

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

2 February 2012



Present

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

1.0 Diving Officer's Report - David Carruthers

1.1 Pool training; Franka, Kia and Alan need to do simulated dive before going into open water.

Open water;

Peter, Fiona, Claire and Rory now started their open water training,

All trainees are keen to get out and are encouraged to badger instructors. Franka will try to co-ordinate work weekends where she is off with instructors to get in.

Lots of training achieved at the training November weekend - thanks to DR and AMcL for organising.

1.2 BI Meeting outcome:

Two different rescue techniques to be tried by all instructors in the pool, see which method they feel is more affective. Feedback to DC.

Correct pistol grip and finning techniques throughout training.

1.3 Potential Branch Instructors - Attila Fristaczki and Stuart Beaton will attend the next BI course. Anyone else interested should speak with DC, minimum requirement is 75 dives in the UK or equivalent. (<http://www.scotsac.com/html/training/ssac-training-branch-instructor.html> for more details). DC asked that all existing instructors support any BI training.

1.4 There are two try dives coming along next week.

1.5 Date to be set up for a come and try this year. If anyone knows someone who would like a shot..... details to be confirmed.

2.0 Pool Training Officer - Ali McLeod

2.1 AMcL happy with training. Three people as above to do simulated dives in the pool.

3.0 Equipment Officer - David Rillie

3.1 We had a phone call from the pool staff to say the cupboard was left open, we found out that it was workmen in fixing the leak in the roof who did this, but this incident has brought it to the attention of the committee that the cupboard should be made more 'secure'. DR will investigate putting on a door closer and a Yale lock, provide the pool staff with a duplicate key. FS will write to pool/council to get permission to put these items on door and bring to their attention the security issue.

3.2 Six cylinders have been serviced at Eyemouth. The O2 bottle will also need serviced in September. DR proposed purchasing another O2 bottle and a First Aid kit for dive trips. Committee agreed to purchase another two xl semi-dry suits.

3.3 Committee to look into insurance for the club equipment. Ask the council if stuff goes missing from the cupboard are they covered by insurance.

4.0 Treasurer report - Karen Shaw

4.1 As per previous minutes, the pool fees have gone up and the committee would like to propose a small increase in membership fees for discussion/approval at the AGM. A full breakdown of income/expenditure will be explained at the AGM.

Colin Forbes has been asked to speak with someone in the Council to appeal these fees.

4.2 There are two members who have not paid the £25.00 to MUSAC from last year, but have the monthly direct debit still set up.

There is also one member who has not paid any fees to MUSAC for last year but remains on Scotsac list. This member will be contacted.

5.0 Expedition Organiser - Sandy McPherson

5.1 Sound of Mull diving weekend - 21st and 22nd July 2012 based at Lochaline. The boat will cost £40/day and accommodation is £24/night. Please pay any outstanding deposit to Sandy asap.

5.2 Proposed Farne Islands - September 2012

5.3 Training weekend 24-26 February 2012 - see DR/AMcL for details.

6.0 Secretary - Fiona Smith

6.1 Thank you to Clare Dillon for organising a successful Christmas Dance.

6.2 CD to finalise the Q&A sheet for web page and email to IS for web page/joining pack.

6.3 AMcL mentioned that there was a 'cheap' minibus available if the club wanted to purchase. AMcL will come back to the committee with comprehensive details including insurance quotes for any driver over 25.

6.5 Addition to Welcome pack: be made aware that they would need access to transport to collect equipment and get them to dive sites or pick up point.

6.4 Before he steps down from Diving Officer, DC would like to thank all instructors, trainees and members for support throughout the year.

6.4 A contact list will be available at the AGM -please tick or amend your details on the sheet. Please use the website facility to update your contact details if they are wrong on the members phone number page (password - dogfish)

AGM - Wednesday 15th February 7pm at Musselburgh Learning Centre, please all members try and attend as it is your club, and you should have a say in what happens.

Committee Positions available -

Diving Officer - any instructor can do this.

Treasurer - any member can do this.