

MUSAC Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 27th August 2008 @ Musselburgh
Learning Centre.



Meeting Commenced at 19.05hr

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

Non Committee: Rhona Ritchie, Paul Guiney

1. Ian Smith - Branch Diving Officer

- Congratulations to George Carnie who qualified as a Sport Diver at the weekend.
- There are five pool training trainees (potentially seven) and four open water trainees. Three of the pool trainees are nearly ready for open water.
- Scottish Sub Aqua Branch Instructor Course Dates: Anyone interested in attending this please speak to Ian (BDO).

Saturday 6th September 2008 Napier University, Edinburgh

Saturday 22nd November 2008 SSAC HQ

Saturday 31st January 2009 SSAC HQ

- Ian to contact Murray McCallum (email sent) re the handouts for Master Diver lectures on Safety and Emergency Procedures and Advanced Decompression Theory. Douglas/Sandy to look back their lecture notes and pass to Ian.
- Every Sunday is a training weekend, Ian asked that all Instructors made themselves available for trainees. Trainees are encouraged to contact Ian regarding diving availability.
- Scapa Flow was a very successful trip, Ian praised all divers for their good and safe dive practice.
- Pictures from Scapa Flow are on the web site www.musac.co.uk

2. Sandy McPherson - Exhibition Organiser

- Sandy will plan a training weekend for October/November. Cheap/reasonable accommodation being looked into to try and keep the costs down.

It was suggested that a training weekend be organised for the East Coast but agreed to guarantee the divers getting in West was easier.

3. **Karen Shaw** - Treasurer

- **Fees are due next week Wednesday 3 September 2008.**

All members are reminded there is a one off payment of £37.50 (if you pay annually) or a payment of £12.50 and the monthly direct debit of (£4.17) . This will take the levies up to March and allow MUSAC's financial year to run March to March.

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.

Members who do not pay their MUSAC levies in September will be written to and reminded.

- Friday 19th September - Skittles (fundraising) night out at the Tramere in Tranent, £12.50 per ticket, this includes game of skittles and a chicken in a basket style supper. Tickets are on sale from Karen Shaw.

There will be prizes and quizzes on the night and of course a bar!

4. **Douglas Ritchie** - Equipment Officer

- It has been brought to Dougie's attention that the new ladies jackets do not appear to have much lifting power. DR will approach Billy Symington and see if the jacket can be returned if faulty.

Any other business

- It was mentioned that the Club should look into a 'cheaper' trip abroad, long weekend or week. Kenny and Tom will research this option. As opposed to Farne Islands, Oban etc, this was due to the expense that some felt Scapa Flow cost, although a great week, a hot week abroad might have been purchased for the same money. Although Scapa was a must do on your diving calendar along with St Kilda.

Meeting Closed at 1958 hrs

Fiona Smith
MUSAC Secretary