

BSAC Teesside 43 Branch CASC
58th Annual General Meeting report
29th March 2015

The meeting was opened by the chairman welcoming all who attended

Chairmans Statement 2015

Good morning & welcome to BSAC43s 58th AGM looking back at 2014 I find it hard to remember things of note for this year, might be an age thing but more likely due to a declining activity within the club. This was evident at last year's AGM with only the committee members present, later in the year in November we had an EGM to discuss this issue & measures were discussed and agreed to ensure more activities including diving was available for club members. Some of the recommendations have already been implemented with tide details posted to allow better planning locally & away. Also trips booked to Oban, Scapa, Farnes etc but we have still some way to go to ensure we fulfil all the issues raised, this will be discussed at next committee meeting.

New boat Jeff Pape performed well for its 1st full year and weather followed similar pattern to previous year with promising good start which then petered out leaving an average years diving.

Finances continue to be stable & will be gone into later on from Carls report this is once again supported by essential fund raising events organised mainly by Brian Malthouse, discussions currently ongoing with 3 x 9s club who share pool with us on their continued use or joining our club.

Social side with bonfire night & night out in Redcar for members plus dive trips away strengthens friendships' within the club but it must be area we promote more to encourage activity within the club.

Membership remains an area we must address this is our main area of funding & we all should encourage friends & family members to try diving, plus advertise the club at work or public areas such as sports centres etc. Advertising has already been started & will hopefully reap some rewards. Thoughts & best wishes for 2 members who have been stalwarts for the club over the years, they are currently experiencing ill health Rolly Church & Don Foster hopefully will have better 2015
Thanks must go to those who help to run the club - the committee they are

Diving officer/ training officer -Stuart Wintringham

Lot of work by Stuart organising training including lectures, pool & diving also monitoring diving within the club keeps Stuart busy thanks for all his efforts in 2014

Secretary - Mick McPhillips.

Thanks to Mick for his secretarial duties in 2014 always thought if I had a secretary they would be more like Money Penny from the Bond films sadly although he does wear stockings and sussies in his own time sadly lacks the looks ! Thanks for help in 2014 Mick

Treasurer/membership secretary -Carl Swinnerton

Clubs finances & membership ably handled by Carl always keeps the rest of us in cheque !
Thanks to Carl for his work last over the last year

Equipment officer -Phil Bennet

Phil continues in his role of equipment officer - congratulations on his recent marriage to Kirsty & his young son Charlie both of which don't affect his ability in equipment officer !! Also thanks for being the main organise of trips away for the club- thanks for both Phil

Web master/ADO -Nigel Watson

Regular updates of site keep Nigel busy with what is the best websites for a dive club, always willing to assist Stuart in training & others throughout the club ensures Nigel is kept busy throughout the year. Thanks to Nigel

Bar manager -Mick Harrison

What can I say about Mick ? As little as possible he hopes ! Hmmm as they say a picture paints a thousand words just look behind the bar ! Thanks to Mick for the smooth running of the bar despite running out of Yorkies for Brian on a number of occasions thanks Mick xx

Committee members – Brian Malthouse

Still remains no1 fundraiser for the club, works tirelessly with bonus ball, raffles, car boots etc to make money for this club. Also a lot of cleaning and decorating of the club.

Thanks once again for your efforts Brian

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

Don Foster

Health issues have meant Don has not been present as much as we all would like & we all wish Don a speedy recovery – Always willing to help out with his years of knowledge & experience – thanks once again to Don for his years of service to the club

Alex Bousfield

Our newest committee member & our legal representative brings new ideas to club including an App for smart phones & legislation for bar licences – thanks to Alex for his support

Ally Hunt

Lot of effort by Ally looking into pool sharing possibilities and helps out where he can thanks to Ally for his help over the year

Paul Kiss

Once again Paul hasn't been as active within club as I am sure he would like hopefully this year will see reversal with the rendering of the boat house? But with new house to build I'm not so sure ! Thanks Paul for assistance over the year

Not forgetting

Once again thanks to all of the above but not forgetting all those friends and family who assist & support this club in its running & work at club events as well as putting up with all of us! Great big thank you to all of them

Paul Nesbitt Chair BSAC43

Treasurers Report For 2015 AGM

We have made a profit this year mainly down to the fact that we haven't had any unexpected bills or needed to make any large purchases. We did make a small investment purchasing a much-needed new projector for student training and lectures..

