

# **BSAC Council Meeting Synopsis**

## **20<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### **Chair's Opening Address:**

Woz opened the meeting with his normal request for declarations of 'Conflict of Interest'. Adrian Collier mentioned that he was, from Monday 22nd January, to be a part-time employee of BSAC. Adrian resigned from Council at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **BSAC Objectives 2018:**

Council discussed the business objectives for 2018 that had been agreed during November's meeting. HQ representatives briefed Council on the choices to be made.. A number of objectives were agreed with HQ:

- Harnessing the power of digital media to grow the number of new member leads for clubs
- Regional face-to-face membership growth workshops with clubs
- Practical support to improve clubs' online presence
- Improve the value of membership
- Fight for divers' interests as the UK National Governing Body

### **DTP Briefing:**

Jamie Heptonstall updated Council on the DTP review. Lessons Learned from Ocean Diver and progress to date with Sports Diver.

### **Diving Conference:**

Council considered a number of options, covering both cost and resources in running the events, for the future of the Diving Conference. Alternatives to the Diving Conference were deliberated, like Regional conferences, a web based conference, using volunteers rather than HQ staff. Council directed future Diving Conferences would be run biennially.

### **Dive Show 2018 (NEC):**

Council discussed the merits of BSAC attending the Dive Show 2018. There was unanimous agreement BSAC should be at the Dive Show 2018.

### **Officer Reports:**

There were a few questions for Officers to clarify the reports submitted a week before the meeting:

- E-votes were ratified.
- The AGM process was proceeding as planned.

### **BSAC Shop:**

Outsourcing of the shop had resulted in some members having difficulty placing orders. The issues causing certain areas of the shop to disappear have been fixed by the developers.

### **SDC Analysis:**

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Adrian Collier presented an analysis of SDCs, the popularity of combined and tech courses was increasing. The current payment suggested PayPal is too expensive, alternative methods were being explored.

### **Hyperbaric Chamber NHS Consultation:**

The NHS had issued a consultation document on hyperbaric chambers. The document has been discussed at the BDSG meeting. A joint statement was to be issued by BDSG members. Additionally, it was agreed that BSAC should take a more proactive stance, and produce its own response to the NHS consultation on behalf of the diving community.

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Honorary Secretary