

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

4 April 2012



Present

Iain Shaw (IS), Alastair McLeod (AMcL), Clare Dillon (CD), Dave Rillie (DR),
Ian Smith (ICS), Claire McMurdo (CMc), Sandy McPherson (SMcP) Fiona Smith (FS)

George Steedman (GS), Craig Dugdale (CDu), Douglas Ritchie (DRi)

Apologies: Dave Carruthers (DC)

1.0 Diving Officer's Report - DC via AMcL

1.1 Open water;
Peter and Franka keen to get in the East Coast, all help from instructors would be appreciated.

(Franka now has access to a car to get out diving).

1.2 DC and SMcP have gone through the diving buddies for Sound of Mull trip.

2.0 Pool Training Officer - Ali McLeod

2.1 AMcL will organise a session where members are shown how to put together the club oxygen kits.

2.2 GS Suggested we invite the pool staff to have a free shot on scuba. Date to be confirmed.

3.0 Treasurer report - Ian Smith

3.1 IS contacted the members who have their standing orders set up but are no longer members of SCOTSAC, they both are undecided if they want to come back.

3.2 Levies should now be paid from members. There are a few who have not paid the correct amount ie £85.00 or £35 pound upfront and £4.17 per month by direct debit for twelve months. IS will email them.

3.3 There is also one member who has not paid any fees to MUSAC for last year but remains on Scotsac list. This member is fully paid up now.

3.4 IS hoping to get the lottery grant application sent off by the end of April. New O2 kits, semidry suits and update the jackets.

3.5 We have lost ten to twelve members. (This includes two undecided).

3.6 One member who is not coming back is Russell H, as he was a founder member we should look into acknowledging his input over the years.

3.7 Bank balance at 28th March 2012 is £7,377.23. More monies received and deposited but not shown on most recent statement.

3.8 Paid up members - 45. Potentially another 2 yet to confirm if coming back.

4.0 **Equipment Officer - David Rillie**

- 4.1 DR has purchased two First Aid kit for dive trips.
- 4.2 DR looked into the alternative cheaper Oxygen set options ie EAN. It just requires an enriched O2 cal - nitrox for instance. Not really suitable for club use but might be okay for individuals to purchase for themselves, only takes the oxygen from nitrox mixes. Really need dedicated O2 set.
- 4.3 DR will obtain quotes for O2 kit, stab jacket and semi-dry suits - hopefully purchased via the lottery grant and pass to IS.
- 4.4 DRi brought up the club jackets and this was discussed and the question of the lifting power. Previous minutes checked and the small jacket was not suitable and sold off on EBay in February 2009.
- 4.5 Trainees are reminded they need to check the equipment they plan on taking in the open water out first in the pool, carry out a risk assessment to make sure everything fits properly, they are correctly weighted etc.

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 balance to Sandy by end of May. There will be a Sound of Mull meeting organised before the trip to go over the diving/arrangements.
- 5.2 Proposed Farne Islands - September 2012
- 5.3 Training weekend at Tralee 23-24 November 2012 - see DR/AMcL for details. Please try and book into groups of 4 or 6. Full amount to be paid when booking places.
- 5.4 Boat dives - Friday nights from Eyemouth jetty
Please contact Sandy should you wish to go off Billy's boat diving Friday evenings. cost £15 a dive.

6.0 **Secretary - Fiona Smith**

- 6.1 CD to finalise the Q&A sheet for web page and email to IS for web page/joining pack.
- 6.3 Need to increase the pool use - propose skill games ie scuba hockey, scuba relay teams. Bring your kit along to join in and improve your skills.
- 6.4 Approach pool to discuss what maximum time would be acceptable for us not to use the pool without jeopardising our allocated hire slot?
- 6.5 FS will approach Scotsac re Heartstart and O2 course for members. Last course was 2009 - good to get a refresher.

Any other business

- CDu Proposed that MUSAC approach the Honest Toun about our club being involved with a float, advertise and generate numbers. Get local community interest.
- DRi Should the club look at taking on trainees over the winter months and not use the pool during summer and concentrate on getting them though training ready for o/w training.
- CDu Come and try - advertise on the radio, get poster/flyers made. If a lot of people want to come along spread it over the weeks. Proposed come and try for Wednesday 16th May.
- IS Simulated dive - is this necessary when it is through no fault of the trainees that they have been unable to get out ie no instructors or weather. Is this a Scotsac rule or was it a Musac rule to stop the few odd folk who would turn up after a few weeks and expect to go straight back into o/w training. To be discussed further.
- FS/IS Pointed out that Pool training is covered by instructor numbers but there is still a lack of instructors for the open water side.

Next Committee Meeting 6th June 2012