

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 2005

**PRESENT:** Paul Nesbitt                      Don Foster                      Jeff Pape  
                 Mike Harrison                      Colin Crookston                      Billy Cass  
                 Kevin Wilde                      Paul Handley                      Tim Feldon  
                 Heather McNeill  
                 Cynthia Church, Secretary

Before the meeting started Paul (Chair) expressed condolences from the Committee and all the members of the Club to Kevin and his family.

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| 1. <b>APOLOGIES</b><br>Nigel Watson, Richard Waller  |               |
| 2. <b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> – 24.2.2005 Passed as a true record<br>Proposed: Tim Feldon                      Seconded: Colin Crookston   |               |
| 3. <b>MATTERS ARISING</b><br>None  |               |
| 4. <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b><br>The club had received a letter from Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council for inclusion onto the Library Database and would be completed.   | Secretary     |
| 5. <b>OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>  |               |
| 5a. <b><u>Treasurer – Paul Handley</u></b><br>Paul reported that there was still £5000 in the Egg Account and £1500 in the Current Account. The insurance for the Juno was due and now had up to date signatories on the cheque book.  |               |
| 5b. <b><u>Diving Officer – Heather McNeill</u></b><br>Richie Waller, Colin Crookston and Alex Robertson are actively developing their Instructor Skills.<br>Heather recommended that the club pay for the exams for members taking the Instructor Exams and that the Committee agree a discounted membership fee for a 2 year period following the achievement of the exams, to acknowledge the efforts of the individual concerned.<br>A discussion took place and it was put to the vote. The vote was unanimous (10) Instructors to pay for the Foundation Course themselves.<br><br><b>Diving, instruction &amp; boats</b><br>We have one rather cold and murky day at Ellerton. Danny McSorley completed his Ocean Diver, Bob Micklewright and Brian Malthouse both doing well.<br><br><b>Dives</b> – Jan to March this year has seen 111 recorded dives, involving 25 individuals in Capernwray (3), Ellerton (1), South Africa (5), and Moray Firth (2). Dive Marshall's Heather McNeill 6, Richie Waller 2, Paul Nesbitt 2. Average depth 18 metres and average dive time 38 mins.<br><br><b>Safe Diving</b> – a notice has been put up reminding members of BSAC guidance on branch dives.<br><br><b>Skill Development Courses</b><br>Gas Blending Course (Nitrox) one day on Weekend of 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> March was successful with the following people now TDI Gas Blenders: Kevin Wilde, Richie Waller, Mick Harrison, Paul Nesbitt, Nigel Watson, Tim Feldon and Heather McNeill. |               |

## **Training**

Sports Diver Lectures are almost finished – just more work to do on tables and on CPR/AV.

Heather passed round the new Proposed Dive Sheet which includes the Voyage Plan and Risk Assessment for perusal and comments before it is introduced for use.

### 5c. **Training Officer – Kevin Wilde**

Kevin reminded everyone about safe training procedures for the pool.

### 5d. **Equipment Officer- Billy Cass / Colin Crookston**

Billy reported that boats had been for service. Thanks go to Colin Crookston for taking the boats for service. Billy said that the rubber on the Growler was coming away from the hull and would be looking into getting the boat done. Billy said he had purchased a new antenna for the one GPS and would need a second one. Billy also said that when the boat went out on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> a May Day came over the radio and the Club boat went to help a fishing coble of the rocks at Hartlepool pulling them clear and waited for the Lifeboat. Billy said the Compressor was running ok.

Colin reported that the club had purchased new stab jackets, masks and fins. We now had an adaptor to fill our own Oxygen bottle. Colin said that he was looking into a Nitrox Blending Station to be used by members who were Nitrox trained. Prices and feasibility was being looked at.

### 5e. **Membership Secretary – Tim Feldon**

No report.

### 5f. **Bar Manager – Jeff Pape**

Jeff reported no problems behind the bar. He also said that the back room where the snooker table is has now been decorated at a cost of £70.

### 5g. **Website**

It was stated that the licence for the Website had not been paid.

## 6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (i) A recommendation for the increase of prices for boat use
- (ii) A Newsletter would be produced

## 7. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 19 May 2005 at 8.00 pm