



**Minutes of the G.L.U.G. Meeting  
Tuesday 11 January 2011**

Present: Doug Y (Chairman), Brian B (Vice-Chairman), Ian F (Training Coordinator), Martin S (Training Coordinator), Val C (Publicity Officer), Corinne S (UK Dive Coordinator)

Apologies: David B, Steph B

1. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Chairman – Nothing to report. Welcomed Val C as the new Publicity Officer. The Chair also thanked everyone who had helped out in any capacity at all for making 2010 such a good year for the Club
  - b. Vice Chairman – Nothing to report.
  - c. Treasurer – not present at meeting, so no report available.
  - d. Membership Secretary – not present, so no report available.
  - e. Training Coordinators – planning to post training programme for the first part of 2011 shortly. The next Try Dive is being planned for mid-to late-February – date to follow, once confirmation has been received from the pool we use. Malta will still be going ahead, allowing for both general diving and training – details on the website.
  - f. Publicity Officer – (Val's Maiden Report) – Val would like copies of all publicity documents thus far created. We know that a few were created by previous Publicity Officers, so we'd like to get everything together. Val is also looking to create branded templates that can be used by all, so that our branding will remain consistent. Val will also be re-creating the Try Dive flyers, together with Martin and Ian. She intends to target other sports groups to see if there is any room for organising events together. The "Facebook" system has now been re-activated, and we currently have 800+ Friends on it! Val will be creating and steering a "Pride Working Party" to make the most of our presence at both London and Brighton Prides this year, as well as ideas for the GLUG Bus! As we are in an almost unique position, we will be looking at whether to expand our Pride presence to other location, such as Manchester, for 2012. To try and get our name and profile more widely known, Val will be looking at the possibility of getting articles published – not only in the Gay Press, but also "mainstream" Diving publication, such as Sport Diver. We are also looking at getting out Gay Times Listing (free!) reactivated. Extreme Diving will be looked at – as that will also serve to raise our presence. Val, together initially

with Mark, will be looking at the website to tidy it up, make it less confusing and more user friendly, as well as perhaps clearing out some of the older items into an archive area. More importantly, GLUG needs to address the negative publicity that has arisen recently. Not only has the recent forum activity shown the club in a less than good light to members, it has also been viewable to prospective members. The Forum Guidelines need to be re-visited, and if necessary, re-written to stop this from happening again.

- g. UK Dive Coordinator – Nothing to report as such, except that 2011 bookings are being taken.
  - h. Equipment Coordinator – Nothing to report.
3. A.O.B – Neil stated his concerns about the completeness / details of the accounts distributed at the AGM. It was agreed that in future, fuller accounts would be available, and that 2010 would be revisited, and fuller account produced.
  4. Date of Next Meeting – Committee Meeting (open to all Members) 6.30 on Tuesday 1 February – followed by Social Evening.