

**BSAC Teesside 43 Branch CASC**  
**58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting report**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The meeting was opened by the chairman welcoming all who attended.

**Apologies for absence.**

A number of committee members sent their apologies due to other commitments -  
P Kiss, M Harrison, P Bennett

**Approval of Minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> AGM.**

The minutes were approved by A Hunt & M McPhillips as a true record.

**Matters Arising** – Nil

**Chairmans Statement**

Another year goes by as eventful as ever, decision was made by the committee, to get rid of the new boat Viagra & sell Growler also to fund along with lottery grant, a new boat & engine and run with only one boat

Decision was correct in my view both financially & for diving purposes better boat with support from private boats assured we had enough room for all those wanting to dive & a cost saving to the club.

Maiden voyage other than trials up the river ( plenty of petrol this time) saw club lay Jeff Pape to rest on the Harvest on May 11th, this was after couple of cancellations for poor weather. Saying of all well that ends well certainly applied for this run out. Anyone who doesn't know the tale I will fill in after meeting just to say that in text speak Jeff must of PMSL at our antics. Carry on diving with BSAC43!!!

Weather wise we had a good year which allowed plenty of use of new boat which we named Jeff Pape in his memory he also left the club £1000 in his will heres to Jeff

Finances will be gone into detail by Carl but efforts by members on fundraising & supporting events such as bonfire night have kept club firmly in black.

Trips away diving & social nights including Xmas do at X keys helped strengthen friendships between old & new members

Same this year please with people organising both fund raising & diving this is required to keep the club strong & moving forward, most of which is due to clubs committee members they are.

**Diving officer/ training officer**

**Stuart Wintringham**

Seen in his first full year with passing his instructor exams to ensure club had qualified training officer. Stuart is now well into the role & putting his own stamp on with support from others in training thanks to Stu

**Secretary**

**Mick McPhillips.**

Now some say Hedley could not be replaced but I disagree I think that Mick adequately fills the role vacated by the legend that was Deadly Hedley thanks to Mick for his efforts

Treasurer/membership secretary Carl Swinnerton.

Carl keeps finances in cheque! Regular updates on finances and membership plus collecting fees & paying all the bills allow the club to function, Carl also did his IFC course and now helps out with training, all of which done effortlessly by Carl who has just treat himself to new BMW thanks to Carl

Equipment officer

Phil Bennett

Lot of work done by Phil in sale of boats & purchase of new boat aided by Gary Mcorley and eBay. Viagra sold to UK's first group of submariner scouts.

Plus work with compressor & diving equipment throughout year kept Phil busy. Congratulations also on arrival of Phil and Kirsty first child Charlie who wouldn't interfere with his diving ! Thanks Phil

Bar manager

Phil Bennett

Advised not to but a lack of volunteers for role meant phil bravely took it on. Due to Charlie's arrival who was not going to change Phil's life meant that management of the bar suffered slightly, Mick Harrison stepped in to help out and is now getting things back to running smoothly

Web master/ADO

Nigel Watson

Regular revamps & updates of site keep Nigel busy with what is the best websites for a dive club in the country. Assisting Stuart in training & as ADO also assures Nigel is kept busy throughout the year. Thanks to Nigel

Committee

**Mick Harrison**

Mick took over running of bar and helps out where required also involved in training now having done his IFC course helps with Stu and new members . Just have to keep him away from the vulnerable ones! Thanks to Mick

**Brian Malthouse**

no1 fundraiser for the club in the last 48 years Brian works tirelessly with raffles, car boots etc to make money for this club. Also does a lot of cleaning and decorating of the club , sadly Brian will be giving up diving this year but will be still helping out with fundraising for the club, thanks once again for efforts Brian

PS any one wishing to purchase tickets for easter raffle or donate prizes see Brian after meeting!!!

