

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

19 June 2013



Present

Ian Smith(ICS), Claire McMurdo (CM), Fiona Smith(FS), Fiona Gilfillan (FG), Claire Dillon (CD), Dave Rillie (DR), Iain Shaw (IS)
Also: George Steedman (GS)

Apologies

Sandy McPherson (SM), Ali McLeod (AM)

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1. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1. None. Post-meeting note, em - actually there was one and the Secretary missed it; carried forward. Sorry about that.

2. Diving Officer's Report - FS

- 2.1. Master Divers: still need to organise 2 expeditions each towards their certification, hopefully over the next few months. I would like to ask the club members to help them out where they can and respect their efforts. Remember it is sometimes the first time the person has had to organise anything.
- 2.2. I would prefer expeditions to be shore dives, as opposed to boat dives. The latter would mean allocated officers/divers sitting out and going in waves which is not always practical.
- 2.3. O2 and Heartstart training is this Sunday 23rd June at Scotsac HQ. 17 attending.
- 2.4. Successful St Kilda trip - well done Mr Ritchie for organising it. Reports of his OThree drysuit being used by CalMac as a supplementary sail are unconfirmed at this time.
- 2.5. Successful Farne Islands trip - well done Mr Carnie. The weather was against us, but we all had a good time.
- 2.6. Next big trip is Egypt - can all members who are going remember to get your Scotsac memberships, dive fitness and insurance up to date.
- 2.7. Attila is attending the BI course on 30 June at Scotsac.
- 2.8. Reminder that the pool is closed from 3 July for 8 weeks (therefore we regroup on 28 August) - let's get out for some shore dives locally.
- 2.9. The committee discussed whether we might be in a position to take on a number of trainees this year; to be discussed at next meeting.
- 2.10. FS confirmed to FG that it's not possible to get Master Diver tests signed off in warm waters, i.e. Egypt. Much tutting and huffing ensued from FG...

3. Treasurer's report - Ian Smith

- 3.1. We have £9193.39 in club funds, £70.58 float and £500 float lodged with Expedition Organiser. Balance in bank is £8941.39 due to pool fees being paid for April.
- 3.2. Total Club funds on 19 June are £9511.97, which is very healthy.
- 3.3. FG asked ICS whether it would help him if we invested some money in getting new software for website creation (ICS reports that it's been problematic to date), or whether it would make ongoing maintenance easier if we got it recreated professionally. ICS to consider.
- 3.4. FG suggested we could make a charitable donation locally to generate publicity via a photograph in the local press; this is contingent upon club being in a position to take on new members as per 2.9 above. NFA.

4. Equipment Officer's Report - Dave Rillie

- 4.1. We have purchased two rucksacks to make 'dive site' kits; receipts to be passed to ICS. These will contain first aid kits, dive flags etc.
- 4.2. Method of securing First Aid kits to be found.
- 4.3. DR has managed to get the O2 cylinder refilled at Edinburgh Dive (it had been completely emptied after a Tearooms expedition). Well done to DR for persevering with this. It is

suggested that the washer may have been on the wrong way around, which was preventing the cylinder being filled in the past.

4.4. FS is currently using an O2 cylinder as a footrest at her current place of employment. FS will investigate obtaining this cylinder for the club if appropriate.

4.5. FS to pass DR the Scotsac dive slates, and DR to acquire extendable poles on which to mount the dive flags.

5. Pool Training Officer's Report

5.1. In Ali's absence all members are reminded that lifeguard is MANDATORY when swimming or diving in the pool. Post-meeting note: FG confirmed with the pool that any qualified diver can act as lifeguard; they must be 'ready' to enter the pool if required, so can't be wearing wellies and a dufflecoat.

5.2. We await Ali's return to full fitness; when we reconvene we will discuss cover for Pool Training Officer post.

6. AOB - none

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Weds 28 August.

NEW ACTIONS

Date	Ref	Action	Owner
17/4	5.2	Investigate purchase of shot weight belts	DR
19/6	2.9	Discuss whether trainees can be taken on	ALL
19/6	3.3	Investigate web options	ICS
19/6	4.1	Pass receipts from Lomo to ICS	DR
19/6	4.5	Pass dive slates to DR	FS
19/6	4.5	Acquire extendable poles for dive flags	DR
19/6	5.2	Pool training officer cover - discuss	ALL