

## **BSAC Synopsis June 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Council:** 11 council members present and 4 Vice Presidents attended and 6 apologies were received.

The meeting formally agreed to the co-option of two committee members (Rachel Quinn and James Mudge), declaration of interests, receipt of apologies and approval of prior meeting minutes. There were no declarations of interest.

**Dividing:** The National Diving Officer (NDO) tabled a routine highlight report regarding the main business of the National Diving Committee (NDC). This covered work on supporting new centres; progress on the Sports Diver review (with three modules now with the steering group for comment); activities in support of expeditions including Scapa 100 and Normandy 75; reviews of various Skills Development Courses (SDCs) including First Aid for Divers (FAD) and work by the Safety Group noting a particular focus on Mental Health Awareness with recent articles in Scuba magazine.

**HQ:** The CEO outlined key projects including work on the design and purpose of a membership survey, progress on the digitisation of membership cards and updates from a meeting with scuba industry representatives, and engagement on environmental and climate awareness. Key projects in flight include the preparation for the 2019 National Diving Conference, continued work on membership growth and retention (the member journey), Sports Diver review and BSAC Centres. Council noted progress on conference preparations and discussed in detail membership statistics (new members and renewals).

**Financial report:** The COO presented half yearly (H2) results and financial report, outlining results that are broadly in line with the agreed budget with no material adverse issues requiring action. Cash continues to be monitored very closely.

**Insurance Report:** The COO advised a change of insurer was required with the previous provider withdrawing from the market and the new insurer (Axa) is in place with no disruption to member coverage, and with no changes to members cover.

**BSAC Branch Website proposal:** A focussed discussion took place regarding how support for BSAC websites could be progressed.

**Other issues:** Three other areas were discussed in some detail: (i) A review of the Articles of our own Association; (ii) Keeping Safeguarding policies and procedures under regular review and (iii) Developing ideas in support for BSACs many volunteers.