

Public Synopsis of British Sub Aqua Club interim meeting 20th June 2020 using Zoom

There was an additional meeting before the AGM

There were no new declarations of interest

We were informed that one council member had not renewed their membership, and as such was no longer a member of Council. This means we have three vacancies instead of two, as in line with the articles, we were operating at minimum numbers. It was found out too late to change the voting, so will be addressed at the first meeting in July.

Our CEO gave a presentation as to the activity between March and June, and plans for July and August.

She told us that the return to diving guidance had been very involved and challenging, but that BSAC had been working with DEFRA, DCMS, BDSG, RNLI, RYA and other water sports NGB's had been productive.

She also informed us that we are supporting Sport England by backing #OpenOur Pools, as well as speaking with BUCS to offer support to our University Branches.

The furlough scheme has been utilised for our staff, which has meant that those working have a heavy workload.

We have managed to get a grant to fund specific recurring costs to the organisation.

Work has been done on e-learning for Ocean and Discovery Diver - more to be announced at the AGM. There was discussion about the pricing of the courses, but further work to be done before the AGM so that a decision could be reached and announced.

Also Sports Diver is being upgraded. This has been done to make us more flexible and to support branches and centres.

With the current medical information on the importance of Gas Density a new Gas Density Table has been created to enable safer diving.

Our insurers have changed due to the previous ones having pulled out of this market. The terms for Club members remain the same.

We also were given a financial update and will be thinking about our commitments for 2021 at the next meeting.

There was discussion about SCUBA and the way ahead as TRMG are only providing our magazine until September. There has been work and an interim alternative has been found that will produce an i-magazine for six months and in the meantime a longer-term solution is being investigated.

Medium-term scenarios were looked and a tool to enable us to make informed decision making. It was decided to monitor membership numbers in June and July and by the September meeting agree what the most likely scenario would be for 2021.

We also heard from the Strategy Group which brought up some areas to be considered for the next 3 – 5 years. Further work is needed then detailed proposals would be brought to Council for consideration.

The AGM was discussed and we were informed how it would work, and what our part was. There were no officer reports for this interim meeting

Our NDO gave a short presentation relating to the review of the ADP course in light of Gas Density requirements.

Council thanked HQ and all the volunteers working to bring us through this difficult time for the large amount of work that has been achieved so far and enabling us to continue as a club.

It was highlighted that Council and BSAC should consider how we might strengthen our approach on diversity and reinforce the message that there is no place for racism in BSAC.