



LUNESDALE 138 SUB AQUA CLUB

Morecambe & Lune Valley

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on 22nd February 2018 at 19:00 at Clarendon Hotel, Morecambe

Present;

15 paid up members: Graeme Robson, Marie Whittaker, Rob Whittaker, Rob Hewitt, Jenny Reddell, Adrian Willan, Phil Reddell, Debbie Willan, Luke Willan, Pete Sowerby, Barrie Cowell, Freda Cowell, Jim Henshaw, Steve Grice, Liz Tallentire

Approval of Minutes;

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed - proposed by JR & seconded by MW

Chairman:

Graeme opened the meeting by saying that 2017 had been a really good year for diving, 2018 was looking good already, and we have dives planned for 2019. We have opened up the capacity of the Loch Fyne trips by running consecutive weekends (leaving the rib there) which will be really good to introduce newer members to Loch Fyne diving.

A reminder flowed about the awards night on Saturday, and then thanked the committee for their work in 2017, with a particular mention to Adrian, as the club Rib has never looked better.

Highlight of the past year, were the Scapa Flow trip, so good it has been rebooked for 2019.

Also, a thank you to BC for getting the club to the position it is in today under his chairmanship.

Closing comments, were that we should not lose sight of the fact that we are a club that dives- so let's keep on!

Dive Officer:

RW opened by saying the standard of dive logs over the past 12 months had been really good, allowing us to be open and share our diving issues so we can all learn from them – good to see lots of post dive comments.

All dives have been well managed and briefed.

An analysis of the dives has shown that we have put on 105 dives in the last 12 months, which is more than last year, 8 trips, 22 Rib dives, and 27 hard boat dives.

There was some discussion (prompted by the members' survey results) that members wanted more dive sites, and these have been put on the plan for 2018. A plea for people to remember to take cutters on dives with them, we had instances of entanglement in fishing lines this year. Robs aim for next year (if elected) would be to focus on buddy/pre-dive checks.

Equipment officer:

Adrian presented to work done over the past 12 months to the members present, and whilst the rib has felt the benefit, it was suggested that we are routinely servicing too much dive kit belonging to the club that does not get used.

Agreed that this cost should be borne by those using the kit (i.e. trainees). Adrian closed by saying that the hubs on the trailer had been replaced, and it wouldn't be such a problem if the rib was taken out more!

General Member:

Jenny had nothing to report in this role, but did point out to members that in this role, she can raise any issues at committee on behalf of the members.

Membership:

Marie reported we had 32 club members, with 39 last year. We had 10 non-renewals.

Treasurer:

Marie reported income has been fairly similar to last year, with slightly less expenditure at £2435 (Equipment & testing has been a big chunk of expenditure)

Secretary:

Rob had nothing specific to report, other than suggest that the new committee may want to look at BSAC new model by-laws for clubs to see if we want to adopt or amend ours.

Election of auditors to examine the accounts for 2017

Derek Clayton and Jo Hewitt were selected to be auditors (1 member & 1 non-member)

Membership rates for 2018

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

Continued Social Membership of Morecambe Yacht Club

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

Cheque Signatories

To continue on with authorised signatories being any 2 from the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary. - **Carried unanimously**

Proposed rule changes

None Proposed.

Appointment of Dive Committee for 2018

At this point the committee stood down and voting took place for the election of the dive committee for 2018.

Role	Who	Proposed	Seconded	Result
Chair	Graeme Robson	RH	BC	Elected Unopposed
Dive Officer	Rob Whittaker	By Committee continuing in role	LT	Elected Unopposed
Secretary	Rob Hewitt	By Committee continuing in role	JR	Elected Unopposed
Treasurer & Membership	Marie Whittaker	By Committee continuing in role	JR	Elected Unopposed
Boat & Equipment	Adrian Willan	By Committee continuing in role	JH	Elected Unopposed
General Member	Jenny Reddell	By Committee continuing in role	JH	Elected Unopposed

Presentation of members' survey:

Results of the members survey were presented by JR, which were well received, prompting discussion on how it needs to be a group effort to move the club forward, how to maintain and retain members, and to promote as much as possible, the diving we do, either through social media, or word of mouth.

AOB:

RW commented we have 3 active instructors in the club, who want to train people but what we need is a 'flurry' of new members.

Closing Remarks

Graeme thanked everyone for coming (noting the best turnout at an AGM for several years) thanked the new committee for standing on behalf of the club, and wished everyone a happy diving year.

Meeting Closed.