

Synopsis of the f2f BSAC council meeting of the 18th March 2023

Actions

Actions arising from past meetings were noted to be covered and concluded during specific agenda items

Accounts

There has been a delay in the auditing of the accounts cause by resource availability by the audit company. The plan is to publish in SCUBA as planned with a note explain why they have not audited. The once the accounts have been signed-off by the auditors they will be published. The accounts have been provisionally reviewed and approved by Council pending the final published version.

Sub Committees

Points of note:

Audit

- A new Audit Committee chair has been appointed (Maggie Driscoll). The audited accounts won't be available until early May when they will be distributed to members via the website

Environment

- Wreck champions project has been initiated (for more details see April's Scuba).
- A specialist in Sewage pollution has joined the team.
- Additional Receiver of Wrecks deputies are being recruited to cleat the back log of forms

NDC

- Snorkelling materials are being updated
- DL materials are under review from steering group

Nominations

- Largest number of nominations for Council this year than in a very long time
- Those who are not successful in the voting rounds may be invited for co-option into the various sub committees based on workload and skills required.

Strategy

- Elements of the strategic plan are being prioritised including concentrating on younger divers and members in their first 1-2 years of membership/diving
- Serving Vice Chair Rachel Quinn is preparing her handover plans to ensure this is completed as smoothly and easily as possible at the end of her term

Digital

- 2022 - 43% of members were buying digital packs.
- Council discussed the provision of training materials digital format, accessibility and value for money, the environmental benefits, and speed to update.

AMS

Four sprints have taken place, giving the team a 'shopping list' of items that need to be integrated

1. New members
2. Events

3. ITS staffing
4. Direct Debit

CEO report

- Petition to get subsidies to help heat swimming pools, appears to have been successful
- Expertise has been sourced to support further developing the optimal way to fully incorporate ED&I into all our activities
- Safeguarding policies are being updated
- Membership survey will be reviewed in a future meeting

University Clubs

- University representative roles have been put into place under Yasmine Thorn's leadership, allowing the increase in support available for all the university clubs
- Looking at ways to build bridges between university clubs and local branches
- University specific ITS events are being piloted at Leeds and at imperial

AOB

- The wording on the updated UKDMC medical self certification form for items 1, 7 and 12 to be reviewed as regards ramifications. CEO action as a priority.