

Barton Sub-Aqua Club – AGM Minutes
13th December 2006

Present

Andy Lyon	Andy Morris	Paul Webster
Glenn Harsley	Steve Almond	Dave Porter
Gill Brader	Bruce Parker	Aleta Whybrow
Sarah Smart	Paul J-R	Liz J-R
Roy Bridgewater	Ross Paton	

Apologies for absence

Daz Martin	Dave Lundy	Beki Morris
Rebecca Webster	Bernard Fisher	

Quorum of more than 33% present

Meeting started at 2035 hrs.

Chairs Report:

Steve highlighted that we have had a hard year although next year looks hopeful for improvement, the move to Brigg being a positive one.

Diving Officer`s Report:

See attached report (also training report)

Treasurer`s Report:

Dave reported that this year had not been as bad as last year, with a deficit of only £559. Equipment sales have brought in £330. The boat had cost £461, and the pool £2080.

Cash in the bank being around £1700.

A discussion about the club`s fees and costs took place. The conclusion being that the £1700 may all be used up by the end of the year, if we don`t attract more members. We need at least 15 new members, but must keep the fee`s down to attract them. The following proposal was put to the floor:

Proposal – to set the fees at £130, but work on gaining more new members.

Proposed by Ross, seconded by Aleta. Carried

Proposal – to have an SGM in 6 months time, to check on the progress regarding our solvency and success with new members.

Proposed by Paul W, seconded by Bruce. Carried

Equipment Officer`s Report:

See attached report

General Members:

Glenn reminded us that he has arranged a visit to the Bridlington Coastguard on Sunday 14th January, to include displays on equipment and emergency procedures.

Proposal 1 :

Training of juniors : I propose that the members of Barton Sub-Aqua Club, with reference to the SAA policy and the club policy, discuss and make a decision on the training of junior divers. At what age, at what level, and whether members children or otherwise. Proposed by Andy M, seconded by Roy B

A discussion took place with the agreement that we need new paying members. We would like to include juniors, training within the SAA age guidelines. It was felt by some that for the members/instructors protection and peace of mind that a parent / guardian should also be a member:

Proposal from the floor: That we train juniors who have a parent/guardian who are also a member. Proposed by Paul J-R, seconded by Andy M.

For – 9 Against – 3 Motion carried.

Further discussions took place on the possibility of offering special rates to families and couples. The 2007 committee were tasked to look into this.

Proposal 2:

Medicals – Paul agreed with the members that we could still keep the requirement for new trainee divers to have a full GP medical. Although the NHS recommended rate has increased to £120, we have access to a doctor (Bob Guest) who will only charge £50. Andy Lyon has details.

Any other business:

Website: Ross reported that that he has someone looking at producing our website, and hopes to improve the original format.

A few sponsors have been approached and are keen to contribute: The Dive Station, travel agents. Andy L also has some possible sponsors.

Curry night: At the Surma , Barton, is on Thur 28th Dec. Please contact Liz J-R.

Leigh Bishop – Dennis is organizing another talk on Fri Jan 5th.

Kit Insurance: Andy L will look into the cost of insuring our club kit.

Which Pub?: We had a discussion on whether we wished to continue to meet at the Yarbrough Hunt. It was agreed to meet there for the next club night on **Tue 2nd Jan,** But to consider a change soon after. Local experts Aleta and Ross to sample and report back.

Club Name: It was agreed that we would consider a change of name for the club. This is so as to not confuse prospective new members regarding our location, and also to be

sure of what name we should have on our clothing logo`s before we spend our money on ordering them. Ideas to Andy Morris please by 1st Jan.

Footnote: As of 20th Dec we have already had 6 suggestions. I would like to have a vote “after” 1st Jan, and then offer the most popular 2 suggestions for a final vote. This should avoid a situation where the votes are split and the winner potentially being voted for by only 3 people.

Proxy Voting: Paul J-R suggested that we allow proxy voting at General meetings. A vote was held, For – 12, Against – 2

Ross proposed that the proxy vote should be with delegation, to allow for last minute information to be taken into account. Ie. You delegate someone to vote for you, but they must attend the meeting. For – Unanimous.

Election of Club Officers

All nominations unopposed and carried. Please see attached form.

Meeting Ended 2150 hrs

Diving officers report

Overall the diving has been the usual mix this year with a variety of locations dived.

Log sheet returns show diving at

8 Acre lake	29 dives	16.57
Algarve	3 dives	2.37
Covenham	2 dives	1.22
Hlalmar Bjorge	6 dives	3.50
Plymouth	42 dives	23.36
St Abbs	10 dives	5.18
Stoney	16 dives	7.39
Turkey	8 dives	6.30
Total	116 dives	2 days, 19 hours, 49 minutes

No reportable incidents have taken place as far as I am aware.

P. Webster

Training officer Report 2006

Training has gone reasonably well although at the back end of the year things have got somewhat untidy.

A big thank you to ALL the instructors and others that have made this training year work.

Diving Qualifications issued this year are

5 Elementary

4 Open Water

1 Dive Leader

Instructor Qualifications gained this year are

1 Assistant

1 Club

The club needs to look to the future and resolve the Training of Juniors issue or die

ISSUE NEW QUALS to

J D and G H

P. Webster

Equipment Officer Report

Firstly, my apologies for not attending the meeting.

Awards for All

In December 2006, 7 sets of new equipment were purchased following a successful bid to the National Lottery 'Awards for All'. The equipment has proved valuable in providing try dives and training in both the pool and open water.

In November I provided information to the National Lottery based on our commitment within the application to attract new people to the sport of scuba diving. Overall they were happy with what we have achieved and have therefore closed the file on our project.

Transfer to Ancholme

On Friday 15 December the equipment will be transferred to Ancholme Leisure Centre. Following meetings with Simon Taylor (Operations Manager), Alan Harsley (Health and Safety Officer for North Lincs Council) and Andy Bagshaw (Facilities Manager) it has been agreed that the same storage arrangements will be taken on at Ancholme.

Simon has been provided with a Risk Assessment for storage of cylinders and the managers will receive a briefing on Friday about this equipment.

On 2 January 2007 at 7.45pm training will be provided to Ancholme staff on lifeguarding our session. This training is necessary as stated in the new National Pool Lifeguard Qualification, without this they can refuse us the use of the pool for training.

The training will consist of:

- A try dive for staff
- Diver and lifeguard procedures in an emergency

We will need instructors for this evening. I will provide more details nearer the time.

Ancholme have also agreed for us to put a notice board in their café area to promote our club. With the closure of Baysgarth I have managed to acquire one.

Simon Cross (Baysgarth) has also agreed to allow us to use their mask, snorkels and fins for training at Ancholme; they will follow on next week.

Servicing

All DV's should be with Dennis for servicing and checking ready to be collected on 2 January 2007.

Thanks

I would like to thank Paul Webster for the help in looking after the kit especially all the work he did on Ebay buying and selling new and old equipment.

I would like to thank Andy Morris for all his efforts on looking after the boat.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has used the equipment for looking after it and also in taking the cylinders for fills.

Dave