

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**PRESENT:** Paul Nesbitt                      Jeff Pape                      Mick Harrison  
                 Don Foster                              Richie Waller                      Mike Gardner  
                 Hedley Brammer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Kevin Wilde, Nigel Watson & John Findlay

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008 passed as a true record  
Proposed Don Foster                      Seconded Jeff Pape

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Welcome back to Billy as Equipment Officer

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**6. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**6a. Treasurer – Mick Harrison**

Mick presented the club finances and explained the income and outgoings for the year. It was decided that, due to the impact of the common membership renewal date and the recently awarded charitable status, that we hold a formal review of the finances in January 2009 to review membership fees and other potential sources of club funding ahead of the AGM.

The aims for this year are to :

1. Investigate alternative insurance quotes for the boats and the clubhouse. (Mick)
2. Investigate opportunities for reducing pool hire costs through sharing. Suggestions have been made that we could :
  - (a) Share with other clubs (Billy)
  - (b) Make a nominal charge for pool users to cover some of the costs
  - (c) Look at alternative pools in the area
3. Increase the membership levels by proactively recruiting (All) Richie has agreed to produce a new BSAC 43 flyer.

Details of club accounts will be displayed on the club notice board, alternatively, please see one of the committee members for further details. As usual, the accounts will be formally reviewed for the year by a club member TBA.

**6b. Diving Officer – Kevin Wilde**

It was suggested that the "Diving Committee" should be reformed. As Kevin was not present at this meeting, it was decided that we discuss this at the next meeting in detail.

One other suggestion was to include a planned dives section on our website, this would allow those members not attending club nights on a Thursday to sign up for dives that had not been filled in the usual manner.

It was also agreed that the boat fees should be increased to reflect, in part, the increased fuel costs. No increase has been made to these fees since May 2005.

The new fees are as follows:

<b>Dive Site</b>	<b>Cost per diver</b>
Clavering/Carlo	£4
Harvest	£4
Guilford/Lemnos	£4
Scars	£6
Dimitris	£7
Mile End/Sports	£7
Loch Naver	£7
Patria	£8
Doozles	£8
Ocean	£8
Kilkiss	£8
Link	£12

6c. **Training Officer – Kevin Wilde**

None

6d **Equipment Officer- Billy Cass**

Billy gave a summary of the condition of the boats and has already completed the following maintenance tasks with the help of Richie:

- Battery terminals cleaned and greased
- Wheel bearings replaced
- Mudguards removed due to excessive corrosion
- Two trailer tyres require repair
- Oil and plugs on the outboards have been completed
- Water pump on the Juno has been cleaned
- New radio to be fitted to the Growler
- Flares and first aid kits checked, these are unused but have expired

It was agreed that an air purity test should be performed on the compressor as soon as we can obtain new Draeger tubes.

6e **Membership Secretary – Mick Harrison**

We currently have 28 full members, 6 abated members, and 5 honorary members.

It was confirmed that the club constitution states that Abated Membership fees only apply to those members living at the same address as a Full Member only.

6f **Bar Manager – Jeff Pape**

No issues

6g **Website – Nigel Watson**

No issues

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Malthouse was presented with a trophy in recognition of his recently awarded "Diver of the Year 2007". Congratulations Brian.

8. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 8:00 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**



