



LUNESDALE SUB AQUA CLUB 0138

AGM MINUTES 2015

Meeting held at M&HYC at 19:30 on 21st February 2015

1. Chairmans welcome

Barrie welcomed those to the opening of Lunesdale Sub Aqua Clubs 2015 AGM and asked those present to take a few minutes to read the previous years minutes. He thanked the committee for their work over the past 12 months.

Members Present:

There were 13 fully paid up members of the club in attendance. (B Cowell, F Cowell, G Robson, J Henshaw, R Whittaker, J Sykes, M Whittaker, R Hewitt, L Hartford, S King, D Hemsley, I Hunter & S Grice). Also present J Woodley (non member at present)

2. Apologies

D Clayton & P Cropper

3. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were proposed by Jim Henshaw & seconded by Dot Hemsley.

4. Matters Arising from 2014 AGM:

There were no matters arising from the 2014 AGM.

5. Club Officers Report

Chairman's report

2014 was a busy year with 9 new members 5 of which were trained to Ocean Diver. Thanks to everyone who helped on the Wednesday nights at Capernwray with the new OD's. Thanks to the training team and people who helped also to Ian Hunter for assisting with 2 OD's and Dive Leader training.

We had a number of social events with 2 nights out in Lancaster, the Christmas drinks at my house was a great night. The awards in January was well attended and again a good night.

Like to thank Jim & Dot for their hard work and effort on the grant application, which was successful and enabled us to buy new diving equipment for the new intake of trainees.

2015 is going to be a busy year with try-dives ongoing at present. The dive calendar is looking busy too, with local dives every second weekend and some mid week dives. Trips for 2015 already confirmed are; Isle of Whitehorn in May, Red Sea in June, Loch Fyne in August, Lochaline in October and a trip to Eyemouth being planned for November. We aim to have 4 socials; Chairmans BBQ, a Halloween night and Christmas drinks again and the 4th to be confirmed.

Diving Officer

All the equipment purchased as part of the grant funding has now been delivered, checked over and in use on the try dive at 3-1-5 club. An inventory is in progress and should be completed shortly, this will be for the Equipment Officer to control the loaning out, servicing etc. I'd like to thank Capernwray & Chris Collingwood in particular for donating equipment to the club. This has given us around £10k of diving equipment. This needs to be looked after and returned after use in the condition it was loaned in.

In 2015 we had a total of 92 dives with members diving 399 times, 26 of these were training dives. A lot of effort was put into training last year from Instructors with members supporting after completion of the training of OD's. So my thanks go to those that have helped out. The 4 club trips (Pembrokeshire, Loch Fyne x 2, Eyemouth) were

a success even if the weather was against us. A lot of effort went into organising these trips so I'd like to thank the organisers.

"Diver Coxswain" training was delivered and 3 members enjoyed the course with all passing. Congratulations to Barrie Cowell, Graeme Robson and Rob Whittaker. The BSAC examiners also commented on the quality of our RIB. Group courses can be organised should members be interested.

The safety record for last year was excellent with no incidents. Lunesdale has a good safety record so please keep this in mind when on club dives. Can I ask that the dive logs are filled in correctly with one sheet for one dive.

On a personal note I have enjoyed the last year and am looking forward to the next years diving. Safe diving all.

Secretary

2014 was a straight forward year and was a great team effort by Lunesdale. The club has gone from strength to strength. I've not been notified of any changes from the members as required in the Bye-Laws and therefore there are none being made. As part of the preparation for this meeting I looked at minutes from the 2004 and saw the membership rates were approx. £ proving us to be great value for money.

Treasurer & Membership Secretary report

We have 30 members currently, 9 of which are new recruits. The mix of grades looks good with 23% Advanced Divers, 23% Dive Leaders, 20% Sport Divers and 27% Ocean Divers with 2% being other agencies.

