



RATAE SAC

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday 25th February 2003
The Black Swan
Shepshed
8:00pm



Members present:

Chris Kirk, Karl Kirk, Rob Cuss, Graham Stanbridge, Cherie Wooding, Ian Ellison. Paul Lucas, Mick Ward, Ian Petchey, Paul Linguard, Rod Hill, Mark Hessey, Martyn Tongue, Kev Wright, Rachel Kirkby, Martin Crookes.

1. Apologies:

Mark Willoughby, Alison Ball, Carol Johnson, Ted Tibenham, Lesley Turnbull, Andy Stenhouse, Edith Lucas.

2. Minutes of meeting held 26th November 2002:

Minutes were accepted for the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th November 2002

3. Matters arising:

Several actions were in the AGM minutes:

- Bryan still to set up email list for instructors to increase communication
- Compressed air sticker still to be put on the shed.

Completed actions.

- Two sets of Dacor regs have been disposed of due to 1st stage problems and sticking at 50 bar. The Hydrotech offer to trade in these regs has passed.
- Kit is now returning at the end of club nights in better condition – keep it up
- Kit cupboard has not been overloaded again, so this has been sorted.

4. Chairs Communications - Paul Lucas:

No new members have joined since the AGM, although David (Charnwood Saltz) is considering joining the club. Paul was glad the Red Sea trip was a success.

5. Treasurer's Report - Cherie Wooding:

A copy of the Accounts was circulated to all present. The club has a bank balance of £838, which is not as healthy as it looks as £221 is owed for pool fees. Cherie stated that not enough people were going in the pool and that these fees were not being covered, solution is for pool fees to go up. After considerable discussion the following was decided:

- Try-dives to go up from £5 to £7.50
- Pool fees to go up from £1.50/£3 to:
 - £2 for swimmers
 - £2 for instructors (including use of club kit if needed)
 - £2 to dive with own kit

- £4 for all trainees
- Fee to be introduced for trainees borrowing club kit for Open Water training, this money will be used to service the kit. A charge of £5 per dive for regs/stab/cylinder/weight. Trainees will pay for their own air.
- Club fees to remain unchanged.

For clarification: Instructors will not be charged for using club kit on top of the £2 charged for pool use.

6. Diving Officer's Report - Mark Hessey:

Mark wished to express his thanks to Martin Crookes for organising the Red Sea trip, this was a good week and a very good trip. The club "holiday" will become an annual event. Several problems arose on the trip to do with dive log books and marshal sheets. More care is needed in future to ensure the club has everything to satisfy local laws and regulations. Mark wished to express his thanks to all dive marshals on the trip; Jean, Cherie and Maria. Mark intended to get info from the London International Dive Show on destinations for 2004.

7. Training Officer's Report - Bryan Spence:

The club has 6 trainee Ocean Divers, Sports Diver lectures have finished with 2 qualifying as Sports Diver in Israel (Mick Ward, Ian Ellison) with Alison Ball waiting for assessment, 5 trainee Dive Leaders.

Bryan has been in contact with the RNLI, who can offer us a talk in Shepshed and a weekend in Lowestoft that will be diving on Saturday and taking part in rescues on the Sunday.

ACTION: Rob to see if we can have classroom in HLCC during the Easter holiday (24th April)

Bryan will add "fun days" to the club, probably once a term. These events will aim to involve all club members from the full range of BSAC qualifications (novice to Advanced divers). Suggested ideas include putting up tents underwater.

ACTION: Bryan to add fun days, all other club members to think of ideas for such events.

The issue of Life Guards was brought up by the HLCC Sports Council.

ACTION: Rob to write official letter to BSAC to get clarification on this issue.

The East Midlands Regional Coach has changed from Peter Church to Graham Woodcock. This will hopefully mean that there will be a quicker response on Skills Development Courses bookings. The Leicestershire Coach is Jim Mills.

The new syllabus has put a lot of pressure on time. It seems that all lectures are too long to fit into an hour, which is resulting in people getting into the pool late. BSAC's policy is that the wet part of training should be as long as possible, making full use of the available time. A lot of trainees are not getting wet until 9:15 and even 9:30, leaving less than half of the full hour spent on underwater instruction.

ACTION: All instructors to finish lectures in good time and to get the trainees wet earlier.

Lectures to be brought forward to 7pm after the Easter break.

8. Equipment Officer's Report - Graham Stanbridge:

Derby Divers can offer 2nd hand Oceanic regs with full life-time warrantee. Servicing this year will include 3 sets of regs and 2 of the Buddy stabs need servicing. Emergency cylinders also need to be looked at.

9. Forthcoming Trips:

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Weymouth: Not much interest in this trip at present, deadline to be added to newsletter.

Plymouth: Full

Anglesey: Enough interest for the trip to go ahead, more can be added if interested.

St Abbs: Accommodation still possible in June. **ACTION:** Karl to try and organise for early to mid June.

Farnes: We have lost our original date as the boat owner is having family problems. We have been offered the 11th October instead.

Holiday: Another club holiday may be run in 2004.

10. AOB:

- **Sports Council:** Pool development may now be delayed as funds are required for a new football pitch. We have had complaints about mud, please leave the pool clean and try not to bring mud onto the pool side.
- Several other clubs run an "Outgoing Survey" to aim to find out why trainees drift away from diving. This can highlight club problems, such as cliques etc. **ACTION:** Rob to write questionnaire to be sent to trainees when they leave. Bryan/Cherie to take trainee details when they start training so we can contact them.
- Other clubs also use the Book Club idea to buy books. These work by members paying a monthly fee, which is clubbed together to buy a book. These books are then distributed to all members to read and after everyone has read the book one member gets to keep it, on the understanding that should someone wish to borrow the book then they can. Our club has no facility to use as a library. **ACTION:** Rob to investigate and communicate in Newsletter.
- The website and communication. The website and notice board are out of date. **ACTION:** Rob to see if we can move our notice board. **ACTION:** Cherie to update content in notice board. **ACTION:** Everyone, if you want material putting on the website then send this to Karl.

11. Date and Time of next meeting:

May 27th, The Lifeguardsman, Shepshed at 8pm. **ACTION:** Someone to book