

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

19 October 2011



Present

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

1.0 Diving Officer's Report - David Carruthers

1.1 Pool training; Franka, Kia and Alan need to do simulated dive.

Open water; Peter, Fiona, Claire and Rory and Franka have now started their open water training,

Kia is still to get into open water.

Alan still to do a simulated dive and practise with his new dry suit.

1.2 RECENT BI MEETING.

Meeting went well with some positive feedback, still to confirm all points that were brought up.

To organise BI pool session. Probably mid-November.

1.3 RECENT TRAINEE MEETING.

Very useful meeting and good to hear different opinions and ideas from trainees.

They also found it very informative regarding diving info, ie typical days diving.

One issue was raised, it being different instruction techniques.

I have informed all trainees to badger instructors to go out diving.

Initial issues concerning club equipment seem to be getting better now with trainees buying their own equipment.

1.4 TRAINING WEEKEND 11TH-13TH November.

We have Fiona, Claire, Peter Kia and Franka attending. (Alan?)

Looks like there will now be enough instructors to cover this now.

1.5 DIVING INCIDENTS.

I have received incident reports for both incidents brought to the last committee meeting and will be handed to the regional coach, who in turn will report to national diving council.

2.0 Pool Training Officer - Ali McLeod

2.1 AMcL clarified that trainees only need to do dry suit 'training' and not the dry suit 'endorsement' to allow them to wear their dry suit in the open water.

2.2 DC confirmed that no trainee will wear a HARNESS weight belt, Unless an instructor raises a concern for the safety of the trainee wearing a quick release weight belt. Then they were to approach the Diving Officer who would then do a specific risk assessment. SCOTSAC recommendation states trainees do not wear harness weight belts during training. Same rule applies for ankle weights.

3.0 **Equipment Officer - David Rillie**

- 3.1 Any club equipment - trainees and members (if using in the pool) should be encouraged to put the whole kit, with regulator under pressure and still connected to cylinder, under the warm shower and then once rinsed properly putting the blank caps back on the 1st stage and cylinder before also remembering to empty any water from inside the BCD jacket prior to hanging up;

It has been suggested that a Q&A page be created on the web site on 'General Kit Care' CD will make up some questions.

- 3.2 Old regulators are still available for purchase £100 each or £90.00 for members. (please see Dave Rillie - 07795 263 438 for more details). They will be advertised on MUSAC/SCOTSAC website. Please note that these will require servicing prior to use.

- 3.3 If anyone takes hoses off the regulators - please, please, remember to put a blanking plug in. If you are not sure ask Dave Rillie or an instructor, who will be happy to help.

When putting DIN inserts into the club bottles - check it is the correct way round, if they are put in the wrong way they can damage the threads. Be careful!

Over-tightening of hoses and inserts can also cause damage.

- 3.4 A couple of regulators when returned to the pool had sand/dirt in the 2nd stage and/or octopus. This could be due to them being dragged across a beach and not being rinsed properly after diving. DR will keep an eye on this.

- 3.5 DR to speak to George.S re fabricating a tool to allow for the easy removal of the front covers on the clubs 2nd stage and octopus regulators to check they are clean.

- 3.6 The club now owns 6 DIN regulators and 2 A-Clamp regulators. 1st stages all converted to cold water valves. Whilst being converted it was noticed that three regulators had water inside the first stage. Screw caps for DIN fitting have been bought to protect.

Committee agreed that it would be beneficial for the octopus also to be converted for cold water. £17.00 per octopus x 8.

Reminder that all club equipment needs to be returned the following week by 8pm or the deposit will be lost. If you are depending on other people returning the kit for you, please ensure that all equipment is returned as you will still be liable for this.

4.0 **Treasurer report - Karen Shaw**

- 4.1 The balance in the bank is £6,500.

- 4.2 The cost of the pool hire and equipment maintenance has increased. Pool hire has gone up to £2,718.60 per year.

The committee would like to bring the AGM forward one month to February to discuss a small increase in the annual fees to cover these increasing charges.

- 4.3 Due to an increasing family - Karen will be stepping down from her role as Treasurer in February.

The committee members thank Karen for the excellent work done so far.

5.0 Expedition Organiser - Sandy McPherson

5.1 Sound of Mull diving weekend next year. Proposed date is diving on Saturday 28th and 29th of July 2012 based at Lochaline. The boat will cost £40/day and accommodation is £24/night.

24 spaces now filled and a standby list in place.

Two people still to pay deposit.

5.2 Proposed Farne Islands - September 2012

5.3 Proposed training weekend to be organised for early 2012.

5.4 SCOTSAC Dive Conference - all welcome; tickets on sale at www.scotsac.com £12.00 online or £15.00 on the door.

6.0 Secretary - Fiona Smith

6.1 A member requested that old club members be removed from email mailing list. The committee discussed this and decided this would be updated twice a year and there was no harm in ex-members having links to website or club info, only if they have left the club without any issues or in under any duress. This may entice them back to the club if being kept in the loop of what is going on.

6.2 Christmas Tickets on sale - see Clare Dillon - 9th of December at Musselburgh Rugby Club, tickets £10.00 each. Indian buffet/disco and prizes!

Closed 8.22pm