The opening balance for 2014 was £1136.49 and the Total Income £12975.99, less Total Expenditure of £6571.45 gives us a closing balance of £7541.02. The balance increase of £6404.54 of which grant monies account for £5043.20 (see Appendix 1)

M&HYC are to advise us of any increase in the subs for Social Membership by Lunesdale members. So while this is £10 currently, it may need to be increased following their AGM.

Additional expenditure relating to 2014 paid in 2015 of £227.29

Adjusted increase of £1134.05 due to membership fee income £1434.50 with low expenditure base this year.

The boat levy raised £563, cost for housing (paid to M&HYC) is £118 and insurance at £263, the servicing was £487. The net cost of operating the RIB was £419.

Boat Officer

The RIB engine & trailer was serviced in 2014 so shouldn't need any more work on it during 2015. It had a new cover after the other was damaged in high winds. The GPS and depth sounder were looked at and are now functioning as expected. The 'Meet The RIB' day at Ullswater was a great success, Rob and I recommend this for members prior to their first dive trip out on it. Thanks to Barrie, Jim and Rob for assisting during the year. The cost of operating the RIB is offset by the boat levy and is proving to be very successful with little impact on club finances. This is a great asset to us and a great feat from a relatively small membership base.

Training Officer

We took on 7 new trainees this year. 3 have progressed to Sports Diver (2 had previously dived) and the other 4 have achieved ocean diver qualification. We also have three ocean divers from last year who are progressing towards their Sports Diver. They should all be finished by early summer. All lectures have been attended and exams passed with 100% success rate and there are just skills to be competed. These wouldn't have happened without Barrie, Freda, Jim, Ian, Stuart, Liz, Lewis, Rob and Marie – thank you.

We had one member complete his Dive Leader qualification late last year. Thanks to Barry Cowell and Ian Hunter for running this. A new Dive Leader course is underway and being run by Stuart Dickson and Jim Henshaw for 3 sports divers. Anyone wishing to sit in on the lectures left are welcome – please see Stuart.

We are looking towards a new ocean diver course for a maximum of 6 divers commencing in March and are currently running try dives at 3-1-5 club. Thanks to Jim, Lewis, Rob Whitaker and Sam for their time, also Linda and Janet who have provided valuable help poolside. 3-1-5 have offered to allow us to continue running try dives in their pool, any members who can give 2 hours of their time please let me know. I will put new dates on the website shortly.

Regarding the new course we only have currently 3 people and are looking to members of the club to come and hone up their skills. The cost would be £5 a week for members and anyone who can support the club for the 5 weeks pool hire would be appreciated. We have at least 4 further people who are interested in joining the club but cannot commit to March. It may be that we look to a course later in the year

Communications

The new club website is working well being used for logging of dives and the facility for group emails makes communicating to members so much easier. The Facebook page has over 100 likes and I would encourage

members to use it. The Lunesdale SAC 'community' page can be seen by all Facebook users and 'Lunesdale Sub Aqua Club members page' is a private page seen only by club members, use this one for private discussions please 60 to 70% of the club members are Facebook users, so important communications still need to be emailed. Members can ask Rob Whittaker to do this for them.

BSAC have taken great interest in us over 2014 and we have had 3 entries relating to the club into the monthly magazine. We have also increased our chances of a 2 page spread in 'Scuba' magazine, so we must be doing something right. Thinking of looking at club clothing and will progress that when work commitment permits.

General Committee

Not had anything really to sort out fairly quiet year.

6. Vote Tellers

Jill Woodley & Rob Hewitt were appointed as vote tellers

7. Membership rates for 2014/15

Proposal to retain the club fees at £50 (including £10 towards Yacht Club membership it may need to be increased following M&HYC AGM.) for Diving Members £35 for Junior Diving Members & £30 for Social Members. **Carried unanimously**

8. Proposed rule changes

At the last committee meeting the Bye-Laws and Members Handbook were reviewed and there are only clarifications of roles within the existing Bye-Laws. The role of Equipment Officer has been returned combining it with the Boat Officer as was in previous years following the purchase of equipment from grant award. Updates to the Members Handbook were presented with amendments to the use of AAS and club equipment etc. This was agreed by all.

