

***GLUG Committee Meeting
1st September 2009
Phoenix Artists Club***



Present: Ian F. Mark V. Doug Y, Martin S.

Apologies: Corrine S, Steph B, Brian B, Ian C.

Matter arising.

No matters arising

Inter Club Events

Try dive for Nov 21st is now an exclusive booking for Outdoorladz, hosted by GLUG. All participants will get free GLUG membership for the rest of this year. They will advertise us on their website. Fitness First also want to have a try dive through GLUG. Ian F is in discussion with them. There will be crossover between club memberships, but it was felt there was no need for official committee representation. We are a social group after all!

It was also raised that we should create a link with Front Runners. Brian B already has contacts with them and links can be made via GLUG website and facebook etc.

Try Dive.

No further try dives planned for this year as Brighton & London Pride applicants have been covered, but others can be arranged if necessary. Cost of try dives so far is £340. GLUG will now take bookings directly. DLL have agreed to book the pool on our behalf and to give us any kit & air for free. Cheque made out to DLL already to cover costs. Although in negative equity, the Try Dives are still covered by money kindly sponsored from Ross.

Website Posting Rules.

Posts had been placed which some members classed as not being strictly gay or diving related. It was agreed that members may post details of events which may be of interest to the club, gay issues, or diving and marine conservation, so long as posts do not express specific political views.

It was further decided that new website guidelines reflecting the changes to what may be posted on the website will be drawn up and published in place of the existing guidelines.

Categories for posts

These will now be
GLUG diving trips
Training
Social
Non-GLUG diving trips
Monthly Meetings
AGM
Club Announcements
Equipment
Dive Site Accommodation Recommendations
Diving Discussions
Photography
Trip Reports
Diving News
Cross Club Links
Gay Issues
Marine Conservation

Current Membership

137, Total
10 new members in last month
5 from try dives
1 Standing Order Payment
1 Cash from Try Dive

Training

OPEN WATER 3-4TH OCTOBER

November 21st try dive for Outdoorladz

Summer Party

TBC

Club Banners & Image.

No further developments as nothing yet submitted. It was agreed GLUG wants to keep the rainbow starfish as our logo.

Any Other Business (open to non-committee members)

Why do we need £100 for meeting?

This turned out to be a misunderstanding. The £100 mentioned in the previous minutes was a SEED donation.

The question was raised whether people have to be a member of GLUG to be on a GLUG trip. There was a resounding “Yes” from committee and non-committee members. Our membership is minimal and helps to cover us for liability insurance etc.

The question of postings on the website was raised by a new comer and committee referred them to the guideline alterations previously discussed. This answered the query raised.

TRY DIVE BBQ

Feedback from one member was that there was no official host. People turned up and there was no host. Follow guidelines on try dive planner. Martin S pointed out that had the Try Dive Planner been followed (as previously agreed to be implemented by committee) this would not have happened. The comment was noted and it was agreed there should be a nominated "host" to officially welcome people and introduce new members to the group.

Debbie raised the issue that tickets for flights to Madeira are now on sale for her Madeira trip (see website), members must organise their own flights and accommodation and Debbie will organise the boat and dive sites. There will be a mix of shore and boat dives.

It was raised that committee were spending club money without members consent. In order to minimize bureaucracy, it was agreed committee should be able to make decisions on expenditure up to £250. Any proposals above that amount should be sent to all members via email to allow any objections to be raised.

Committee Meeting Closed at 19.30 when a briefing was given to all non-committee members (a significant number this month!) Welcome to all who came!