



Musselburgh Sub-Aqua Club  
Welcome to  
MUSAC's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
20 February 2013

### Present

Iain Shaw, Sandy McPherson, Craig Dugdale, Alastair McLeod, Peter Hanson, Stuart Beaton, Dianne Blyth, Denis Ledward, Ian Smith, Fiona Smith, Dougie Ritchie, Kenny Donaldson, Dave Rillie, George Carnie, Claire McMurdo, Fiona Gilfillan, Tom Hares, Rory McLeod, Brian McRitchie, Tom Baxter, Stuart Bowie, Rhian McLeod, Claire Dillon, Attila Fristaczki, Rab Malcolm

### Apologies

Penny Hatson, Gary Calvert

### Agenda

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| 1. Chairperson's Welcome                      | Sandy   |
| 2. Apologies & Adoption of 2013 AGM minutes   | Sandy   |
| 3. Diving Officer's report                    | Fiona S |
| 4. Pool Training Officer's report             | Ally    |
| 5. Treasurer's report                         | Ian Sm  |
| 6. Secretary's report                         | Fiona G |
| 7. Equipment Officer's report                 | David R |
| 8. Expedition Officer's report                | Sandy   |
| 9. Questions & Answers to Committee Members   |         |
| 10. AOB                                       |         |
| 11. Committee Stands Down                     |         |
| 12. Committee is elected                      |         |
| 13. Nominees for committee voted in           |         |
| 14. Date for next committee meeting to be set |         |
| 15. Meeting is closed                         |         |

### Chairperson's Welcome

- Please switch off mobile phones
- Questions to office bearers at end of reports, questions one at a time through the chair
- Apologies (as above)
- Adoption of 2012 AGM minutes; proposed Fiona Gilfillan, Seconded by Dougie Ritchie

### Diving Officer's report 2013

- Safe year's diving with one minor incident - implemented pre-dive trip fitness to be achieved before going on any dive trips
- Open Water x 3 (Kai, Brian and Grahame)
- Potential Branch Instructors x1 (any more?)
- Master Diver training x 9 (any more?)
- Thanks to Instructors who have helped in both pool and open water
- Appreciate those who nominated me for Suunto award
- Spring & Summer just around the corner
- Congratulations to new Sports Divers: George Wilson, Peter Hanson, Allan Ballantyne, Rory McLeod, Franka Lehr
- Congratulations to our First Class Divers: Ian Smith, Sandy McPherson, Tam Hares
- Congratulations to our new BI: Stuart Beaton
- Fiona reminded the members that she takes the role very seriously. Since taking

on the DO position she has discussed with the Regional Coach the various ScotSAC rules and regulations, so when she does give an answer directly it is with confidence that she is passing on the correct information. It is frustrating and embarrassing having to justify answers by contacting the regional coach. She remains, however, happy to be approached with questions.

### Pool Training Officers Report

- All trainees in Open Water.
- Kai will need to do a simulated dive in the pool before going back into open water training.
- Crossover training taking place.
- Commonwealth Pool available each Tuesday via Pentland etc who rent this - Ally to circulate Dave Simpson's email address; get in touch if you want to go. £3.50 per session, 8.30-9.30pm
- George Carnie asked if we could move training sessions to the Commonwealth Pool. This would mean we would lose the use of the Musselburgh cupboard for kit so was not progressed.

### Treasurers Report

#### Income 2012/2013

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| • Total Income received:            | £4,166.13        |
| 49 members paid to MUSAC in 2012/13 |                  |
| Fees paid by cash/cheque            | £1,959.20        |
| Fees directly to bank               | £1,349.00        |
| Monthly DD Payments                 | £537.93          |
| Come & Try & Newbie's               | £320             |
| • Total Income for 12/13            | <u>£4,166.13</u> |

#### Expenditure 2012/2013

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| • Pool Fees to end Jan (£59.10 inc to £61.20 in June)    | £2,724.60        |
| • Equipment (2x First Aid Kits, )                        | £37.60           |
| • Equipment Service, O2 Fill, Air gauge                  | £357.00          |
| • Website  | £ 49.00          |
| • Edinburgh Dive   | £98.47           |
| • Room Hire for lectures                                 | £31.13           |
| • Misc (window stickers, presents for BS, RH, Xmas wine) | £205.30          |
| • Total Expenditure                                      | <u>£3,503.10</u> |

Cash float opening balance	£75.18
<i>Plus</i> cash income	£15.00
Money from Come & Try	£60.00
<i>Less</i> cash expenses	£30.00
Closing cash float Feb 2013	<u>£120.18</u>

- 49 fully paid members for 2012/13
- Fees in advance
  - 37 paid for full year (@ £85) 1 member Paid 7 months and left the Club
  - 11 members paid £35 in advance along with monthly direct debit payments
  - 2 new members paid £25 one off joining fee plus £85 in full
- Fees by direct debit
  - 11 members paid £4.17 monthly to account \*

\* 5 Members did not renew membership but still paid monthly DD, they were informed and have now cancelled

DD.

