

## Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

### Committee Meeting

1 June 2011



#### Present

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

#### Apologies

Dave Carruthers (DC)

#### Diving officers report - David Carruthers

1. There has been no open water training of note, however can I ask that instructors make themselves available especially to take Jean-Marc and Peter into open water.
2. As I realise in the coming months or two all trainees in the pool will have advanced to open water, and that our Wednesday night dives during the summer break could be a bit hectic. (The pool sessions will not be on for the four weeks in July, 6<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July, diving organised, East Coast, weather and tide permitting). If you are planning on training on Wednesday night please email David Carruthers to ensure there are enough instructors for trainees.
3. DC will not be available to the dive club as from tonight until the end of June due to work commitments. Ally will keep David informed of pool side training.

If you are going diving please remember to text David (Diving Officer) all information before you go in the water and again after the diving has ended.

4. BI meetings - this will take place once all lectures are out the way. Once lectures are finished we will be free to concentrate of trainees in open water and BI meetings.

#### Pool Training Officer - Alastair McLeod

1. Peter Hanson has finished pool training and very keen to get on with open water training (see above).

Franca, Kai and Rory are on rescue, should be going onto simulated dive next couple of weeks.

Fiona & Clare are both on rescue should be completed next week.

Alan Ballantine on simulated dive this week wanted to do a refresher to get back into the swing of things.

Grant did his simulated dive again and has not been back to the pool. AMCL not sure if Grant has been diving or not.

Jean-marc - keen to get out diving again

2. Clarification required re hire charge/donation and the deposit for hiring the equipment.
3. Cupboard much easier access for trainees getting their equipment and more space. Good job David Rillie.

#### Secretary - Fiona Smith

1. MUSAC BBQ - Seacliff Beach - 30<sup>th</sup> July - bring the Family along - volunteers to help out please contact Fiona S.
2. Christmas night booked for Musselburgh Rugby Club - 9<sup>th</sup> December. FS away in December so looking for a volunteer to take over with bits and bobs on the night (pay a couple of things disco etc). Should be able to start selling tickets October.
3. Set up a FACEBOOK account for the club - club members only have access to it.
4. Riding of the Marches - River Esk cover has been requested, its that time of year again when I am looking for volunteers to stand in our lovely River Esk whilst the horses cross in case of any mishaps.

The Dates are

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 5.45pm till approx 6.15pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July approx 9pm till approx 9.30pm

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July approx 9 am till 9.30 am

If anyone interested could let me know asap.

#### Equipment Officer - David Rillie

##### 1. **Oxygen cylinders**

One of the O2 bottles is 'missing', the plastic carrier case is there. Can anyone shed some light on the whereabouts please? (ie did it fail a test or something).

There is one O2 bottle in the cupboard, this was empty DR has filled it again. Any idea where the contents of the O2 bottle went, if you know let a committee member know, an incident form should have been completed if O2 was used for diving incident.

DR will check the O2 bottle weekly and keep a record of how much the contents are, this will be noted in a book. If the O2 bottle is taken out on dives the book will be marked with contents before and after the event.

DR will look into costs to purchase another O2 bottle.

2. Club regulators need serviced. The committee agreed to replace two regulators with APEX asap. Two of the regulators will also be serviced and this allows open water training to continue. The remaining regulators will be replaced gradually and sold to club members (un-serviced) at a discounted rate.
3. Club equipment must be kept for **trainees as a priority** - especially when the pool is going to be 'closed' for the month of July. Each open water trainee will be asked to take away a full set of kit to allow them to continue their training on Wednesday evenings. Qualified divers/members are always encouraged to purchase their own kit once finished training.
4. **Jackets/BCDs**  
DR will contact with the company re servicing requirements. Trainees are to be encouraged to check the jackets before every training session (pool and open water) for wear/tear problems ie webbing, clips, valves.

5. **Dive Computers**

There are 8 dive computers for trainee use, these are now being kept in a locked strong box in the cupboard.

6. **Cupboard**

Please do not access the cupboard without contacting David Rillie (who more times than not will come round to the pool and meet you, if DR not available AMcL). Please don't ask the pool staff for access, they have been instructed not to let anyone in out of club times.

There has been water coming through the roof in the cupboard and some of the suits went a bit mouldy, DR has cleaned them up and will look into rearranging the cupboard to avoid damage to equipment.

- Looking into a bottle rack (store them on their sides).
- Four new bottle nets have been purchased.
- Dust caps for regulators - can the instructors please show the trainees how to fit them properly to avoid breaking.
- Members are asked to look after club equipment properly - it costs the club a lot of money to maintain the standard of equipment needed to continue training. Please be careful with borrowed bits and bobs.

7. **Hire Rates:**

**Just to clarify from AGM:**

It was discussed and agreed that the club would now charge a £10 rental charge to all qualified members; all members can borrow equipment up to 6 times before having to pay the rental cost. It was proposed and seconded by Dougie and Karen. This rental cost will need to be discussed further by the Committee as might compromise the lottery grant funding.

**Treasurer - Karen Shaw**

1. Account balance very healthy.
2. Bank of Scotland has changed the type of account. This means there will be no more interest paid - loss of approximately £6.00 a year. Not looking to change the bank.

**Exhibition Officer/Chairman - Sandy McPherson**

1. Boat dives on Fridays - success - please contact Sandy by text if you want to book on.
2. Clare's trip to the Sound of Mull has been postponed
3. SCOTSAC Dive Conference - please approach sandy and let him know you want to help at Oban November 19th.
4. SCOTSAC newsletter was just emailed - Sandy would like feedback, did you receive it, what did you think.
5. SCOTSAC Summer Solstice has been cancelled.

## **Any other business**

Ian - web page forum 'divers profile' back up and running again - feel free to complete - let other members know more about you, what your diving likes /dislikes /kit etc

Fundraising events to be arranged to purchase new stab jackets for club.

**Members are reminded that SCOTSAC and MUSAC membership needs to be paid to have insurance cover whilst diving. The Club equipment is also only be available to paid up members.**