

BRADFORD ON AVON SUB AQUA CLUB

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2008 AT RIVERSIDE**

Present: Ken Blay Tracey Mock Mike Cleverley Richard Honor
 Paul Taylor Phil George

Apologies: Fran Patterson Sarah Barnes

Action

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposed: Paul Taylor

Seconded: Phil George

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

Various club members have received emails from BSAC regarding instructor training. BSAC also forwarded on about the annual try dive this has been passed to Phil

Chairman's Report

Nothing has changed since the last report member numbers and enthusiasm are low for diving, pool sessions and meeting in the pub afterwards. This needs to change or the club will face problems. More to follow in A.O.B

Equipment Officer's Report

BWM went out for the 3rd time this year on Saturday to do a scallop run. All in working order apart from the tubes seam to go down within 24 hours. Paul needs to investigate to see if any leaks can be found and plugged.

Paul

Jaffa has not touched the water this year.

Diving Officer's Report

None.

Training Officer's Report

Last meeting comment still stands dive leader training is to put this on hold as it is too late in the season to start now. It would be better to undertake the theory during the winter months and then start the practical next spring. There are very few instructors in the club who are willing to help with this training. Perhaps anyone interested could pay to do a BSAC course or alternatively we could find out whether the Bath clubs are doing any similar training and join up with them.

Derek Hunt passed his Sports Diver theory exam.

Boat handing course email sent out to see who is interested.

DSC course available cost will be £50 each (more than 8 attendees) or £55 each if less a minimum of 6 required and he will travel up to us. There is an additional cost of £25 for the licence and certificate from RYA.

Treasurer's Report

The challenges of Natwest are still ongoing but will be put on hold until after the AGM as signatories may change.

There is approximately £12,000 in the bank.

BOC have put up their cost for oxygen but unsure as to what the new price is.

Membership Secretary Report

None.

Social/Fundraising

We have got the same spot at the West Wilts Show for next year.

The Bath Beer Festival will be held on 17th October 2008.

BSAC "Party on the Beach" in Cornwall 15th - 17th May 2009. Look to see if any members wish to go so campsite etc can be booked up.

Any Other Business

Condolences to Pauline and Dawn have been passed on.

The minutes are a bit woolly as we had long discussions about all subjects in no particular order so they are summaries here.

The main subject the club, members, diving and the future.

- This year's weather has not been good with only 4 club dives done 1 of these was a shore dive.
- The change in the dive programme did not work, as no one stood up to organise a dive until it was too late.
- Average number of people attending the pool then the pub afterwards is 10 with a club membership number of 30 there is a problem. Work and family life are the main reason why people are not attending.
- Richard expressed that he will not be diving next year and will stand down as DO this mean that we have to get the other instructor in the club to help out.
- Paul went through what happened at his previous club when they were in a similar position.
 - Got BSAC to help with instructors from the regional coaches to bring members upto speed in dive leader and instructor courses as were all SAA previously.
 - Ran courses with Frome dive club so spread costs and get the numbers up (oxy admin & rescue management)
 - Ran DSC and RYA boat handling courses so everyone was qualified.
 - Made every member run 2 dives each during the season as a minimum to

get their next dive free.

- Paid for advertising in the local press for a try dive night, inc help from BSAC.
- Dive cost were set as £20 minimum (has own compressor & 4x4 to tow so overheads more than BOASAC)
- The statement was raised about the constitution with regards to the disbanding of the club and what happens to the money & assets. This needs to be drafted for the AGM so everyone can vote on it so it can be included for the new season
- Disbanding the club is the final solution which no one wants to do but the mood was very sombre but other clubs who have been around are dwindling in numbers for the same reasons as us
- Ken raised concerns about the AGM and numbers who will attend so he is going to write and ring to make sure everyone turns up.

AGM

Ken is stand down as Chairman and Membership Secretary

Sarah is standing down as Club Secretary

Richard is standing down as Dive Officer

Tracey expressed an interest in doing something else

Paul would stand again as Equipment officer

Phil would stand again as Training Officer

Mike would stand again as Treasure

But all of these have to be proposed and voted for.

Posts available

Chairman

Secretary

Membership Sec

Equipment Officer

Dive Officer

Training Officer

Treasurer

Social Secretary

Member 1

Member 2

Date of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 29th October 2008 – Riverside at 8.00 pm. AGM