6 Members have sadly left this year, (this includes 2 Instructors)

Income -V- Expenditure 2012/2013

• Total Income	£4,166.13
• Total Expenditure	£3,503.10
Profit	<b>£663.03</b>
Opening Balance March 2012	£5,682.31
Profit	£663.03
Closing Balance February 2013	<b><u>£6,345.34*</u></b>

*\*still awaiting February 2013 bank statement to verify closing balance*

Predicted Income & Expenditure for February

There are still pool fees due for February minus days the pool was broken. Approx £122.40

£45.87 income from Direct Debits for Feb

Closing Bank Balance in February	£6,345.34
Treasurer Float	£120.18
Expedition Officers Float	£500.00
Total	<b><u>£6,965.52</u></b>

Q&A

- Dougie Ritchie asked if the balance had increased or decreased over the years. Ian confirmed that we were slightly up this year as we did not have major equipment expense.
- Dave Rillie said that despite having received services from Stevie Gibson we had not received invoices.

### Secretary's Report 2012

- Co-opted onto committee when Fiona S took on DO position
- Main topics of meetings have included:
  - Clarifications to ScotSAC
  - Equipment issues
  - Club's ability to train new divers
  - Hire of club equipment
  - Expedition organisation
- Minutes of previous meetings have been emailed to members and are available via the website
- Fiona Smith thanked Fiona G for taking on the role of Secretary.

### Equipment Officer's Report

- 4 regulator sets have been serviced and 4 have been put into storage due to lack of trainees.
- All cylinders have been serviced, as has the O2 cylinder.
- Tam Hares asked re progress on selling kit. Kenny D suggested retrying Gumtree or eBay. This to be progressed - Dave R to raise at next committee meeting.

### Expedition Officer's report

- Training weekends: very popular as they don't cost much and it is good fun staying there. They are considered training weekends but they are good for qualified divers as well.
- Sound of Mull was a successful weekend and we had some good dives. The experience makes us all safer divers.
- It did highlight the need for good preparation. Yes, we have to prepare the kit but we also have to prepare ourselves!
- Practice dives - make opportunities to do this. Work up to the depths. When you put your name down for a trip you are committing yourself to that.

- Sandy is happy to stay on as expedition organiser despite struggling for dive time due to family commitments, however should anyone else want to take on expedition organisation he is happy to continue.

#### Q&A

- Claire McM stated it should be noted that there is a difference between members organising expeditions, and members organising *club* expeditions, as the two have different implications for organisers. Club expeditions are organised for club members first, and other divers are then welcome to fill any empty spaces.
- Dougie commented that there is a rumour that Billy may have sold his boat, so Friday dives may need to be with another operator. Post-meeting note: this has since been found not to be the case.

#### Proposal A: Summer Closedown

- Extend closedown over summer to 8 weeks, allowing further open water dive nights at local sites
- Conditional on ability to retain use of cupboard and ability to retain pool slot - this has already been checked out and is possible with advance notice to the pool.
- Use of the Commonwealth Pool was again discussed.
- Tom Baxter stated that he enjoyed swimming on a Wednesday night, and that it was a good social opportunity.
- Peter Hanson asked if there was an opportunity to make sessions fortnightly however this was not progressed.
- The proposal was carried forward with 1 vote against and 4 abstentions.

#### Proposal B: Future Training

- Complete existing sport diver/crossover training
- No further try dives for foreseeable future
- DO to organise club training days to encourage more activity
- Kenny D stated that he would be against this as he enjoys training, and felt that this would be detrimental to the BI's. Fiona S replied that there were 9 divers training towards Master Diver awards so there was plenty of opportunity to train.
- Dougie R stated that it wasn't so much stopping training as allowing the club to catch up with the current trainees.
- Craig D asked for a definition of 'foreseeable future', and if there were no trainees why would we continue to hire the pool; Fiona S replied that this was October/November, and that Master Diver training and cupboard use would demand continued pool sessions.
- Ian Sm commented that he felt the same as Kenny D, but that costs of going to the West Coast made it more of a challenge. George C suggested that the club contribute towards BI fuel costs, however this was not progressed.
- Fiona S mentioned that she had emailed BI's regarding future commitment to training, but had received a disappointing response.
- Brian McR suggested investigating Community Cashbacks to fund training - Ian Sm to discuss with Brian.
- After further discussion the proposal was adopted in principle; Fiona S will diarise the first few.

#### Any Other Business

- Dave R stated that although he is happy to organise the Tralee weekends, divers are responsible for grouping themselves together into chalet groups before approaching him to book, or to ask Dave if he knows of any others looking for spaces to be filled. Dave stated that these weekends are not formal training weekends, however trainees are most welcome if they organise training with a BI.

He is happy to organise the November weekend, however communication with each other is key to making the booking process less onerous for Dave.

- Date for next committee meeting will be circulated by Fiona G to Committee members.

### **Committee Election**

- Committee re-elected; Claire McM volunteered to assist Dave R as Equipment Officer with a view to taking over this position should Dave wish to stand down in future.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm