



Bsac Teesside 43 Branch Casc 63rd Annual general meeting 18th June 2020

Those present Committee:

M McPhillips, J. Miller, M Finnegan, D Winstanley,
A Bousfield. M Harrison, S. Wilcox, C Preston. J Bayley.

Members:

D McSorley, G McSorley. M D' Ambrosio

Apologies:

Last year's AGM minutes

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

Matters arising: There were None

Reports

Chairman's Statement June 2020

AGM Delayed by Covid 19 Coronavirus.

(Chair: Alex Bousfield)

Thank you all those who have been members for many years and welcome to
those new members who have recently joined.

This year has presented challenges we did not expect. We will have to make
the most of the opportunities we have and adapt as best we can. It is obvious that the
Coronavirus has interrupted and changed things in every walk of life.

The new committee appointed at this the AGM will have to address those issues.
Some members are more patient than others and some are less so. It is important that the club
works together to address the issues that will be presented. Thankfully we don't know of any
members who have succumbed to the virus. and let's hope we keep it that way. Diving is
supposed to be fun. It carries some risk, but viral contamination should not be one of them.

We have been through a process of transition this year with a change of Diving Officer and Training Officer.

I'd like to say on the record that we thank Nigel Watson and Kevin Wild for all that they did over the years in those key roles. Their contribution will continue to be valued and no doubt continue from the wings.

Michael Finnegan and John Miller will bring a fresh vigour to the roles and they are both obviously keen to make their own contribution to the club
They have some good ideas how to get more people training and diving regularly.

A new refreshed website has now been launched to tie in with the national site, and a club app is planned. Hopefully that will generate more interest and members.

Again, thanks to Nigel for managing and hosting the site for many years. However, in technology more than anything else, change is inevitable and essential. John Bayley has done a great job of the new site and together with Nigel's help the transition has been smooth.

This year the diving might have slowed down over winter and due to the virus, but it has started up again, albeit cautiously. We have had sizable groups going to Ellerton and Capernwray will be open soon.

We have also had refreshers on life saving skills and will have more when the pool reopens.

One thing I have been very keen to encourage in the club is safety. We can all buy our own kit and we can all choose what type of diving we do. We could all do a lot of that outside the club if we wanted to.

What the club really is good for is making our hobby safer and more fun. It's fun to dive with friends in the club and its easier to get buddy groups together when you're in the club.

Why that really matters, is because there's safety in being part of a buddy group. There's safety in being able to draw on the experience of others. There's safety in being able to dive under the supervision of a diving officer and with guidance from a qualified trainer.

The committee recognises the role the club plays in making diving safe. As were a club we can have oxygen administration kits, blending facilities to make safer gases, boat safety equipment and of course the Defibrillator.

The defibrillator was a donation from Be Like Tom. A local charity we really must thank and recognise in this meeting for its generosity.

Also, we must thank The Boro Walkers for the special cabinet it goes in. Together they have contributed about £2,000 worth of top-grade safety equipment to this club this year.

The code for the cabinet is available by telephone and to you all. Please ask for it if you haven't got it yet We spent a lot last year on a lot of improvements and the subs we all pay have been well used.

There is more to do but hopefully we should be able to get a little reserve behind us this year as all the critical jobs have been done. The roof couldn't wait any longer and the new compressor and boat were too good an opportunity to pass up. Now we just need to maintain everything rather than buy it. The electric compressor may need a bit more work or consideration by the new committee.

We upgraded our boat safety equipment last year but this year we are taking it to a whole new level.

We got another grant this year for £1,000 and that is paying for a state of the art VHF radio for the Jeff Pape that has DSC and GPS built in, but also, it's the only radio you can currently buy that has built in AIS transmission.

It beams out our location to all shipping so they can know where the boat is constantly and all the shipping in the area will be given automatic collision warnings if they come too close to us. You can even track the location by internet so shore cover can see where we are in real time.

It also has a facility to use it as a foghorn and as a loud hailer.

That radio is ready to connect up to the boat.

Other upgrades identified as desirable have been a wood burner for heating and maybe a state-of-the-art chart plotter and sounder. We can look at grants this year depending how things go. Help with some building repairs and upgrades would be appreciated when that is considered possible.

Several members have indicated a desire to join the committee and that is very encouraging. The more input and ideas we get the better.

I plan to stand down and let someone else have a go at being chairman, but before I do there are important changes that ought to be considered.

The club is 63 years old now and I proposed to bring the constitution up to date. Hopefully you have read that and will support the recommended changes.

Carl will explain to you the state of our finances and how we have improved the joining and fee collection process this year. The subs are the lifeblood of the club, so please show your support.

Were here or possible you will have been sent reports from the existing committee members We will though now 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.

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

Treasurers report

Accounts for 2019: Starting 01/01/2019 Bank Balance: £5,170.43
Finished 30/12/2019 Bank Balance: £813.76

Current Bank Balance: 15/06/2020 = £1,807.20

We made a Loss of £4,356.67 in 2019. This is mainly down to the fact that we purchased a second-hand electric compressor for £2407.94, spent £1,212.21 on the Nitrox set up and purchased an Analox Analyzer for £220.00.

Due to the oxygen cylinder upgrade and hire costs the monthly payments to BOC have also increased considerably from £15.00 per month last year to £25.02 per month at present. This is an unavoidable rise in cost for the Oxygen to do nitrox fills.

