



Bsac Teesside 43 Branch Casc 62nd Annual general meeting 28th March 2019

Those present Committee:

C Swinnerton, M McPhillips, P Bennett, M Finnegan, D Winstanley,
A Hunt, A Bousfield. K Wilde, M Harrison, P Bennet.

Members:

L Dixon, D McSorley, G McSorley. J Bennet, M Horan, G Thomas.
A Fields. B Johnson. H McIntyre.

Apologies: N. Watson. K Wilde.

Last year's AGM minutes

These were proposed and accepted as a true record of the event, Nominated by
M Finnegan & C Swinnerton.

Matters arising: There were None

Reports

Chairman's Statement 2019

Our club has expanded significantly this last year and we're pleased to have welcomed many new members. Some want to start their diving life with us, but many are already very experienced and bring enormous potential for development to the club. There is an excitement about diving in the club now and It's motivated the club to improve itself. The committee has seen and responded to that.

The increased income in membership fees has been a welcome boost as finances have been difficult for a few years, but we have now been able to invest in the partial roof repairs. That has encouraged other maintenance work.

We upgraded our boat safety equipment least year and we have now acquired a second boat courtesy of the former Atlantis divers who have demonstrated a commitment to this club which is encouraging.

Several new members have indicated a desire to join the committee and that is also very encouraging.

It wasn't until we started the grant funded nitrox project that we realised just how massive our old industrial scale compressor is. Unfortunately, it's a legacy model and not maintainable in the longer term.

We've just bought a new compressor that offers us banked air and a viable nitrox system. The new compressor was a bargain.

The roof is now sound.

We now have a fleet of boats. But we can't be complacent. We need full involvement of all members to take the club forward. We need your enthusiasm and your excitement but also, we need your subscriptions.

We have had to pay for the roof. We couldn't afford to turn down the deal on the compressor, or the boat. We will continue to try and obtain grants where we can.

We've kept fees at the same level for years. We want to keep them low but we can't operate without money. We ask that you all understand, that we have been pushing the limits of our funding. There aren't any sizable reserves.

So please pay your fees on time and make Carl's life easier this year.

There are some who have delayed payment in the past, but we all need to support this club to make this a great base to dive from.

Finally, we want to round off on a positive note, training is essential to the club and we recognise we've not quite delivered what we wanted to on that. So, we want to encourage those members who are near to BSAC open water instructor grade to take the plunge and get their ticket.

Training has always been a personal responsibility for self-improvement.

In these exceptional times, the committee has agreed that the first 2 members to get qualified to Open water instructor level will have their commitment to the club recognised not just with thanks, but also their training course costs will be reimbursed. It's a race to the top.

We hope you'll take up the challenge

We hope that everyone pushes themselves this year to make the most of this fantastic club, its facilities, the good local diving.

Were now going to hear reports from the existing committee members, elect a new committee and then there will be an opportunity to raise any concerns or propose any ideas for the new committee to address in the coming year.

As always, we will discuss membership fees and boat and air costs, though nitrox costs are hard to quantify just yet.

So, the first person we will hear from now is our Treasurer and membership secretary; Carl...

Alex Bousfield Chair BSAC43

Treasurers report

Accounts for 2018: Starting 01/01/2018 Bank Balance: £5,846.54

Finished 30/12/2018 Bank Balance: £5,170.43

Current Bank Balance: 27/03/2019 = £1,781.00

Audit for 2018 done by Mrs. Winstanley.

We made a Loss of £676.11 in 2018. This is mainly down to the fact that we received a £1000.00 Grant Awarded from Tees Valley Community Foundation in 2017 but actually spent it in 2018. Again, Alex has managed to get another £1000.00 Grant. This funding is to upgrade the compressor allowing us to offer Nitrox fills. However due to the urgent roof repairs costing £2850.00, the purchase of an electric compressor costing £2000.00 and the purchase of a second boat our finances are now running very low! To recoup some of the costs I think we should put a small increase on the cost of air fills and also set the cost of a Nitrox fill. We could also review the boat fees because they have been set at the same price for years.

Due to the oxygen cylinder upgrade and hire costs the monthly payments to BOC have also increased considerably from £4.50 per month last year to £15.00 per month at present. This is an unavoidable cost for obvious safety reasons.

Boat Insurance went up slightly to £253.59 payment made on 18/01/2019 compared to £238.99 in 2018 and £233.08 in 2017.

Public Liability Insurance also went up slightly to £530.00 payment made on 04/07/2018 compared to £518.75 the year before.

The pool fees increased from £40.35 per week to £41.60 starting 30/04/2018.

That was an increase of £1.25 per week but no increase for 2019 as of yet!

SGMC have also put an increase £10.00 on their Club/slip fees now set at £235.00 for 2019.

