

B.S.A.C

ARAMIS 2006

Minutes of AGM - 31.07.03

Present – Dave Heywood, Graham & Helen Knott, Tony & Lynn Donoghue, John Eyre, Paul Wood, Tony Butcher, Eric Allan, Steve Holt, Ian & Pauline Nichols, Mike Turner, John Kirby.

Apologies – Dave Dryden, Tony Dean, Keith Rhodes, Brenda Heywood, Pam Heath.

M.O.P.A.G.M. – Two items still to be changed in the constitution by John otherwise accepted as OK.

Chairman – This was Tony's third report as Chairman, Tony's first concern was a drop in membership although he felt this was off set by the new members being more active within the club.

With Lynn and Sam gone we are down to two active NQI's but Paul and Andy should soon be fully qualified.

Anyone else interested in instructing should step forward, we need instructors to keep the club growing.

Thanks to everyone for another incident free year although we did have a near miss at Oban.

Our finances are still sound but we are slowly eating into our funds, an increase in either our pool fees or sub's needs to be considered.

Tony thanked those who had organised trips away for the club and reminded the members that organising dive weekends was not the sole prerogative of the committee. For a short while we did have a dive planning sub committee and this could resurrected. NOTE It doesn't just have to be for dives on sub's. Edward is back up and running, thanks to everybody concerned especially Dean and Phil Laughton. Nitrox is now available since Andy passed the blending course but we could with another qualified mixer, any candidates?

We are still short of boat handlers for the RIB, Andy Turner is hoping to run an in house course for us, more details soon.

Tony also thanked all the branch officers for their support over the last 12 months.

Diving Officer – Pauline's report mirrored Tony's in many respects, any more of this copying and I will have to smack some legs!

Pauline reported she had dive sheets for most months of the year and thanked all the members for a trouble free year of dives.

The club w/e trips have been well supported this year, she thanked Helen & Furry for the Anglesey and St Abbs trips.

No club trip aboard this year due in part to the Gulf war situation.

The membership slumped for a while but some new faces have breathed new life into the club plus we have some try dives arranged for the next 2 weeks.

Pauline thanked the instructors for their hard work introducing the new BSAC training methods.

She asked new members to be patient whilst waiting for instructors to become available.

Dean got a special mention for making new curly bits for Edward.

The RIB's not been used much this year mainly due to a lack of boat handlers but this might change soon.

She finished by hoping we could recruit and keep a few more members this year and continue our

accident free record.

Remember, PLAN THE DIVE, DIVE THE PLAN and watch out for the seals!

Training Officer – Dave reported on a successful conversion to Ocean Diver although the first paper test was a bit of a disaster. Better second time round with 2 out of 3 passing.

He repeated the call for more members to try out instructing.

Both the Sports Diver and the Dive Leader courses are nearly completed.

Three more try dives coming up due in part to the bit in the Goole Times on their reporters try dive.

Treasurer – Lynn presented her annual accounts to the meeting and then dared anybody to find fault with them. She doesn't frighten me, I will be sending my comments by E mail whilst she is on holiday. Anyone else wishing to contest the accounts, three falls or a knock out will decide the result.

The expenditure on the RIB was discussed with the usual RIB V hard boat arguments, generally it was thought that the keen new members would use the RIB more. This would generate more income from the RIB being used and make it more self-sufficient. The next 12 months will see if this works out.

As mentioned before club funds are shrinking so how to boost them was discussed. A rise in pool fees or a rise in club subs? Numerous arguments for and against were put forward, the net result being that the annual Aramis subscription will rise from £32 to £40. Proposed by Ian and seconded by Dave, proposal carried.

Equipment Officer – Mike woke up in time to thank everybody for their help with the compressor and hand his crisps round.

Election of Officers – The committee were returned on mass with the addition of the following positions:

Asst. D.O. – Paul Woods (Appointed by Pauline)

Asst. Equipment Officer – Graham Knott

Dive Planning Officer – Helen Knott plus committee of volunteers to help out where needed.

A.O.B. – Pauline asked the meeting what we thought of sharing pool nights with the Wednesday night club to lower our outgoings. The pros and cons were discussed, generally it was thought that it would complicate matters when we got busy nights and create a 'join us, they don't know what they are doing' atmosphere for new members. The meeting voted not to pursue the matter at the present time.