

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, 18th September 2008**

PRESENT: Paul Nesbitt Jeff Pape Roly Church
 Don Foster Mike Gardner Billy Cass
 Hedley Brammer Nigel Watson Kevin Wilde
 Dave Rees

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Mick Harrison, Richie Waller, and John Findlay

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Held 17th July 2008 passed as a true record
Proposed : Mike Gardner Seconded : N Watson

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Kevin Wilde replied to BSAC regarding their request to promote branch training, explaining that we are about to temporarily lose access to the pool while under renovation.

6. OFFICERS' REPORTS

6a. Treasurer – Dave Rees

Dave reviewed the finances and explained that we could be operating at a slight deficit over the course of this year. It was agreed that we would review the situation, and branch fees, at the February committee meeting ahead of the AGM in March 2009. It was also suggested that we look at the insurance costs more closely, and try to find a cheaper alternative to the current insurer.

6b. Diving Officer – Kevin Wilde

None

6c. Training Officer – Kevin Wilde

Training is proceeding well :

- Alan Grainger is continuing with his pool training
- Sally Gardner is awaiting drysuit training
- Mark Dixon has now completed his drysuit training
- OD lectures are planned for the end of October, possibly at a weekend.

6d. Equipment Officer- Billy Cass

Billy has resolved the electrical problem and intends to re-wire both boats over the course of the winter. An intermittent fault on Juno's radio is to be investigated.

6e. Membership Secretary – Dave Rees

Membership currently stands at 47.

6f **Bar Manager – Jeff Pape**

Plans are to be made for a Guy Fawkes night on Wednesday 5th November. Volunteers to help with the fireworks, and ticket sales are welcome.

6g **Website – Nigel Watson**

The site has been updated to include a write up from the Weymouth trip. Kevin Wilde has also posted Requesting interest in a trip to Ireland in July 2009, see forum for further details.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Paul Nesbitt is to arrange a plaque for the World Ship Society Teesside Branch to be presented at their meeting on Wednesday October 15th.

8. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 8:00 Thursday 16th October**