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The arrangement with Fourth Element to share the pool is still on going with no issues.

The Bar takings, Compressor and boat fees for 2018 will be covered in Mick Finnegan's Report.

BSAC have increased their Membership Fee's this year from £59.50 to £60.00 (an increase of £0.50 on average). This year I think we could increase our club fees to £112.00 for a full diving member this only works out at £1.00 per month extra and it helps cover the club's overheads.

Because of the amount being spent to improve our club I want to remind everyone that it is imperative that all members renew their membership as soon as it is due! Not waiting till the last minute or allowing it to become overdue!!!

This will help the cash flow massively and allow us to continue making the necessary improvements benefiting all members.

Report Compiled on 27/03/2019 by Carl Swinnerton

Membership Secretary's Report

At this present time the Club has 38 Members comprising of: 36 Full Paying Members, 2 Associate Members. This has increased from 29 members last year (17 New Members Over the course of a year).

We have had a massive influx of new members over the last year due to the 50% discount offered to new members that had already qualified to dive (offer now finished).

BSAC have now changed their system for Renewals in an effort to go paperless. All renewals should now be done online @ www.bsac.com. Log in to MyBSAC and click on to Renew today. Only pay the BSAC fee! Once you have done that, they send me a message informing me that you have renewed. Our club fees you pay to us directly. It is very important that you click on the medical declaration answer the questions and submit it. If you don't do so it will just say pending on your records. This is exactly the same as the paper copy you had to submit when renewing using the old system. Please bear in mind it could make any insurance or liability claim void if not completed. It's not a requirement at present but could you also upload a recent photograph. At some point your new membership card will have your picture on.

Let's hope for some great weather conditions and safe diving for the season ahead.

Report Compiled on 27/03/2019 by Carl Swinnerton

Diving officer Report

A great amount of diving occurred in 2018 by members at various locations throughout the UK and also abroad. We also had a very successful club holiday trip to Malta at the end of the year. With the influx of divers from other agencies 2019 looks promising especially with the addition of another Rib!

Report compiled by Nigel Watson.

Training officers report.

Members have been encouraged to take boat handling courses and also training in the marine club's tractor to allow the boat to be launched when a suitable vehicle is not available for launching.

Divers to be encouraged to train to the next level and even to become instructors.

Members with instructing experience transferred in from other agencies are encouraged to crossover to enable them to be Bsac accredited instructors.

Report compiled by M Harrison

Equipment Officers Report 2018

Boats Engines are due to be serviced shortly, the service interval for these engines is 3 years or 300 hours whichever is soonest, one additional column is to be added to the boat sheet to keep a rough estimate of hours.

Equipment, New pool equipment has been purchased with the successful grant application. This has allowed us to have two full new sets of kit that have now been recovered from Trainees.

Compressor, Engine, to be serviced over the next month. Filters and oils to be ordered.

Compressor, service records to be sorted and schedule next service ahead of time.

New compressor to be setup shortly

Over the season it would be good to have ideas from members of equipment that the club could possibly purchase with the aid of a grant, to aid diving / training or even wreck identification.

Roof has now been successfully repaired.

Report by Dave Winstanley

Bar Manager:

The bar takings are a little down on recent years due to a falling membership but they remain a regular level of profit for the club with lottery and raffles also raising Funds.

Bar accounts for April 2018/March 2018

Takings £1187.00

Stock £609.00.

Profit of £578.00

Boat Total £775.00

Fuel £234

Profit £541.00

Compressor total £398.00

Fuel £90.00

Profit £308

Commissions from 3 Raffles £259.00

Lotto £217

Total banked for 2018 £1903.00

Report by M Finnegan

Website

Everything has been running Fine throughout the year with Facebook helping to let people and future members Know that we exist and that we are a regular Diving club. WhatsApp has been a great tool for communication and organisation within the club for our members.

N Watson.

AOB

A number of issues were raised were raised which will be dealt with at the next committee meeting

With keys going missing recently a Log is going to be kept for Keys to access various parts of the club.

Possibility of encouraging Qualified and ex members into the club.

External repairs

Promotion of the club to attract new members.

Election of the Committee for 2019:

The existing posts were offered to others, but there were no challenges to these so they remain as is.

Chairperson: Alex Bousfield
Treasurer/Membership secretary: Carl Swinnerton
Secretary: Mick McPhillips
Diving officer: Nigel Watson
Training officer: Mick Harrison
Equipment officer: Dave Winstanley.
Assistant equipment officer: Chris Preston.
Bar Manager: Mick Finnegan

Committee members Mel Horan, John Bayley, S Wilcox. John Bennet, Chris Preston, John Miller. Mick Harrison.

The meeting was closed by the chairman thanking all who attended and the outgoing committee members for their contributions during their time on the committee.

Next committee meeting: 8PM Thursday 2nd May 2019