ganavan Sands.
- Kenny has requested that deeper dives are organised before SCAPA.

3. Fiona Smith - Secretary

- It has been requested by the Swimming pool that the disabled parking bays are not used.

4. Karen Shaw - Treasurer

- Bank balance - £4,506.59
- A couple of members are paying different monthly amounts, they will be contacted and all monies will be sorted out.
- Karen will look into a skittle (fundraising) night out at the Tramere in Tranent, £10.00 per ticket, this would include game of skittles and a chicken in a basket style supper. This is a proposed dry run for possible Xmas venue.
- The Tramere also can also offer an XMAS night out for £20.00 a head (meal and disco).
- KD raised the issue of having the AGM in September to coincide with the payment of membership fees. This would also allow MUSAC's financial year to run September to September. As this would be a Constitutional change the committee proposes to send out an email with a vote for one of the two options at the end of these minutes. I will send out a voting email after these have been sent.

There are two options proposed.

Option 1

Move AGM to September in line with fees

Everyone therefore due £75 one off payment or £25 payment and £4.17 per month DD

Option 2

Move payment of fees to March in line with AGM

Everyone is therefore due half a year fees in September to take everyone to March

£37.50 one off payment or £12.5 payment and £4.17 per month DD
Then in March everyone will be due a full year to take the fees March 09 - Feb 10, £75 one off payment or £25 payment and £4.17 per month DD

- **Any other business**

- At the Branch Instructors meeting held 30.04.08 it was discussed that when an instructor has to use their own full bottle for training purposes, they would then be able to take the bottle to the dive shop and sign for a top up using the club air card.

It was voted on and agreed by the committee that when an instructor has used a full tank for pool training ie using 20/30 ATS that they can present their qualification card and get their tank topped up for the weekend diving, they should be writing on the air card what ATS they have. FS will contact the dive shops and request if a top up could be charged at half a fill.

This occurrence does not happen and should not have a detrimental effect to the club funds and will also be monitored to ensure no misuse happens. Anyone abusing this will be asked to pay the money back to the club.

- Billy has resigned from his post of Equipment Officer. Big thanks from the Committee and club members for all his hard work over the years.

Douglas Ritchie has been asked to take over this position until the AGM.
Iain Shaw was asked to fill the Committee Position until the AGM.

Both accepted.

Meeting Closed at 20.10 hrs

Fiona Smith
MUSAC Secretary