



# Bishop Auckland Sub-Aqua Club Annual General Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003



Meeting opened 20h10, where no report has been submitted by a committee member it has been recorded as spoken at the time of the meeting.

## **Chairman's opening address**

### **Apologies for absence**

Paul Taylor

### **Minutes of previous AGM – 2002**

Although a copy of the 2002 AGM minutes were not read at the meeting the published minutes at the date of the last AGM were read as an accurate recording of the meeting.

### **Matters arising from previous AGM**

None

### **Chairman's report**

Andy Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting and made special recognition to so many of the clubs membership being in attendance. Andy then went to summarise the success of the club during 2003 in its diving and winning the Heinke Trophy.

### **General Secretary's report**

Mark Knox summarised the success of the position and the club in three areas,

1. Heinke Trophy – winning this trophy was a measure of the calibre of the club and its members and to everyone who contributed. We now have regained our name locally as a premier club and are now known nationally, public recognition of the club is what I have always pushed for through increased membership, newspaper articles and the website.
2. Improved communication – Taking on the role of General Secretary we have now moved from just putting pieces of paper on a notice board to actively communicating to the club via email. The club board is still used but the majority of members (90%) can find out what is happening within the club on a regular basis. I hope this can be continued when I stand down in this role.
3. Website – The website continue to be a valuable source of information for people interested in diving, it has had over 16000 visitors and this is after the counter was accidentally reset when it was at 15000 – an excellent achievement.

Due to changing work commitments, I will not be able hold a committee position in the foreseeable future and will be standing down.

### **Treasurers Report**

Dave Metcalf stated that the closing balance is healthy; a special mention was made on the following items,

#### Income

- £395 fundraised from the Quiz & Fancy Dress night, thanks to all involved.
- £638 fundraised through Experience Scuba sessions, thank you to Susan Blanch and all involved.
- £1000 received from BSAC & DIVE magazine as winners of the Heinke Trophy.

#### Outgoings

- £8100 for the new boat engine and payment of sounder on the old club boat.

#### Closing Balance

- £11354.82

### **Diving Officers report**

Dave Metcalf stated that a total of 1511 dives had been made for the year, a massive increase on last year, which is amazing for us not having any boats and the quality of diving has not suffered. Thanks must go to Ian Muirhead who organised so much of the great diving done this year, it goes to show that the Dive Officer does not need to organise all of the dives as in previous years. This year has not seen any novice divers join the club for training which is good, the divers who have joined already have diving qualifications which has allowed them to join the diving members and we must try and attract more qualified divers. A breakdown of dives is attached to the minutes.

### **Training Officers report**

Ken Simpson stated that the Committee had made the decision that we would not run a Ocean Diver course this year, and would send all interested parties to Chris Batty for external training. From this we would gain qualified divers without the work. Unfortunately, after one year we have no new divers and the only one I know of joined another club. (I think we need to look at the decision again).

#### Sports Diver

I was asked if I could organise a Sports Course at the start of the year for 4 students. This I did and with the help of other Instructors, managed 4 new Sports Divers.

1. Dave Miller
2. Mark Curran
3. Geoff Howell
4. Martin Fraser

#### Dive Leaders

Sorry to say this is where it went wrong. I had hopes that a regional P.R.M. course would be run, but this fell through so our Dive Leaders are still ongoing.

#### Crossover

We have 2 crossovers at the moment who still need work. I'm still ongoing with Andrew and Garry.

### **Equipment Officers report**

Both Compressors are running well and have had their filters changed last month. There is an intermittent problem with the new one, which will be solved before the start of the next season. An air purity testing account has been approved and will be set up to ensure continued air purity, leading to certification of our air quality, BS4001. The alarm system has been proved reliable again after some problems over the summer, caused by some faulty hardware and a mains supply issue. Compressor cooling is still an issue during summer months and we are looking into some way of improving airflow around the units.

All pool equipment is in working order, bottles went through test this year and three regulator sets had new hoses fitted. We are still appealing to members for any basic equipment which is no longer needed to help boost our stocks, particularly of masks, but anything else will be gratefully accepted.

A boat specification has been drawn up and is being built as we speak...will be ready before Easter next year. The boat will be registered with police, MCA and anywhere else who will listen to me. I would also like to go for the RNLi Sea Check, or whatever else is relevant to boat safety checks.

