

# Committee Meeting Minutes

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**1 Present** – Phil Bennett, Don Foster, Brian Malthouse, Mick McPhillips, Paul Nesbitt, Kev Wilde, Stuart Wintringham, Hedley Brammer.

**2 Apologies** – Mick Harrison, Paul Kiss, Carl Swinnerton, Nigel Watson.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012** – Proposed by Brian Malthouse & seconded by Don Foster as a true record

**4 Matters Arising** – none

**5 Correspondence** – none

### **6 Officers' Reports**

6.1 Treasurer, Carl Swinnerton – none

6.2 Membership Secretary, Carl Swinnerton – none

6.3 Diving Officer, Kevin Wilde - none

6.4 Training Officer, Kevin Wilde – none

6.5 Equipment Officer, Stuart Wintringham – Purchase of the GPS/Sounder has been put off until next year.

It was queried if we should have ropes further forward than where the present ones stop. After a brief discussion it was felt that these would be useful.

6.6 Bar Manager, Kevin Wilde – running ok

6.7 Website, Nigel Watson – none

**7 A O B** – Jeff Pape - It is with great sadness that Jeff Pape has recently passed away. Jeff was our longest serving member and one of the founding members of our club and will be dearly missed.

Jeff was a member of Teesside 43 Branch from 1958. After leaving the Navy, Jeff read of the exploits of Jacques Cousteau, saw the early films of diving, found some like minded friends to try this new sport & was hooked. Jeff joined the club and initially made most of his own gear.

He was one of our first Diving Officers, from 1961 to 1963 and 1968, 1973 & 1978. He was involved with getting the club the first compressor and knew his way about the latest one.

He was a man of great ability, with boats; making his own; he knew engines inside out, electrics and radios.

If there was a problem with your gear most would say "see Jeff" & he could sort most problems out.

Jeff was much travelled at home and abroad for his diving. He went to places where the only transport was by bus or even lifts by wagon, logging well over 3000 dives.

He was Bar Manager from 1997 to 2009 making all welcome, both new and past members.

Sadly missed, never forgotten.

Jeff's story is to be put into the BSAC magazine.

Action – Paul Nesbitt

Main club room – The redecoration & re-carpeting is now complete. Pictures and dive finds will be put back up shortly.

Bonfire night – November 5<sup>th</sup> is on Monday and it has been asked if we could have ours on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> instead. It was thought that we will need a licence to do this. We will also need to get the wood and the fireworks. The access to the area we use for the bonfire needs to be sort out and lighting for that area would also be useful.

Action – Paul Nesbitt

Christmas Party – Details of this are on the club website. The present booking is for 30 people but it may be possible to increase this if needed.

Expedition Scotland August 2013 – the present plan is to use 2 privately owned boats. The question was asked if the new blue club boat could be used in the event that 1 of the private boats was not available. It was agreed that this would be ok.

**8 Next Meeting** – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012