

B.S.A.C

ARAMIS 2006

Minutes of AGM – 29.07.04

Present – Steve Rodgers, Kerry Overfield, Keith Rhodes, Steve Holt, Tony Dean, Paul Wood, Pauline Nichols, Dave Heywood, Dean Huntington, Graham & Helen Knott, Dave Blee, Richard Blee, Tony Butcher,

Sian Butcher, Tony & Lynn Donoghue, Callum Craven, Mike Turner, Dale & Diane Huntington, John Eyre,

Mick Jennings, Darren Smith, Dave Dryden, Andy Carroll, Martin Smith, Jerry Robinson, John Kirby.

Apologies – Ian Nichols.

M.O.P.A.G.M. – Accepted

Chairman – Tony began the meeting with how pleased he was that the club continued to thrive, he couldn't recall a year when we have had so many new members and run so many Ocean diver courses. The remark was made that this was probably our first legal AGM with over 50% of the voting members attending. We have a sound membership, around 40 members and are financially secure.

He reminded the meeting that the club could not continue to grow and offer first class diver training without more instructors. We have only 3 active NQIs and one hiding in the corner, we need more to share the load. Those who have taken the IFC need to consider next step and progress to full instructor. The cost of the course is borne by the club if you stick around more than six months after taking the course, anyone interested contact Tony.

His annual whinge about members getting involved with the club was repeated yet again. To survive and progress we need the new members to get actively involved in club with new ideas and arranging branch activities. It's great to see Paul getting involved with the organising of dive trips, hopefully this will encourage others to have ago. There are thankless posts in the branch but without the commitment of the members concerned none of us would be diving.

We have more people diving on Nitrox but we are short of mixer/blenders, if anyone is interested Tony will ask John Dunwell about running a course.

Although unsuccessful this time Tony thanked Furry for his attempts for a further Lottery grant, we will try again.

Tony thanked the remaining branch officers, especially three falls and a knockout Lynn who is standing down from being treasurer after three years. Also Pauline for another year of incident free diving, a testament to the quality of our training and diving practices.

Diving Officer – Pauline reminded the meeting that this year was our 10th anniversary and we were still going strong. We started with 1 instructor and 3 qualified divers who worked overtime to get divers up to scratch. We now have robust team of Instructors and Assistant instructors and we have doubled our stock of diving kit with a successful Lottery grant. We have a club RIB and Edward (the compressor) is still doing the club proud.

She thanked the members for making her job easy by sticking to the good and safe diving practices they have been taught, PLAN THE DIVE, DIVE THE PLAN.

She thanked the officers and instructors for their time and dedication over the last year and thanked Lynn for her work as treasurer over the last three years.

We have lost some members but the new intake are very pro-active and are willing to give their time to the club.

Plenty of diving, Anglesey is becoming popular with our older members who can't manage the dive boat ladders anymore.

The Red Sea trip is nearly upon us, everything is booked for 32 people.

The annual BBQ is almost organised, don't forget to get your DAFTA's ready for the night.

Pauline's only niggle for the year was the club RIB, over halfway through the year and used only 4 times. She questioned if we needed a RIB or could the money be used in other ways, the club needed to discuss the issue and decide what to do.

Training Officer – Dave presented his report on a successful training year in code, think of a number, divide by 2 and add 50%. I think what he was saying was that of our try dives over 50% became members. These in turn increased our membership by about quarter!

Equipment Officer – Mike thanked everyone who had helped this year with the bottle fills, Edward is working fine at the moment. He reminded the meeting that empty cylinders should be left with the caps off and in the southeast corner of the shack. Even with our level of compass skills most of us should all be able to find the right corner.

Treasurer – Lynn presented her final accounts to the meeting that show the club in a healthy financial position, the balance at present is £6010. The members asked various questions of the accounts which were answered by the Lynn and the committee. Diane asked if the club was saving the balance for anything in particular, the answer was no but we had to bear in mind that the compressor was very old and could need replacing. This could use all our balance and more. The meeting voted to accept the minutes, proposed by Dave Heywood and seconded by Steve Rodgers.

Election of Committee – With Lynn standing down and no nominations for treasurer the meeting went through a nervous few minutes of silence and members examining the state of their footwear. At last a sigh of relief when Diane 'volunteered' to take the post of treasurer. All you slow payers be afraid, **be very afraid**. I have in my mind the theme tune from Jaws, Da,da,da,da, Da,da,da,da etc. There were no resignations or nominations for the remaining committee posts.

A.O.B – To clarify the situation with the Lottery grants, after consulting various agency's it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet the criteria especially in our region, Yorkshire and Humberside. Their slant is towards deprived sections of the community and with the best will in the world you could not describe us as deprived. The good news is that we have received £175 pounds from Goole Town Council towards our maintenance costs, the bad news is that in future their grants will be project based with similar criteria as the Lottery.

With our move to bi-monthly meetings a slight change to our constitution is required. The meeting accepted to change 'at least once a month' to 'at least once every three months'. There was some concern that bi-monthly meetings were being missed because some members couldn't remember what day it was nether mind what month. To remedy this I will E-mail members with a reminder. Those without E-mail will receive a note tied to a brick through the window.

On behalf of the members Tony Dean ended the meeting by thanking the committee and volunteers for their work in the past year.

