

British Sub Aqua Club Council Meeting

Synopsis

23rd September 2018

Disciplinary matter – details withheld

The meeting dealt with a member's disciplinary appeal. This took up a significant portion of the meeting, and Council agreed that we should consider amending Articles to establish a more practical means of dealing with such matters.

Update on projects

The CEO and Marketing Manager updated Council on some key projects:

- Know and Grow (K&G) workshops appear to be having a positive effect. Clubs who attended a workshop show an average of 25% increase of new member acquisition on the same period of last year. However, these are still relatively small numbers.
- Dive Shows— we will be attending the Dive Show at the NEC, and the meeting also agreed a budget for a small presence at the new Go Diving show in early 2019.
- 2019 Conference – the meeting discussed the budget for this, and actioned a small sub-group to work up more detailed options for discussion at the November meeting.

Finances

The Treasurer reported that income is ahead of 2017, and we are forecasting a surplus at year end.

2019 draft budget was discussed, with decisions deferred to the November meeting.

Pan Pacific licensees

The Vice Chair updated the meeting on recent discussions with licensees in Japan, Korea and Thailand. Details have been removed due to commercial sensitivity.

CEO Report

Marine conservation - SCUBA has gone “naked”, and this has generally been well received by members. We are also in discussions with MCS about how we can work together on marine conservation matters.

This will be followed up in 2019, when MCS have dealt with other priorities. Various campaigns re marine clean ups.

Safeguarding – working with RYA on a safeguarding policy for vulnerable adults.

Membership benefits – Suunto computer offer has had good take-up.

Chair Report

The ISO standard was published in May, and will be published as an EN ISO European standard in September, at which point it will automatically be adopted as a British Standard..

NDO Report

DTP review - it is proposed that we will refresh materials on a rolling basis with potentially multiple minor updates in a year rather than a major re-write every few years.

Technical - work is being undertaken to review the suite of technical courses and also the development of instructor and instructor trainer development processes to facilitate cross-overs, development of in-house instructors, and QA to enable delivery of all courses.

IT Update

Davs informed Council that as per his report that a plan has been established to migrate the email service to a cloud based platform.

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Vice-Chair