

BSAC Teesside 43 Branch CASC
56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
24th March 2013
Venue: Clubhouse, South Gare

The Chairperson, Paul Nesbitt opened the meeting by welcoming all members to the 56th Annual General Meeting.

Apologies for Absence these were received from B Malthouse, K Wilde, N Watson, P Kiss, M Harrison

Approval of Minutes of 55th AGM approved by D Foster, seconded by M Gardiner as a true record.

Matters Arising- Nil

Chairman's Introduction & Report

Quite a year new boat Viagra, new boat house doors, club redecorated & 10kt lottery grant to purchase a new boat.

The clubhouse was badly in need of a revamp at the start of the year & was mentioned at last year's AGM by Mike Emerson who got himself a job out of it, true to his word & helped by a team of club members & their family he & Brian Malthouse got the job done, thanks to all who helped we now have a club decorated to a high standard hopefully will attract new members when they visit first impressions are everything.

The club doors were falling apart & the worry was they wouldn't last the winter they were replaced with remote controlled roller shutter doors, how posh are we! The old doors will be removed in time for bommy night if they last that long

Lottery grant, hard work by Hedley saw the club receive a £10k lottery grant for the purchase of a new boat I will let Stuart explain in more detail the purchases of boats, but big thanks to Hedley getting the £10k

Fund raising for the club continued throughout the year, mainly from the efforts of one man Brian Malthouse who has raised more money for this club than any other member that I am aware of a massive thank you to Brian. Traditional bonfire night was again a collective effort, Dave Rees with wood & fireworks which were paid for by Pam Pedersen thanks for the donation Pam & all those who helped with running of the night or donation of raffle prizes.

Also thanks to our lass Jo & friends who sorted the food & organising the night
As always the club is run for its members by its members all voluntary all unpaid a big thanks to all committee members they are

Diving officer/training officer - Kev Wilde sadly stepping down this year to pursue his interest of more holidays I didn't think it was possible to go away more than he already does! Thanks for your efforts over the years Kev without you we wouldn't have been able to function with training new members

Secretary - Hedley Brammer thanks to Hedley we now have a brand new diving boat, Hedley efforts are assisting me in running of the club he also has now achieved superstar status with the £10k grant & researching for a good deal from Humber for new boat, hopefully more grants for the future? Thanks Hedley for your efforts

Treasurer/membership secretary - Carl Swinnerton doing a sterling job looking after our money & our new members money he also organised xmas night out or was that his wife Joanne or Paul Kiss anyway he got the credits Thanks for efforts over the year Carl

Equipment officer - busy year for Stuart with fitting Viagra out, work on the old boats

& new doors & any repairs required, he has also been completing his instructor training so we have a replacement for Kev. Thanks Stuart for work done over the year, thanks also to Phil who has done a lot of work on the sale of the old boat & purchase of new one & work on the boats

Bar manager- Phil Bennett, sounds like the unholy trinity this one started the year with Kev. Running the bar until he injured his leg at which point I took over for an interim period until Phil took on the position, I know it was well run for the middle period Phil's still learning the ropes though! Thanks to Kev & Phil for running the stock, accounts & bar & all those who assist over the year serving drinks

ADO/website - Nigel Watson stands in for Kev as DO when he's away on jollies so quite a lot then! Also runs website which lately has been off & on like a whores drawers but moves are afoot I believe to improve service, thanks Nigel for efforts over the year

Committee Members- Brian Malthouse once again our chief fundraiser big thanks to all your efforts over the year Brian

Mick Harrison- assists wherever he's needed always willing to help out has done his AI course so he can support training now & even started using his car on Thursdays occasionally now thanks for help Mick

Don Foster - valuable source of advice Don has seen & done most of what we discuss at committee meetings more than once to say he's got the tee shirt is an

understatement he has a wardrobe full of them thanks for help over the years Don

Paul Kiss- due to work commitments & regular bouts of man flu which thanks to his research is now a recognised medical condition means Paul hasn't been involved as much as we all would like. But he also has completed his AI course so hopefully Paul will also assist Stu & the team with training thanks Paul

Mick McPhillips - Still learning the ropes Mick helps out where he can ever present at meetings thanks for help over the year Mick As you all know its not just the committee who make this work most members contribute in one way or another so it's thanks to them as well that make this a team effort- special thanks

as always go to Rolly Church looks after compressor & assists Stu in his role as equipment officer Mick Emerson & Brian Malthouse for their hard work with repairs & redecoration Pam Pederson for her generosity & help over the year.

Anyone missed? I hope not but recognise friends & family of members who also helped out over year please pass on my thanks to them Lastly I like to pay our respects to Jeff Pape who passed away last year, Jeff was a club member for many years, a legend to all new members he was regarded as our own Jacques

Cousteau. He started diving when the sport was in its infancy making a lot of his own kit & diving with equipment which wouldn't get passed the HSE these days.

