

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

8 August 2012



Present

Alastair McLeod(AMcL), Clare Dillon(CD), Dave Rillie (DRil), Ian Smith(ICS), Claire McMurdo (CM), Fiona Smith(FS), Sandy MacPherson (SM), David Carruthers (DC)

Also

George Steedman(GS), Kenny Donaldson (KD), Dougie Ritchie (DRit), Fiona Gilfillan (FG; minutes)

PLEASE SEE END OF MINUTES FOR ACTION LIST

1.0 Diving Officer's Report - FS

- 1.1 FS volunteered to continue as Diving Officer until end of November to provide continuity for sign-off of current trainees. This was agreed.
- 1.2 Following 2 incidents at the Sound of Mull trip FS suggested that we may want to state pre-requisites for future trips to ensure safety and enjoyment for all. SM felt that after the Sound of Mull trip he would be unwilling to take deposits again without this requirement being stipulated. After much discussion on the pros and cons of this approach it was agreed that the incumbent DO would agree the pre-requisites per dive trip, and that those paying deposits would know that their participation on the dives would be conditional on being deemed dive fit by the DO (suggest e.g. 4 recent, prior dives to appropriate depths/time showing good skill levels).
- 1.3 FS asked whether all instructors were happy taking trainees on the Friday night boat dives. DRit/KD agreed that they were but were uncomfortable carrying out tests on boat dives; GS stated that he was unhappy taking trainees on boat dives.
- 1.4 Trainees have been getting open water dives on a rota basis to ensure the limited amount of instructor time is shared fairly. FS suggested that once the current trainees are signed off the club should adapt to the lack of instructors and concentrate on training for already-qualified divers (i.e. training towards Branch Instructor/Master Diver); the club should not take on any new trainees for the time being. SM asked if we needed to stick to 20 dives (SCOTSAC requirement is only 10). It was also suggested that those who had completed all their assessments could log their remaining dives with Sport Divers - this was rejected because as trainees they can only dive with instructors. It was agreed to keep the required number of dives to 20; in addition next year we may consider breaking for 2 months in the summer to allow more diving at Dunbar.
- 1.5 KD asked FS whether he can take 2 Sport Divers to more than 30m depth. FS responded that this would still be a training dive so would require shore cover. DC also confirmed that once a Sport Diver has completed the requisite number of 30m+ dives towards Master Diver they cannot be taken back to that depth again until they are qualified Master Divers. FG agreed to contact SCOTSAC to confirm whether an instructor carrying out Master Diver training requires shore cover.

Answer from NDO : At I contacted Gordon Young and he confirmed that it should only be one on one. "You are quite correct BI's work on a one to one ratio when training is involved. So you should only take one past 30m assuming it is going towards his Master Diver training. RI's can work on a two to one ratio. All 'Training dives' Sport & Master diver require shore cover (a suited up diver with mask fins and snorkel to hand)"
Gordon

2.0 Treasurer report - Ian Smith

2.1 £7700 in Bank.

3.0 Pool Training Officer - Ali McLeod

3.1 1 trainee on basic snorkelling, all others on open water.

4.0 Equipment Officer - David Rillie

4.1 See updates in actions list.

5.0 Social Events - All

5.1 Reminder will be sent regarding Seacliff barbecue on 18 August. Club members to bring own food/drink and organise own barbecues.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Prev FS: Thanks to those who helped with Riding of the Marches in Musselburgh.

New FS: Gordon Young confirmed that his branch can assist with training should we require it.

New Friday night boat dives: FS requested one diver text giving all names in, then another stating when all out.

New SM asked whether anyone would consider assisting this year's dive conference at Eyemouth on 10 November. Anyone who can help should contact Sandy.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Date	Ref	Action	Owner
106/06	1.2	Organise BI meeting on 20 June @7pm	FS
		<i>Due to lack of response to emails this was not arranged</i>	NFA
06/06	3.3	Organise a session on 20 June where members are shown how to put together the club oxygen kits	AMcL/CMcM
			COMPLETE
06/06	4.1	Obtain quote for 4 semi-dry suits	DR
		<i>Dave has been in contact with suppliers, but it was agreed that despite specifying sizes at the last meeting this action could not be completed without further conversation with IS re grant application.</i>	C/FWD
06/06	4.3	Obtain quotes for Buddy BCDs	DR
		<i>See above.</i>	C/FWD
06/06	AOCB	Obtain gift for Russell H	ICS
		<i>IS to order crystal diving memento and £50 gift voucher.</i>	COMPLETE
06/06	AOCB	Confirm we can allow Fire Service to use pool for 2 weeks	AMcL
		<i>Confirmed as OK with pool staff, and video can be used. Fire Service happy to pay.</i>	COMPLETE
06/06	AOCB	Publicise Heartstart/O ₂ course dates	FS
			C/FWD
06/06	AOCB	Clarify simulated dive requirement with SCOTSAC	FS
		<i>Gordon Young confirmed that this is not a SCOTSAC requirement but a sensible branch decision. Requirement to continue at discretion of DO.</i>	COMPLETE
06/06	AOCB	Investigate costs of getting carstickers made	ICS
		<i>Costs for these would be £45 for 50, £57 for 100, so 100 will be ordered. Text to be 'I dive with Musselburgh Sub Aqua Club' and to feature the logo and web address.</i>	COMPLETE

08/08	1.5	Clarify with SCOTSAC whether shore cover is required for training beyond Sport Diver.	FS
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