**Don Foster**

Always a source of advice & help Don continues to be the stalwart of the club currently battling ill health we thank Don for efforts & wish him a swift recovery so he can get back in for another seasons diving. Thanks don

**Bill Early**

New to committee but willing and able unlike his football team sadly beaten in the league cup by Man City! Better luck next year Bill but thanks for efforts with the club

### **Ally Hunt**

Another new addition to committee Ally helps out where needed and is a valuable addition to the committee thanks to Ally for efforts

### **Paul Kiss**

Now some of you might not recognise Paul but he has been a member for a number of years and on the committee ! Work load has meant Paul didn't get a lot of time for the club last year but he did do his IFC course and always helps out where he can thanks to Paul

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Thanks to all of the above and other club members who help & support the club, but thanks also to those friends and family who make the club what it is. From Gary Mcs dad who housed the boat to my wife Joanne who puts up with me and does the food on bonfire night and all those others who help out around the club a big thank you to all

Special mention for Rolly Church who has put a lot of time & effort into the club over the years & who despite ill health throughout the year still manages to attend on Thursdays and keeps eye on things, thanks and best wishes to Rolly on his continued recovery.

Hopefully haven't offended anyone too much and I also mentioned everyone if not thank them for me, we will continue with rest of meeting

### Treasurers Report

### Membership secretaries Report

At the start of 2013 the Club had 34 Members comprising of: 25 Full Paying Members, 5 Honorary Members, No Abated and 4 Associate Members!

At this present time the Club has 40 Members comprising of 27 Full Paying Members, 7 Honorary Members, 2 Junior Members, 1 Abated and 3 Associate Members.

I think the main factors for this was the great weather conditions last year and the new boat (Jeff Pape). The recruitment drive we did also helped aided by BSAC with the free Training Pack offer.

Lets hope for some of the same weather conditions this season!!!

Report Compiled on 27/03/2014 by Carl Swinnerton

### Dive Officers Report

Diving wise it has been a lot better year than the last couple of years. The weather would seem to have improved allowing some diving to take place.

Last August we had a very successful trip up to Scotland taking both the club boat and Phil's boat. The trip was planned by Phil and Kevin and I think we all appreciated

the effort that was put into the organisation of the trip. So thanks go to both Kevin and Phil.

A trip was also planned to St Abbs that was maybe not so successful, in that we had a club member air lifted to hospital. He has thankfully made a full recovery from what was suspected to be a spinal bend. This just goes to underline that even a dive within the parameters of a diving computer can cause injury.

All the usual local dive sites have been visited this year, my new position as club instructor has seen me on the Harvest many times this year.

#### Training Officers Report

I have been running diving lectures over the winter months, Ocean, Sports and Dive Leader. I would like to thank those of you that have helped with giving the Dive Leader lectures. Mick has been very keen to get involved and thanks to Paul for doing the head-buster (planning).

In water training has also taken place with both Alan and Dave completing Ocean diver. We also plan to get our Dive Leader trainees in the water to get some if not all of that signed off. So best of luck to the people taking part in that. I hope that at least some of you want to progress further and take the next step in your instructor training, so as to give something back to the club that has provided your training.

#### Equipment officers Report,

This is the first year that we have had the new boat and it has already clocked up a few nautical miles as well as motorway miles.

It has performed very well in the conditions in which it has already been subjected to and I'm sure will serve us very well if looked after for the next 20 years.

There are two complete pool sets that have been serviced and are ready to go.

Over the next couple of weeks I am going to put together a better way in which the battery is connected to the compressor and modify the way in which the compressor is started, this should make it More reliable when needed.

#### Bar Managers Report

Due to the Bar managers position being vacant the work has been carried out by two of the committee members and this has been covered in the chairmans statement.

Mick Harrison will be taking over this roll for the coming year.

#### Other Reports :- Nil

Election of officials. The list of proposed committee members was passed unanimously by all present.

The Committee for 2014 will consist of the following,

Chairman - Paul Nesbitt

Treasurer/Membership secretary – Carl Swinnerton

Secretary – Mick McPhillips

D.O / Training officer – Stuart Wintringham

Equipment Officer - Phil Bennett

Bar Manager – Mick Harrison

Committee members – A Hunt, B Early, D Foster, P Kiss, A Bousfield, N Watson, Brian Malthouse was made a honorary committee member due to his continued efforts within the club.

AOB – A few questions were raised about the Compressor but these can be better progressed by liaison between the equipment officer & the Committee.

Closing remarks.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman wishing members a good safe Diving year in 2014.