

British Sub Aqua Club

Council Meeting synopsis

Various locations, via Teams

Saturday 25th May 2024

Welcome and opening administration The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, the meeting was confirmed quorate.

There were no comments or corrections to the March minutes which were signed off by the Chair. Items for AoB were requested by the Chair.

Appointment of new officers

The new officers were appointed as per the results of the AGM

Proposal 1: BRITISH SUB-AQUA CLUB Company number 01417376 (the Company): It is proposed by EH, seconded by AS: TO BE RESOLVED that each of Catherine Haworth, Sophie Rennie, Richard Pettifer and Dai Atkins having each consented to act and having each been elected pursuant to the 2024 election, be appointed as directors of the Company with effect from the end of the 2024 AGM.

Proposal 2: BRITISH SUB-AQUA CLUB Company number 01417376 (the Company): It is proposed by EH, seconded by AS: TO BE RESOLVED that having consented to act and having been elected pursuant to the 2024 election, Sophie Rennie be appointed as National Diving Officer; having consented to act as an officer of BSAC with effect from the end of the 2024 AGM.

Proposal 3: BRITISH SUB-AQUA CLUB Company number 01417376 (the Company): It is proposed by EH, seconded by AS: TO BE RESOLVED that having consented to act and having been elected pursuant to the 2024 election, Richard Pettifer be appointed as Honorary Treasurer; having consented to act as an officer of BSAC with effect from the end of the 2024 AGM.

Alistair Dickson was welcomed as BSAC's first Independent Director.

Actions

All actions from the previous meetings were resolved or carried forward to be dealt with later. Chairs were appointed to sub committees and where required new members appointed.

Honorary Life Membership was proposed by Andy Shenstone for Jane Maddocks, this was passed unanimously.

The three current vice-presidents were reappointed for a term of 3 years. It was agreed that succession planning should be considered in the coming year by the Nominations Committee.

Diving

The new NDO Sophie Rennie gave a comprehensive presentation outlining work completed and ongoing projects, including the Fast Track project, the review of courses, coaching participation, Snorkelling Guide launch, a Lessons Learned document and a new 24-hour emergency number. Council thanked SH for her early efforts in the role and the report which was a very welcome and comprehensive update.

The new Head of Diving Sophie Heptonstall was introduced and gave Council a presentation of her role.

Membership

The COO gave a rundown on membership statistics which proved positive and the newly elected Honorary Treasurer Richard Pettifer provided summarised the financial position.

CEO's report

The CEO gave a progress report and updated Council on a number of items including the future use of the HQ building. There was also an extensive discussion and review of the insurance position; Council was briefed by the CEO on the activities of the short life working group established to address lessons learned and to improve communications to the membership in this key area. Council agreed to withdraw the HQ building from sale.

International

Following the conclusion of the main Council meeting, Council met as the Board of BSAC International. A substantive discussion was held regarding overseas licensing opportunities.

There being no items for AOB the Chairman ended the meeting at 1400hrs, the next meeting is 20th July via teams.