Boat Insurance went up slightly to £264.36 for The Jeff Pape payment made on 10/01/2020 compared to £253.59 in 2019. The Atlantis boat insurance is due in July.

Public Liability Insurance also went up slightly to £530.00 last year so I expect the renewal in July will have a slight increase also.

The pool fees increased to £41.60 last year but with the COVID-19 Virus closing the pool we haven't paid anything since March and no sign of any increase for 2020 as of yet!

SGMC have also put an increase from £235.00 to £275.00 on our Club/slip fees but that now includes storage of the Atlantis boat.

The Bar takings, Compressor and boat fees are all down due to the Covid-19 virus and Mick & John will be covering these in their Report.

BSAC have increased their Membership Fee's this year from £60.00 to £60.50 (an increase of £0.50 on average). This year I think we should leave our club fees of £112.00 for a full diving member due to the lack of activity.

This year due to the COVID-19 Virus we have very limited resources and really need to do some kind of fund raising. It appears to be a lot more difficult to get any funding via the grants we have been fortunate to benefit from in the past. It would be nice if members could think of any new ideas for raising cash to boost our cash flow.

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 15/06/2020 by Carl Swinnerton

Membership Secretary's Report

At this present time the Club has 34 Members comprising of: 34 Full Paying Members, 1 Associate Member. That's reduced from 38 full diving members and 2 Honorary Members last year.

26 members have renewed their membership.

8 new members.

5 members not renewed.

We have 6 divers that have paid their BSAC Fee's directly registering as Teesside 43 Club Members but they have not paid our club Levy! That means they have saved £10.00 off their BSAC Fee's registering as a club member but not actually joined or renewed their membership with our club. This is what caused the confusion when using the BSAC members list for voting rights at this AGM.

Let's hope for some great weather conditions and safe diving for what is left of the season ahead once the restrictions are lifted.

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Diving officer Report

I've been Diving Officer now just short of a year and it's been pretty eventful from day one but I've learned a lot and will carry on learning as we move forward as a club.

Diving didn't end last season for a lot of members in the club as we carried on through the winter months with trips up to Eyemouth and St Abbs and our regular Christmas dive at Capernwray which is great so hopefully will carry on through the winter months again once we get started.

We had a lot of great trips booked for the early part of this year for example may isle, farne islands, sound of mull all fully booked but sadly cancelled luckily a few members managed to get a week's diving in Malta just before lockdown which was great for them.

We have a few members doing shore dives at the minute around Redcar, Hartlepool and even over at the Lake District.

Hopefully we will have boats out soon so I want to see all the trainee dive leaders planning some dives so we can get you all signed off.

As john mentioned we have 6 trainee ocean divers so I will be assisting john with their training and hopefully get them qualified this year and get them out on the boat, I would also like to welcome all the new members who have just joined but haven't met up with all members yet but hopefully will do as soon as we can reopen club.

Already thinking of club trips for next year so we can start planning soon.

Safe diving

Michael Finnegan
DO Teesside 43 BSAC

Training officers report.

We had a good promising start to the year with try-dives coming thick and fast, resulting in 6 new club members joining the club and start their training. Monday pool training night was starting to become a busy night, the Wetherspoon debrief afterwards was packed.

The pandemic put a stop to all that !! for now. We really need to thank our DO Mick Finnegan for embracing online training and pushing trainees through lectures and training quizzes to keep their interest high.

While our die-hard members were braving the March, diving conditions over here a small band of us travelled to Malta, waters and weather much warmer, encouraging members to develop on their dive skills, planning and management to dive leader level.

This level I feel should be all our minimum goals as it makes us realize what is required in a typical days diving.

So, I say to all members don't just sit back and wait for someone else to prepare and plan you day out, take part, post, prepare and plan our dive activities if we want an active thriving club we must all put in the ground work for others to build on.

Encourage and enthuse your fellow members embrace training, learning and enjoy your safe diving.

John Miller

Equipment Officers Report

Boats Engines are Serviced, 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, lots of new equipment has been purchased with the successful grant application.

Compressor, Engine, both have had a lot of work on them to bring them up to scratch.

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

New compressor Piped up to large filters and Bank cylinders. We tried to run Nitrox with the stick but it wasn't viable.

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.

Bar Manager:

From Michael Finnegan Bar manager up to 31st December 2019

Take £1236

Stock £650

Net £568

Boat and compressor money

Boat £866

Fuel £376

Net £490

Compressor £535.50

Fuel £36 {we were gifted some free fuel that's why low figure}

Net£499.50

Raffles and lotto bingo which made club

Raffles x 3 = £265.50

Lotto bingo x 5 = £299.50

John Bayley has taken over as bar manager but I will carry on with raffles lotto etc

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. A new website is now up and running.

AOB

Changes to the constitution were voted on and passed unanimously.

Changes to the code of conduct were voted on and passed unanimously.

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.

External repairs will be planned at next committee meeting.

Election of the Committee for 2020

The existing posts were offered to others, but these were the Elected officials

Chairperson: Mick Harrison
Treasurer/Membership secretary: Carl Swinnerton
Secretary: Mick McPhillips
Diving officer: Mick Finnegan
Training officer: John Miller
Equipment officer: Simon Wilcox
Bar Manager: John Bayley

Committee members A Bousfield, Chris Preston, D Winstanley.

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: 7PM Thursday 2nd July 2020