Plans for the future is to build a boat shed, in house expertise will be used wherever possible, we will be looking into forming a working party to gain some knowledge of just what we need.

### **Membership Secretary's report**

Current Membership stands at 62 members. Since April 9 new members have joined, in particular one Instructor and a previous member rejoining. All new members have some degree of diver grading, majority from PADI.

#### April 2003 Subscriptions

- Ian Muirhead and myself thought it best to use a list of 75 names (from Dec 2001) towards the Heinke Trophy but in our minds this figure really totalled between 50-60 members.
- Once Heinke finished it was my main aim in April was to ensure I had a up to date membership total.

This was the first year the annual club subscription would move to April from December. In April & May the Bank Holidays meant the club not opening on Monday nights therefore I found chasing the stragglers taking longer than expected.

By late May we had 53 paid members, of the remaining 22 names, I contacted 13 who were known as active members in 2002 but weren't rejoining. The remaining 9 names I put down as lost in the wilderness after trying to contact them with no result.

Reasons for not rejoining

- Financial Commitment
- Moving away due to work.
- Lost interest.

I tried to speak to Ann & Owen but both land line & mobile numbers had changed.

I reiterated to those who would be joining us that they would be most welcome to rejoin in the future.

Not one person had mentioned the loss of club boats as to why they wouldn't rejoin.

My aims for the year

To carry on the previous officers work in updating club members landline, mobile numbers and e-mail addresses. I am virtually up to date with these records.

### **Experience Scuba Liaison Officer's Report**

The cold weather put people off at the beginning of the year, but we have been busy since. A Total of 57 people have had an experience scuba session.

As you all know, the pool times have changed and we now have very tight time table for Experience Scuba so we are unable to use the Rugby Club for the lecture. We now use the lecture room at the Leisure Centre at a cost of £10 per session. With this additional cost, we decided to put the cost of Experience Scuba to £15.

We again accommodated the scouts, including a young disabled scout. We adapted our equipment for him, enabling him to partake along with his friends.

Thanks must go to all who have helped this to be another successful year, from the people who took the lectures, to those who transported equipment down to the pool and not forgetting those instructors who 'get wet' and instruct in the pool.

### **Social Secretary's report**

No report to submit, but the chairman thanked all who had been involved in the organising of the events which had proved very successful.

### **Current chairman's closing address**

Thank you to everybody for a successful year and a tremendous turnout at our AGM over 50% of the membership has attended, and on behalf of the committee I would like to thank you for your efforts during the year.

### **2004 committee elections**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
Chairman	Andy Anderson
General Secretary	Paul Taylor
Treasurer	Dave Metcalf
Diving Officer	Neil Taylor
Assistant Diving Officer	Dave Metcalf
Training Officer	Malcolm Brown
Assistant Training Officer	Ken Simpson
Membership Officer	Jonathon Roberts
Equipment Officer	Mark Blewit
Assistant Equipment Officer	Martin Fraser
Experience Scuba liaison Officer	Susan Blanch
Social Secretary	Ger Metcalf/Olive Taylor/Moira Anderson/Carolyn Roberts

**2004 committee introductions and aims**

No introductions or aims were made by the new committee, the chairman summarised the work over the next 12 months would include,

- Preparations for the new club boat & boat housing.
- Nitrox
- Organisation of the BSAC AGM.

**Any Other Business**

None

**Date of next committee meeting**

To be arranged

Meeting closed 21h40

Mark Knox

General Secretary

Bishop Auckland Sub Aqua Club 0399

# BISHOP AUCKLAND SUB AQUA CLUB

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 16 DEC 2002 - 8 DEC 2003

	<b>OUTGOINGS</b>	<b>INCOME</b>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 16 DEC 2002		£2,074.36
BRANCH FEES		£2,775.00
BSAC FEES		£416.00
FUNDS RAISED		£395.00
EXP.SCUBA		£630.00
SPONSORSHIP		£1,000.00
TRAINING		£640.00
EQUIPMENT		£104.00
INTEREST		£12.84
EXPEDITIONS & TRIPS		£3,325.00
OTHER		£844.50
INSURANCE		£13,215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£25,431.70</b>
COMPRESSOR	£192.18	
BSAC FEES	£592.00	
INSURANCE	nil	
B.A.R.U.F.C.(Running expenses)	£300.36	
BOAT	£8,100.00	
PERMITS	nil	
EQUIPMENT	£364.00	
TRAINING	£560.00	
PETROL	nil	
EXPEDITIONS & TRIPS	£3,333.00	
OTHERS	£635.34	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£14,076.88</b>	
<b>CLOSING BALANCE 8 DECEMBER 2003</b>	<b>£11,354.82</b>	

