



RATAE SAC

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday 9TH March 2004
Hind Leys Community College
Shepshed
8:00pm



Members present:

Rob Cuss, Graham Stanbridge, Mick Ward, Mark Willoughby, Paul Lingard, Carol Harper, Lynne Wright, Bryan Spence, Kev Wright, Peter Hennessey, Andrew Spence, Mark Hessey, Alison Hessey, Rod Hill, Paul Lucas, Rachel Wright, Martin Crookes, Ian Petchey

1. Apologies:

James Hennessey

2. Minutes of AGM held 18th November 2003:

Accepted

3. Matters arising:

- Insurance is on-going

4. Chairs Communications - Paul Lucas:

Paul apologised that he has been so busy recently and not being able to offer assistance at the club. Paul led the congratulations towards Mark and Alison who recently got married.

5. Treasurer's Report - Cherie Wooding:

Bank balance is quite healthy. Balance was £1910.17 (1/3/2004) with £234 due for pool fees.

Discussion centred on using this money to improve club kit. It was agreed to spend surplus and reduce the clubs bank balance to £1k. Kit required includes Regs suitable for open water, pool fins in smaller sizes, octopus for pool kit. It was decided to purchase 2 full reg sets with octopus, preferably Apex TX40's (**Action**).

6. Diving Officer's Report - Mark Hessey:

Training going well, with the quality of trainees being good. Another annual holiday was run to the Red Sea, thanks to Martin Crookes for organising this. There is to be a training weekend in Pembroke, again organised by Martin. We have 9 on the Plymouth trip for July, 1 space on the Farnes in October, and 6 have booked Anglesey. It was requested that another trip be organised for September (**Action**) for the newer divers, possible the south coast or St. Abbs. The pool has been full recently - thanks to those that have instructed.

7. Training Officer's Report - Bryan Spence:

Nothing more to add.

8. Equipment Officer's Report - Graham Stanbridge:

Part covered in Treasurers Report.

7 of 9 cylinders were recently left empty – this needs to be monitored. A reminder was issued that £10 is payable for someone to fill up a good number of cylinders. A set of regs has gone missing, which is in need of a service.

9. Forthcoming Trips:

Covered in DO report.

Paul Lucas is thinking of running a late notice trip to Weymouth depending on weather. Cherie Wooding has been looking at diving one of Severn Trent's reservoirs.

10. AOB:

Club has purchased a number of Dive Marshalling slates

Fluff (Stoney Cove) will be coming to the pool again to demonstrate some kit

The RNLI rescue day may be back on

Web site needs urgent updating (**Action**)

Self Declaration Medical Forms: For a couple of years now the system of medical forms has been harmonised between the UK and European diving agencies. As a consequence, BSAC members now have to fill in a self-declaration medical form on renewal of membership. A number of club members still have valid medicals, but a self-declaration form should be filled out on renewal. If you suffer from any of the medical conditions on the form, such as asthma, all you are stating is that the condition has not deteriorated since the last proper medical. [Since the meeting I have also read that existing medicals from non-diving referees have been challenged in at least one case, and a diver in the Red Sea was forced to pay recompression charges as the 5 year medical was challenged].

Action: all club members to fill in self-declaration forms. On membership renewal, the Treasurer HAS to check a valid medical (has always been the case). The Treasurer will refuse renewal without a valid medical. Also note that ONLY diving referees are allowed to sign medicals from now on. Medical forms should also be lodged with the DO.

11. Date and Time of next meeting:

Next meeting is on the 8th of June.