

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 28th June 2012

1 Present – Don Foster, Mick Harrison, Brian Malthouse, Mick McPhillips, Paul Nesbitt, Carl Swinnerton, Nigel Watson, Kev Wilde, Stuart Wintringham, Hedley Brammer.

2 Apologies – Phil Bennett, Paul Kiss.

3 Minutes of the Meeting 31st May 2012 – Proposed by Don Foster & seconded by Brian Malthouse as a true record

4 Matters Arising – none

5 Correspondence – none

6 Officers' Reports

6.1 Treasurer, Carl Swinnerton – From 31st May to 28th June 2012

6.2 Membership Secretary, Carl Swinnerton – We currently have 42 members.

6.3 Diving Officer, Kevin Wilde - none

6.4 Training Officer, Kevin Wilde – none

6.5 Equipment Officer, Stuart Wintringham – The battery on the compressor is not holding charge fully and needs to be replaced.

Action – Stuart Wintringham to organize with Phil &/or others to get replacement battery.

The inner-tube which failed is in process of being repaired but more patches are needed. If anyone has some please let Stuart know. Various other options were discussed and it was felt that despite Stuarts valiant efforts that there will always be concern over the integrity of the repaired tube. It was suggested that we should consider filling the boats tubes with foam so that they would remain up all the time. This would add just under 80 kg to the weight of the boat. The idea was rejected because it was thought that the foam would not take the pressure of people sitting on the tubes and leaving & entering the boat over the tubes. It was also thought that the foam would degrade over time and because of the pressure of use.

It was considered that our real option remains is a re-tube with normal rib tubes and this should be done sooner rather than later.

6.6 Bar Manager, Kevin Wilde – running smoothly and have had some offers to help with stocking up when needed.

I was intending to retire as Bar Manager at the end of this year but feel it is appropriate to do so now since I can't do the job fully at present and it will be some months before I can. Anyone interested in taking on the job should discuss it with Kev Wilde. This post is subject to approval of the committee.

6.7 Website, Nigel Watson – Running OK. The club web site will be up-dated as soon as time permits.

7 A O B -

Boat house doors – no report available since Paul Kiss could not be at the meeting.

Club house redecoration - Carpet & underlay are needed to complete the job in the main lounge area. There are some small parts of floor which appear to need finishing before the underlay & carpet are laid. Paul Nesbitt said he would speak to Phil Wheatcroft about the carpet & underlay.

Action – Paul Nesbitt to talk to Phil Wheatcroft.

Summer BBQ – It has been suggested we should have this years BBQ on a Thursday evening so that we don't restrict weekend diving. Paul Nesbitt said he would discuss this with others to try to organise this.

Action – Paul Nesbitt to organise.

The question was asked if the engine size had been registered on the insurance since it is larger than the standard one for the insurance. If we need to make a claim and the declaration isn't fully correct it will give the insurance company an excuse to avoid paying out. After a brief discussion it was decided that we should also include radio & GPS/sounder with the up-date.

Action – Carl Swinnerton to up-date the insurance declaration.

Since we are having problems with one of the tubes on the new boat it was suggested that we should examine all tubes to ensure that we don't give the insurance company an excuse to avoid paying out if we need to make a claim.

Action – Stuart Wintringham to check tubes.

8 Next Meeting – 26th July 2012