Our Insurance Renewals have remained the same as last year

The Bar takings are down from 2013 to 2014.

Earlier this month the Treasurer from 3-9s the club we share the pool with has contacted me to say they look like disbanding their club, as it's no longer cost effective to keep going. This will mean we lose their pool contribution.

The Club still needs as much funding as ever so could we all try to take a leaf out of Brian's book with his endless raffles and car boot sales.

This year he is just as active " Well done Brian".

BSAC have put a small increase on their Membership Fee's from 1st March 2015.

I have a full list with all increases if required.

I think we should leave our Club Fee's at the same level for diving members but possibly put a small increase on our associate and honorary members fee!

Report Compiled on 17/03/2015 by Carl Swinnerton

Membership Secretary's Report For 2015 AGM

On 1st May 2014 (Our common renewal date) the Club had 40 Members comprising of: 27 Full Paying Members, 7 Honorary Members, 2 Junior Members, 1 Abated and 3 Associate Members!

At this present time the Club has 38 Members comprising of: 22 Full Paying Members, 5 Honorary Members, 2 Junior Members, 4 Joint Members, 4 Associate Members and 1 Student Member.

I anticipate a slight drop in existing club membership renewals this May due to a few long standing members having on going health issues.

Lets hope for an influx of new members and some great weather conditions for the season ahead.

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Dive Officers Report -Stuart Wintringham

I personally have not taken part in as much diving as would have liked to over this last year, mainly due to work commitments. I have however dived the usual local dive sites and I know that there has been a few trips diving off the Farnes etc. The club has a trip to Scapa Flow booked thanks to Phil, I am looking forward to that. In fact Phil has probably been our most proactive member for booking dive trips so well done to Phil.

Training Officers Report- Stuart Wintringham

As usual we have had a couple of new members going through their Ocean training. Others are training towards the next level in their qualification.

I will be putting some sheets on the notice board, on them I would like people to put their name, current training level and what training they need to get to the next level.

I intend to use these to update records and hopefully plan some dives where we can get members some training to allow them to progress.

Equipment Report. -Phil Bennet

Boat

The boat has been de-winterised and is already for the up and coming season. The brakes have been removed as they were seizing on due to the lack of distance towed after they had been submerged in sea water. They are however ready to go back on if the boat is to make any longer trip.

The ancillary equipment on the boat such as anchor, painter line, shot lines and 'A' Flag have all been sorted over the last couple of weeks.

There is also a box of coastal flares in the locker.

Compressor

As we all know the compressor has had a lot of bad press over recent months.

The compressor has now been fixed by a Auto Electrician who has fitted a new alternator, new battery whilst moving the location of it.

He is due to come back and sort out the wires that are behind the switch panel as well as install a small fuse board.

We are due to have a professional air sample taken to solve any issues that may be present. Once this is completed the compressor should be 100% trust worthy.

Scuba Gear.

The pool equipment has been serviced last year and due to the minimum use should possibly be serviced end of this year if it is to be of use.

We have 3 full sets of equipment and two 10ltr cylinders.

Around the club there is a lot of old equipment that is well past it, I suggest that before long we should have a big "spring" clean out and aim for the next 59 years.

I am happy to stay in this role as equipment officer, however if someone fancies doing it....

Here's to look forward to the season ahead. **Phil Bennett**

Bar Managers Report.Bar manager -Mick Harrison

2014 Has been a mixed year, Thanks for family and friends for supporting the club and its event. With no other events planned other than bonfire night E.g. no BBQs we need somebody to step forward and suggest new events. We need people to come up with other events that attract friends, family and new people in order to increase weekly bar takings. More alcoholics needed.

Mick Harrison.

Election of officials.

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

The Committee for **2015** 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, D Winstanley, D Foster, P Kiss, A Bousfield, N Watson, Brian Malthouse .

AOB – A few questions were raised 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 2015.