



LUNESDALE 138 SUB AQUA CLUB

Morecambe & Lune Valley

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on 22nd February 2019 at 19:00 at The Robert Gillow, Lancaster

Present;

12 paid up members: Graeme Robson, Marie Whittaker, Rob Whittaker, Rob Hewitt, Jenny Reddell, Adrian Willan, Phil Reddell, Debbie Willan, Liz Tallentire, Chris Thompson, Dave Pearce, and Stewart Dickson

Approval of Minutes;

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

Chair's Opening Comments:

Thanks all for coming out on a Friday night when I'm sure you've all got better things to do.

The club however cannot function without a committee and I thank them for the last year, part of tonight is to listen to their reports of what's been done during the last 12 months in your name. You're also here to elect a new committee who will represent your views over matters relating to running the club for the next 12 months and also to vote on any change that is recommended by the committee.

Chairman report:

We've been a busy club over the last 12 months with trips, dives, social events and training. I might be stealing someone's thunder here, we've had 8 new Ocean Divers trained and 3 new qualified divers come & join the club. This means an awful lot of commitment & effort has been given by the club, the instructors & the members to make them feel part of Lunesdale.

RobW will report on the dives & training from the last year and detail areas we may need to look at over the next 12 months.

We supported the Great North Swim on Windermere as fast response boat during September, thanks Adrian, Luke & Rob H. There have been a number of social events and Marie will let you know how much was raised in her report. The awards night was a fantastic start to 2019 and the pool nights have been an amazing success, originally I was against this but now I'm totally supportive due to the turnout, they've been brilliant and got Lunesdale back into the BSAC magazine. We must be doing something right then.

I believe we are one of the cheapest clubs to be members of in BSAC offering great value for money with what we have to offer. We are ahead of the curve with regards to some areas, we have our own Defib which BSAC are now recommending other clubs adopt.

None of this just happens, the committee have done this and you have supported us by turning up. It's only achieved by everyone doing their little bit.

Finally, I said at last year's AGM I'm only Chair till this AGM, but I've been asked to reconsider that decision and re-stand as chair and I would only do so if unanimously endorsed by the other committee members and re-elected by this AGM. My boss also had to agree too, I know who wears the trousers at home.

Dive Officer:

RobW reported that in 2018 we had undertaken 95 club dives, 14 training dives, 10 trips, 28 Rib Dives and 20 hard boat dives, with slides showing the number of dives per member and number of different sites. (See Appendix 1 for slide pack) Clearly a bit too easy to dive in Capernwray as it's on our doorstep. Looking at the number of Dive Managers, it was clear that a small number of DLs were running the majority of the dives. Rob asked the newer DLs to step up and put more dives on. Whilst 57% of our dives are in lakes and quarries (as a result of where we live!)

but 43% of dives in the sea is a good effort. Nice to see the rib getting used as well. SD asked what the expected life of the rib was, and RW/GR responded that it was in good condition and will last for many more years yet. Rob also discussed the themes from the dive log comments over the past 12 months, being air leaks from poorly maintained equipment, free flows from regulators, weighting issues and snagged DSMB reels – this is something to look at during skills and drills practices. JR suggested that we should be more open to share our dive problems in the club FB group to help people learn from others experiences.

Therefore this year's theme from the Dive Officer will be **buddy checks & continuing skills training on club dives.**

Equipment officer:

Adrian talked about how the increase in try dives and ocean diver training had got more use out of the equipment than previous years, leading to the club raising £230 towards servicing costs for the equipment, along with the sale of a couple of old drysuits in odd sizes. The Rib has had a busier year, with 2 loch fine trips, dives on Ullswater and Loch Long, and support for the Windermere swim, along with being used for filming use the lakes and Capernwray. New brakes and cables fitted, and the hubs now have wash kits fitted.

Some damage was sustained to the Rib at Loch Long, but has been repaired courtesy of Capernwray in lieu of rib usage. Members need to be aware that insurance is for qualified Cox'n, Boat Handlers, and training, not for others to 'have a go'.

Intermediate service is due this year on the rib, so will be a cost to be covered.

Requests were received from RW to fit/sort the GPS transponder/interface to the radio, and from JR for a 'kit jumble'

General Member:

Jenny had nothing to report in this role, but did comment that it was good to see so many new members using the rib, not just the advanced divers, but bringing less experienced divers on.

Membership:

Marie reported we had 5 of the 8 Ocean Divers qualified at the time of the meeting, bringing us to 39 members, of which 13% Ocean Divers, 31% Sports Divers, 23% Dive Leaders and 15% Advanced Divers.

Treasurer:

Marie reported financial activity over the past 12 months as per the slides (attached) - noting that membership was up, so subscriptions were up. Also £1000 income from Windermere Swim and Capernwray, which covers the costs of the year, so the rib is effectively cost neutral.

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 2018

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

Membership rates for 2019

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 Majority decision**

Cheque Signatories

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

Proposed rule changes

Club Bylaw amendments proposed by RH and seconded by JR – **Carried unanimously**

Club Handbook amendments- Proposed by RW seconded by GR-

Amendment proposed by CT and seconded by SD – amend to say ‘SDC’ rather than specific skill, and amend alternate air source to ‘redundant’ air source. – AMENDED proposal – **Carried unanimously**

Appointment of Dive Committee for 2019

At this point the committee stood down and voting took place for the election of the dive committee for 2019.

Role	Who	Proposed	Seconded	Result
Chair	Graeme Robson	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role	Elected Unopposed <i>The members would like to thank Lesley for supporting Graeme in the role</i>
Dive Officer	Rob Whittaker	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role	Elected Unopposed
Secretary	Rob Hewitt	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role	Elected Unopposed
Treasurer & Membership	Marie Whittaker	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role	Elected Unopposed
Boat & Equipment	Adrian Willan	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role	Elected Unopposed
General Member	Jenny Reddell	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role	Elected Unopposed
General Member	Debbie Willan	GR	JR	Elected Unopposed
Comms. Officer	Chris Thompson	SD	GR	Elected Unopposed
Lead Instructor (Non-Committee Role)	Stewart Dickson	GR	By Committee continuing in role	By Committee continuing in role

AOB:

- RW noted that there is quite £200-300 lodged with BSAC for instructor training – if anyone wants to do instructor training – the funding is there.
- Also, RW asked that we re-enforce that committee meetings are open to all members to come and see what we are discussing, with GR agreeing but pointing out that anything discussed, that relates to an individual is treated as confidential, and remains within the committee, even if people leave the committee.

Closing Remarks

Graeme thanked everyone for coming, it is an honour to continue in the role of chair, and there is a lot of diving going on in 2019 and ahead to 2020, thanked people for what they are doing for the club, and to please carry on doing it.

Meeting Closed.

Appendix 1 – Slides presented at AGM.



Welcome to the 2019 AGM