

A Synopsis of the Council Meeting held 21st May 2017, Ellesmere Port

Appointment of New Directors:

Council met before the AGM and passed a resolution to appoint Maria Harwood (vice Chair), Adrian Collier and Dave Bell to the Board. Their appointments would take effect on the closure of the AGM.

The Chair:

Council resumed the meeting after the AGM where Woz (the Chair) welcomed the new Council Members. A number of administrative actions were taken, including the re-appointment of the Vice Presidents and giving authority to the NDO to form the National Diving Committee. Woz concluded by updating Council on the progress being made with challenging the cylinder testing regime changes that would result if the ISO was introduced as written.

Pan Pacific:

Deric Ellerby presented a proposal to Council on BSAC's SE Asia franchises. Following Deric's departure from the meeting Council agreed to establish a small working group to review the operating model of the Pan Pacific franchises.

The National Diving Officer (NDO)

Sophie Heptonstall briefed Council on the progress and status of the National Diving Committee (NDC) projects, paying particular attention to the Ocean Diver re-write. She drew Council's attention to the volume of work being undertaken and the challenge of delivering this almost exclusively with volunteer effort. A small group was formed to review how the small team at HQ could support this work.

The Honorary Treasurer:

Louise Whitehouse said her report was as delivered to the members open meeting on the 20th May 2017. Council members raised a few questions on particular aspects they wanted more clarity on.

The Honorary Secretary:

There was a short discussion to the process of reviewing and approving Minutes, of particular interest to the new Council Members.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO):

Mary Tetley updated Council on the progress of the strategic projects Council had directed HQ to complete. She went on to inform Council of the work she had personally been involved with, such as meetings with: SITA (Scuba Industry Trade Association), AP Diving and the BDSG (British Diving Safety Group). There were more tickets sold for the conference lunch this year than in recent years. Finally, Council were updated on the re-branding project and the website.

Council Dashboard:

A demonstration of a Council Dashboard was made by Janos Suto. The intention was to bring together all the major areas of interest to Council with a traffic light system. The concept was well received, but required some minor modification. The Dashboard would be trialled, monthly, with Janos working with HQ on its production.

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Insurance Renewal:

Due to exceptional costs for providing BSAC Liability insurance for a very limited number of people domiciled in Kenya and Bahrain, Council agreed not to provide cover from this year's renewal date. Members to be informed of the effective date of 1st June 2017 for the change.

Edward Haynes
BSAC Hon Sec