

British Sub Aqua Club

Council Meeting

27TH MAY 2023

Synopsis of online BSAC Council meeting of 27th May 2023

Introductions and welcome to our new Council members, Emma James, Carline Deal and Dave Bell.

One of the first items on the agenda was to agree to re-appoint the Vice Presidents to BSAC

- Jane Maddocks
- Brian Cumming
- Claire Peddie
- Tony Marshall

Below is a summary of key items which were discussed or presented during the meeting.

BSAC Training

Council discussed a pilot for a new delivery method of training and it was agreed to run this to gather solid data before further discussion.

Sub-Committee Membership

The council reviewed the leadership of the various council sub-committees and approved the chairs who would then arrange their membership.

Five Year Vision

CEO Mary Tetley presented a five-year vision for BSAC, based on Council's strategy. This piece of work was to support financial forecasting and future strategy work to look at longer sustainability of BSAC and how the strategy will impact income / expenditure over the next 3 to 5 years.

Financial Forecast

Honorary Treasurer Janos Suto & Mary Tetley presented a long-term financial forecast which was discussed at length. The forecast looked at membership numbers over the coming years and predicted costs and where risk and opportunities were for reducing costs and developing additional revenue streams.

IT Infrastructure Upgrade (AMS Project)

As part of the strategy and financial planning discussions the Honorary Treasurer gave an overview of the current AMS (Association Membership System) project which is looking at the replacement of key IT systems used for managing BSAC. This is a major project within BSAC HQ as it will impact all systems and processes from Membership Management, Financial, Instructor Training Scheme, Event Management (SDCs and other) as well as marketing and communication.

Membership survey

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The CEO set out the results of the 2022 member survey. HQ had compiled an action plan and will be prioritising multiple actions covering community, diver training, environment and governance to address issues raised by members. Key actions by HQ will be aligned to the development and iteration of the future strategy.

70th Anniversary – 70th branding through the year, content in SCUBA, NW event (29/9) and London Boat Run (14/10).

Revised medical questionnaire – feedback has been provided to the UKDMC.

Diver & Training update

- Almost 30k lessons signed off on the App.
- New upcoming courses to be released June through to October include DL/O2 Admin / Deeper Module / XPM and PRM / Underwater surveyor.

BSAC Shop

A long discussion was had concerning the BSAC shop and a range of options to begin the move to Digital products.

With no further topics for discussion the Chair thanked everyone for their valued contributions.