



RATAE SAC

MINUTES OF AGM
Tuesday 26th November 2002
The Black Swan
Shepshed
8:00pm



Members present:

Edith Lucas, Paul Lucas, Robert Cuss, Graham Stanbridge, Catherine Spence, Bryan Spence, Carol Johnson, Martin Crookes, Karl Kirk, Chris Kirk, Rod Hill, Rachel Kirkby, Kevin Wright, Cherie Wooding, Ian Ellison, Mark Willoughby, Alison Ball, Lesley Turnbull, Ian Petchey, Mick Ward.

1. Apologies:

Mark Hessey, Paul Linguard, Mark Kirby

2. Minutes of meeting held 20th August 2002:

Minutes were accepted for the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th August 2002

3. Matters arising:

No matters arising

4. Chairs Communications:

Paul wished to welcome all new members and offers his thanks to all of the outgoing officers, especially Karl as Training Officer. He also expressed his thanks to ALL of the dive trip organisers and to Rachel for organising the bowling evening.

5. Election of officers:

Karl Kirk, Chris Kirk, Edith Lucas and Carol Johnson stepped down as Training Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and Publicity Officer respectively. Everybody expressed their thanks to the outgoing officers.

Training Officer: Brian Spence; Nominated by Karl Kirk and seconded by Paul Lucas

Treasurer: Sherie Wooding; Nominated by Chris Kirk and seconded by Rod Hill

Secretary: Robert Cuss; Nominated by Edith Lucas and seconded by Graham Stanbridge

Newsletter to be taken over from Lesley Turnbull by Rob Cuss

Publicity Officer: Position still vacant.

6. Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the Accounts was circulated to all present. The club has a healthy bank balance of £2507.54, of which £607.54 is club money, the rest being Red Sea money. There has been a lot of spend on kit this year. The pool fees have been paid up to Christmas. Thanks expressed to Chris for such good financial housekeeping.

7. **Diving Officer's Report:**

Diving Officer was not present, nothing to report on this occasion, full report to follow.

8. **Training Officer's Report:**

Training Officer's report to follow.

9. **Equipment Officer's Report:**

- All kit requiring servicing has now been serviced. The Equipment Officer brought to the clubs attention the state of the old Dacor regulators, especially in light of Health & Safety and Liability. Two of these have become unusable as they leak or free-flow. **ACTION:** dispose of unsafe Dacor regulators.
- The Equipment Officer has contacted Hydrotech at Stoney Cove to see if the offer of trade-ins on obsolete Dacor kit is still available and he has been offered a very attractive trade-in. The club took a vote on replacing this kit, which after discussion was in favour. **ACTION:** Graham to approach Hydrotech to check if Dacor regulators can be traded in for other manufacturers kit in light of Mares ownership of Dacor. Dependant on response to replace necessary kit.
- Graham wished to express his dissatisfaction at the state of the kit returned to him at the end of each Thursday club night. Stab Jackets are full of water and cylinders are given back virtually empty. **ACTION:** Instructors to encourage trainees to empty stab jackets of water during de-kit and to inform Equipment Officer when air supply is less than 50Bar.
- Graham wished to express his thanks to Peter Ridge for continuing to lend his kit to the club. This kit has been invaluable this season and has been fully serviced.
- In recent weeks there has been a problem of over-weighting of the store cupboard with weight. **ACTION:** Weight placed on shelf to be monitored and perhaps stored outside of the cupboard as it is unlikely to be stolen.
- Graham questioned whether the garage needs to be marked with the appropriate green warning triangle incase of fire. **ACTION:** Sticker to be added to garage door.

10. **Forthcoming Trips:**

2003

Red Sea: 17 people going on this trip. All money is due on 10th December.

Weymouth: 3/4th May (Bank holiday weekend). Planning to stay in the Aqua Hotel; £15 for bunk, £20pp for double room, £25pp for en-suite. Dives start from £14pp, may still dive out of Chesil Cove (free shore diving). There is an offer that dives booked on the Monday would get accomodation on Sunday evening free. Paul to report back.

Plymouth: Full

Anglesey: 16/17th August. £30/day, £12 deposit to Ian Petchey, accomodation from £20pp/day. Spaces available

Pembroke: Not official yet, but there is the possibility of running this trip. Martin to see the trip calander and identify a spare weekend.

Day Trips: Rob Cuss will be arranging several day trips, mostly inland but also coastal (Dost Hill, Astbury, Guildenbug, Capenwray etc). These will be weekend or mid-week and will generally be at short-term notice (~month). More to follow in newsletter.

Whitby: The Whitby trip may be re-run this year using a different charter. Lesley to investigate.

2004

Farnes: Rod has not had a reply from the Farnes yet. Planning for July/August

Scapa Flow: Mark Willoughby has had several expressions of interest for September. Deposit may be due soon.

Holiday: Another club holiday may be run in 2004.

11. AOB:

- Regular instructor meetings to be setup to coordinate training run by Bryan. This will be for all instructors and assistants (Mark W, Mark H, Bryan, Paul, Karl, Rod, Carol and Andrew).
- The club voted in favour of participation in the Day of Sport for the disabled as last year. This time the pool will be laned into 2 so that divers can dive undisturbed and siblings can still go for a swim. This will require Marshalling. Parents are to be in attendance at all times and we need to know in advance of time limitations.
- ACTION: Rob to contact Shepshed Disabled Swimming Group of our intention and conditions.
- Grants: Approach to be made to the Foundation for Sport for new regs for Disabled Day.
- Training: O2 and Practical Rescue Management SDCs (Skills Development Courses) are now required for Dive Leader. Rob Cuss asked if the club intended to run these inhouse as he and Graham Stanbridge are finding available courses difficult to arrange. Karl Kirk expressed that far more is learnt on the day courses, but O2 may be taught inhouse if the necessary skills are available in house. The club can not help financially on these courses but may consider assistance on Instructor courses.
- Chris Kirk to organise our post Christmas bash for the 11th January 2003.

<p>It was brought to the clubs attention of the health of Peter Ridge. ALL present wished to express their concern and best wishes to Peter and Cathy. The club would like to let Peter know that he is in our thoughts.</p>

12. Date and Time of next meeting:

February 25th, Black Swan, Shepshed at 8pm.