He held most posts within the club over the years & was a permanent item at the pool giving advice & aid he only gave up his beloved bar when ill health forced his hand. We intend to lay Jeff to rest on the maiden voyage of the new boat all are welcome who wish a trip out but numbers will be restricted to the 3 boats available, remember Jeff when you get your free drink after this meeting & toast his life & achievements To Jeff cheers

Officer's Reports

Membership Secretary Report

At the start of 2012 the Club had 50 Members comprising of; 34 Full Paying Members, 6 Honorary Members, 2 Abated Members and 8 Associate Members! 10 New Members! At the end of 2012 the Club had 34 Members comprising of; 25 Full Paying Members, 5 Honorary Members, No Abated and 4 Associate Members! NO NEW MEMBERS! That means we lost 11 Full, 1 Honorary, 2 Abated and 4 Associate Members over the course of the year. I think the 2 main factors for this are the bad weather over the whole diving season and the condition of the main room in the club

house i.e. with a big hole in the floor, not having a carpet for some time and the decorating taking a long time. Having said that it's all done now and looks very clean, tidy and ship shape thanks again to the time and hard work of all the members who volunteered to help out. With the arrival of a new boat and an inviting club house 2013 is looking a lot better already, in the first 2 months we've had 2 new members & 2 lapsed members rejoin the club. All we need now is some good weather!!!

Treasurers Report

The clubs small profit in 2012 is due to the sale of Growler, bonfire night, donations made, gift aid organised again by Hedley Brammer and fundraising i.e. Raffles/Car Boot Sales/Lotto Bonus Ball thanks to Brian Malthouse. In 2012 the clubs main investment's were: shutters for the boathouse, new carpet in the club house, an engine for the blue boat and a new battery for the compressor. In 2013 the club will have a new boat! Mainly funded with the help of the Lottery grant which arrived in January 2013. Thanks again to the persistence of Hedley Brammer. BSAC have again put a £1.50 increase on their yearly subscription from March 2013. It could be an option for us to also increase our membership subscription in line with inflation? The clubs finances for the coming year are looking good but we need to keep attracting new members and keep up with the fund raising!

Equipment officer's report

It has been quite eventful this year equipment wise; we got rid of the Growler to make way for a new boat. The new boat was purchased from e-bay thanks to help from Gary McSorley and a new engine was fitted shortly afterwards. A fuel tank was fitted and we discovered that a fuel gauge was going to be useful on the first trip we had in it. We also found out that the boat had inner tubes fitted, one of which had a puncture or twelve! This meant that we were in much the same position that we were in before we changed the boat, having a boat with unreliable tubes. Later in the year the club received the news from Lottery funding that our application for a grant had been accepted. This was thanks to the efforts of Hedley and also Paul for helping to fill in the application form. The money has enabled the club to purchase a brand new boat from Humber. The original plan was to refit the existing engine from the Juno but we have since been informed by Humber that this was not a good idea. So we then had another meeting and it was decided by a majority vote, that we would sell the Juno complete with the engine in order to fund buying a new engine. This means that we should be starting the new diving season with a brand new boat and engine. We also have the option of two private boats in the club should we need them. We have had new roller shutter doors fitted to the boat house to improve security. The compressor is still running although the blow off valve seems to be leaking a bit, but all in all I think we are now in a very positive position to start the new season. I would also like to add that Brian and others have done a great job in tidying up the appearance of the club not sure it comes under equipment but well done Brian.

Bar Manager's Report

AGM - BAR ACCOUNTS 2012

Opening Balance. £86.00

Opening Stock. £58..00

Bar Sales. £2120.43

Expenses, Stock. £1191,98. (£10.79 AGM DRINKS.)

Balance. £928.45

Main account £550
Closing stock £106.35
C.I.H. £272.10.

The bar takings are down as every year there does seem to be a slow and gradual decrease in sales, I think we need to recruit some more drinkers, never mind divers! Hopefully next year there will be some nicer weather with the possibility of sitting out the front with a nice cold beer. I have put a bar rota together that will be available for people to see at the club.... If you wish to be involved please let me know.

2008 - £1860
2009 - £2326.48
2010 - £2277.50
2011 - £2167.00
2012 - £2120.43

Dive Officers Report

All the best planning goes out of the window if the weather doesn't play the game. For the third year running the weather has played a large part in restricting our diving. Personally I had an horrendous year due to my accident, and lost out on about 9mths diving. Then I travel to Cuba only to have my diving blown out there as well, But as always we can't dwell on lost opportunities, we move on and this year starts in the right way with a new boat, Trips booked for south shields, The farne islands and an expedition to Scotland (still limited spaces) so join in, put your name down and make up for lost time. I have enjoyed my role as D.O over the last few years but after about 15 years on the committee in various positions I am standing down. I would like to think I am leaving the position healthier than when I took it on as far as the instructor base goes. Thanks to my assistant D.O. Nigel for his help over the last few years and to Stuart and Paul for the lectures and training they have done to assist me. We also have four more members that have completed their foundation course. All we need now are the new members to unleash them on. (So my standing down could be a prudent move.

Other Reports

Election of Officers & Committee Members -

Chair- Paul Nesbitt
Treasurer/Membership secretary- Carl Swinnerton
DO -Stuart Wintringham
Equipment officer- Phil Bennett
Bar manager- Phil Bennett
Secretary- Mick McPhillips
Committee members
D Foster
M Harrison
Paul Kiss
B Malthouse
A Hunt
N Watson (ADO & Web Master)

Kev Wilde
Bill Early

AOB- Cynthia Church Kindly volunteered to remain as License holder until 2015

Chairman's closing remarks-Paul thanked everyone for attending the meeting, hope we have a good safe diving year with a Brand new Boat and engine and we are looking forward to doing various events. Please continue to bring your ideas to the committee to promote the club and help us to organise events, raising funds for the club and we will continue to give support to Brian with his fundraising efforts.

The diver of the year award went to Stuart Wintringham for his efforts throughout 2012