

Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club

Committee Meeting

17 October 2012



Present

Iain Shaw (IS), Alastair McLeod(AM), Clare Dillon(CD), Dave Rillie (DRIL),
Ian Smith(ICS), Claire McMurdo (CM), Fiona Smith(FS), Fiona Gilfillan (FG), Dave Carruthers
(DC)

Also: George Steedman(GS), Dougie Ritchie (DRit)

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1. Apologies: Sandy McPherson (SM)
2. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
 - 2.1. Outstanding actions regarding kit acquisition were closed as no further action required.
3. **Diving Officer's Report - FS**
 - 3.1. 3 newly-qualified sport divers: Peter Hanson, Alan Ballantine and George Wilson. 2 First-Class divers now: Ian Smith and Sandy McPherson. Rory has two dives to log, Franka is logging dives, Graham T to complete his assisted ascent, Kai has tests to complete, Rhian looking to complete Master Diver paper.
 - 3.2. Billy Symington has confirmed he will not be rejoining SCOTSAC and is therefore no longer eligible to be a MUSAC member. Members can of course dive with non-SCOTSAC members, but this will not constitute a SCOTSAC/MUSAC dive. Billy S is very welcome on the Friday night boat charter if he contacts Dougie on a Thursday night before he contacts Billy (skipper), however he would only get to fill a space at that point where no other MUSAC member wanted to go on the boat. After Dougie has advised Billy of the MUSAC numbers for the boat anyone can contact him to take up spaces thereafter. A similar approach will be taken for any MUSAC organised trips - a cut-off point should be stated at which point any empty spaces can be taken up by non-MUSAC members.
4. **Treasurer's report - Ian Smith**
 - 4.1. There are 48 paid-up members. We have £8186.26 in club funds, with 22 pool sessions (£1346) still to be paid before the end of the financial year.
 - 4.2. Similar to Russell's retirement from the club, we must recognise Billy Symington's sizeable contribution to the club. Plaques for inscription will be purchased; DC to subtly enquire as to what might suit Billy in terms of a gift, to the value of £50 and to report to ICS.
5. **Pool Training Officer's Report - Ally McLeod**
 - 5.1. Brian McRitchie is on cylinder work in the pool and Rory has been refreshing his skills.
 - 5.2. Brian will need to go through the lecture syllabus; AM to ask pool whether a suitable room or quiet space can be used for this without charge.
6. **Equipment Officer's Report - Dave Rillie**
 - 6.1. DRIL has taken 2 cylinders to get serviced. The regulator sets need servicing, however it does not make sense to pay for all 8 sets to be serviced when we have few trainees using them. DRIL will get 4 sets serviced at Aquastars and store 4 sets; should there be a future requirement for more sets he will get others serviced as appropriate. He will also get the oxygen cylinder replaced.
 - 6.2. 2 trainees have had cylinders for a few weeks so their return will be pursued.
 - 6.3. DRIL has had an unsolicited approach from a non-member asking to donate two out of test cylinders to the club in return for free use of serviced, charged cylinders should they require it. The offer will be politely declined.

7. AOCB

- 7.1. Expeditions for 2013 were discussed. DRit will check out St Kilda trips at the upcoming Dive Show at the NEC. DC will enquire about Farne Islands. Potential also for a repeat trip to the Sound of Mull; ICS will ask SM whether he intends to stay on as Expedition Organiser for this.
- 7.2. Xmas night out: FS has provisionally booked Mrs Forman's in Musselburgh for 8 December at £20/head for a three-course meal. The proprietor has offered to conduct a quiz on the night, and to allow us to bring music etc. This was agreed - to be publicised with members.
- 7.3. Reminder required for SCOTSAC conference at Eyemouth. FG to mail members.
- 7.4. Reminder that pool sessions will be suspended for 26 December and 2 January - FG to notify members.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5 DECEMBER

NEW ACTIONS

Date	Ref	Action	Owner
17/10	N/A	FG to check why Ally never received mail re meeting	FG
17/10	3.2	Find out what Billy S would like as a suitable gift	DC
17/10	5.2	Investigate use of quiet space with pool	AM
17/10	7.1	Investigate St Kilda opportunities	DRit
17/10	7.1	Investigate Farne Islands opportunities	DC
17/10	7.1	Discuss expedition organisation with SM	ICS
17/10	7.2	Publicise Xmas night out	FG
17/10	7.3	Publicise Dive Conference	FG
17/10	7.4	Publicise Xmas pool break	FG