**D.A.Metcalf**

	NAME		Membership No	Wreck Dive	Scenic dive	Exporation Dive	Training Dive	Total Dives Per Person
1	Alderson	Mrs. A. R.	A656485		2			2
2	Alderson	Mr. P.	A641228		3			3
3	Anderson	Mr. A.	A197304	68				68
4	Anderson	Mrs. M.	-					0
5	Bell	Mr. P. S.	A672684					0
6	Blanch	Mrs. S.J.	A682042		18		1	19
7	Blewitt	Mr M	A681161	40	3	11	4	58
8	Bowser	Mr. A.	A122224					0
9	Bradbury	Mr. M.	A726856				1	1
10	Brown	Mrs. G.	A630170	40	27	14	17	98
11	Brown	Mr. I. J.	A630169	12		2		14
12	Brown	Mr. M. S.	A630168	40	27	14	17	98
13	Brown	Mr. R.D.	A639185	13	1	2		16
14	Brydon	Mr. P.	A437716	18	4	1		23
15	Curran	Mr. M		7	5	5	11	28
16	Dent	Ms. C.	A197371	22				22
17	Dixon	Mrs. A.D.	A657422	37	1	7		45
18	Dixon	Mr. A.	A730191	9	9		1	19
19	Dixon	Mrs. D	A730192				1	1
20	Elliott	Mr. P.	A633819	47	1	6	1	55
21	Fraser	Mr. M	A720118	1	3		10	14
22	Gardiner	Mr. C.S.	A643541	7		1		8
23	Gibson	Mr. M.	A729085					0
24	Hail	Mr. P.	A718319		1		3	4
25	Hezmalmalch	Mr.B.		3	3			6
26	Howden	Mr.J.						
27	Howell	Mr. G.	A718320	1	1		3	5
28	Hudspeth	Mr. M	A730194					0
29	Iceton	Mr. D.J.	A707768					0
30	Jackson	Mrs. R		2		2	2	6
31	Jones	Mr. F.	0				3	3
32	Kelly	Mr. S.	A720119					0
33	Kipling	Mrs. C.S.	A690646	23	8	2		33
34	Kipling	Mr. J.L.	A690647	29	5	1		35
35	Knox	Mr. M.S.	A659510	63	12	5	22	102
36	Latham	Mr. N.	A736909	1	2			3
37	Maidment	Mr. G.	0	11	7			18
38	Metcalf	Mr. D.	A657662	54	7	3		64
39	Metcalf	Mrs. G.	A657663	49	7	2	5	63
40	Miller	Mr. D		5	5	6	1	17
41	Muirhead	Mr. I.	A682865	15	27	4	22	68
42	Parnaby	Mr. R.	A732641					0
43	Redpath	Mr.M.	A197360	25		1		26
44	Roberts	Ms. C.					2	2
45	Roberts	Mr J.	A711539	4	7		11	22
46	Robson	Ms. C.R		28	28	9	5	70
47	Robson	Mr.M.						
48	Short	Mr. W.T.	A197389	22				22
49	Simpson	Mr. K.	A606940	32		4	9	45
	NAME		Membership No	Wreck Dive	Scenic dive	Exporation Dive	Training Dive	Total Dives Per Person

50	Tate	Miss C.	A698153	24	3	1		28
51	Taylor	Mrs. M.O.	A691934					0
52	Taylor	Mr. N.	A197309	1	2	2	4	9
53	Taylor	Mr. P.	A656486				3	3
54	Taylor	Mr. P.J.	A730195					0
55	Thompson	Mr. A.	A692920		3		1	0
56	Tutty	Mr. I.		4			3	7
57	Walker	Mr.D.	A683258					0
58	Wilkinson	Mrs. B.A.	A693159	22	48		2	72
59	Wilkinson	Tom			10			10
60	Wilkinson	Mr. C.	A693158	31	124	2	4	161
61	Winter	Mrs.D.			10		1	11
<b>Total</b>				<b>810</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1511</b>