9. Welfare of Vulnerable People

Proposed continuation of rule 4 (iv) regarding criminal record checks and to maintain the current categories of members that are required to have CRB checks. **Carried unanimously**

10. Continued Social Membership of Morecambe Yacht Club

To continue the social membership of rC, for a period of 12 months. **Carried unanimously**

11. Appointment of Dive Committee for 2014/15

At this point the committee stood down and voting took place for the election of the dive committee for 2014/15.

Chair	Barrie Cowell	Proposed by the committee continuing in role.	elected unopposed
Vice Chair	Freda Cowell	Proposed by D Hemsley Seconded J Sykes	elected unopposed
Dive Officer	Jim Henshaw	Proposed by the committee continuing in role.	elected unopposed
Secretary	Graeme Robson	Proposed by the committee continuing in role.	elected unopposed
Treasurer & Membership	Marie Whittaker	Proposed by J Sykes Seconded L Hartford	elected unopposed
Training	Dot Hemsley	Proposed by the committee continuing in role.	elected unopposed
Boat / Eqpt Officer	Rob Hewitt	Proposed by R Whittaker Seconded D Hemsley	elected unopposed
Comms	Rob Whittaker	Proposed by the committee continuing in role.	elected unopposed
Assistant Eqpt Officer	Sam King	Proposed by M Whittaker Seconded L Hartford	elected unopposed
Gen Member	Janet Sykes	Proposed by the committee continuing in role.	elected unopposed
Gen Member	Linda Hartford	Proposed by D Hemsley Seconded J Henshaw	elected unopposed

12. Cheque Signatories

It was agreed to continue on with authorised signatories being any 2 from the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.

13. Election of auditors to examine the accounts for 2014

Rob Hewitt & Lesley Robson were selected to be auditors (1 member & 1 non-member)

14. Club Charter

The club charter for 2015 was presented to the meeting. The charter is a working document giving the committee a direction and focus for the benefit of the members with clear expectations and agreed actions. This can then be reviewed at the next AGM to measure how the club has performed. It was put to the members for acceptance, agreed and is to be implemented with immediate effect.

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 21:04

Appendix 1

Grant Expenditure

DATE	EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIER		QUANTITY	Cost	£9,122.00
14/11/2014	Cylinders	Go Dive	including delivery cost	6	£159.00	£954.00
16/11/2014	Mares Prestige mrs plus stab jackets	Dive Inn	NEW	6	£228.30	£1,369.80
	dry suits	Capemwray	sold to us at cost	5	£450.00	£2,250.00
	under suits	Capemwray	sold to us at cost	6	£100.00	£600.00
14th/12/2014	regulators	Capemwray	X Hire regs	3	£250.00	£750.00
14th/12/2014	pool fins	Capemwray	Ex Demo	5	£5.00	£25.00
14th/12/2014	weight belts	Capemwray	NEW	6	£30.00	£180.00
14th/12/2014	snorkels	Capemwray	new sold to us at cost	6	£15.00	£90.00
To be ordered	CPR Mannekin	SP Services	NEW	1	£150.00	£150.00
14th/12/2014	projector	Breath Easy	Donated	1	£0.00	£0.00
14th/12/2014	O2 Set MannoX	Breath Easy	sold to us at cost	1	£220.00	£220.00
	Training	BSAC		1	£1,800.00	£1,800.00
Club Members	Expenses	club	Club Members cost	1	£250.00	£250.00
14th/12/2014	Buddy stab jackets	breath easy	Donated	3	£0.00	£0.00
14th/12/2014	pool stab jackets	breath easy	Donated	3	£0.00	£0.00
14th/12/2014	Club Regulators service	Breath Easy	will have to loose this cost	2	£65.00	£130.00
	pool fins	Breath Easy	NEW	7	£17.00	£119.00
20/01/2015	O2 Kit Tube	Travis Perkins	new	1	£65.00	£65.00
					Total	£8,952.80
	PAID FOR	Delivered	On Order To Be Delivered		Balance remaining	£169.20