

GLUG Committee Meeting

2nd February 2010

The Phoenix Artists Club



Agenda

1 Matters Arising.

Apologies from Ian, Steph & Fred

2 Committee Reports

Chair: Working on the club constitution. Following comments from the first draft, the second draft is in the process of being written for the consideration committee and members.

Vice-Chair: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Latest set of accounts circulated £1,000 of membership fees in. £4,485 in the bank at the moment. .pdf of financial statement available if required.

Membership Secretary: 42 accounts disabled, 30 self registered accounts are now marked for deletion. There are 4 requests for account deletion, one from a try dive. One has given up diving altogether. 2010 membership currently 118 which is a record for the group! 72 accounts currently "in limbo". There is a new plug in on the site which means that if you update your profile you **MUST** fill in the required fields ie next of kin, there is an option for "non-applicable".

Webmaster: Wordpress 2.9.1 update will be coming up soon. (We know how desperate you've been for it!) The trips page has been updated and a PP presentation will be uploaded to the site for other committee members to show them how to correctly post trips and events to the site. The process has started to initiate online banking for trips.

Training Coordinators: 20th March is the next Try Dive date. This is always open to all members, both as a social event and an opportunity to get wet & try out new gear in the pool. The next Nitrox course will be held on 20th Feb @ 1pm. We are planning another Open Water course and are waiting to hear from Malta but looking like last week in May, Thurs to Tues cost around £450 but still TBC. Ian is creating a UK diver course using PADI training guidelines but including dry suit and SMB deployment.

Ian also suggested inviting speakers along to the meetings to make them more fun and catering for interests in different areas of diving. This was agreed as being a good idea.

Publicity: Fred still does not have access to Facebook pages, therefore we still have two pages – one "person" and one "group"

UK Dive Coordinator: no report

Equipment Coordinator: no report

- 3 **Publicity:** Doug will have a word with Caroline regarding Facebook to see if we can resolve this issue once and for all.
- 4 **Marketing:** Neil was given the go-ahead to order a flag/pennant with the GLUG starfish logo for trips for quoted around £80. Terry's partner Lee said he feels restricted because we want to keep the starfish logo. It was suggested he should present the committee with his designs and we make a decision from there.
- 5 **Web Pages :** A review and update of all website pages is now required to ensure everything is up to date and relevant. Mark is looking to divide this up between the committee. Social Page (Doug), Try Dive Page (Martin/Ian). There was a request for all committee members to have a photo on their profile please.
- 6 **Membership** – There are a number of members who have not paid their 2010 membership – these Members will have their website access restricted. However, what do we do about these Members if they are currently booked on GLUG trips? It was agreed in previous meetings that all participants on GLUG trips must be GLUG members, unless they are non-diving partners of GLUG members. For trips where non-members have booked BEFORE this decision was made, this does not apply. This should only affect a couple of long standing foreign trips. Trip organizers are to make sure that all participants are actually GLUG members. The new trips booking system will flag up people trying to book trips who are not GLUG members.
- 7 **Membership Renewal Fee** – In light of the number of members renewing their member using the PayPal option and the club incurring a 54p fee for each transaction, it was agreed that the cost of these transactions be increased to cover fees so that GLUG does not lose out. Therefore, the PayPal link will automatically charge the admin cost to members choosing to renew their membership in this way
- 8 **Organ Donor:** A proposal was made to add a new field on the membership profile for organ donor participation, set as an optional field. It was agreed that this could be added.
- 9 **Admin Fee:** Confirmation was made of earlier decision that the costs of DAN insurance should be sourced from membership fees and not from an admin fee charged only on UK dive trips as this is an unfair distribution of insurance costs.
- 10 **Insurance:** After much discussion and research with other insurance companies, it was decided to continue to insure GLUG through the DAN insurance policy as this gives us the best cover available at this time.
- 11 **Red Sea Trip:** There are still has a few places left on the Red Sea trip. The booking will now be opened up to non-UK GLUG members.
- 12 **Club Constitution:** a draft has been produced, and is doing the rounds of the Committee and certain other Members. Once the draft has been finalized, it will be made available to all members, prior to a vote being taken at the March or April

meeting. The meeting to ratify the Constitution will, out of necessity be deemed an Extra-ordinary General Meeting and advertised as such. Only fully paid-up members shall be entitled to vote at this meeting. Thanks to Debbie P & Dave B for their input so far. We hope to have the next draft available by middle of next week. So it's ready for the March meeting.

13 A.O.B.

Brian suggested that if we have surplus money to give to other organizations/charities then we should spend some of that money buying equipment for the club, making us less reliant on hiring equipment from dive shops. Meeting minutes from PREVIOUS meetings will be available on separate page of the website in due course, but if you want to read them before that time then please email the webmaster and they will be sent by .pdf.

14 Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Open Meeting:

Members felt the invitation of speakers to the meetings was a good idea. There was a strong feeling that whilst we need to update the look of the GLUG stall and leaflets etc, the Starfish logo is our "brand" and shouldn't be changed. It was agreed we'd wait for Lee's submission of ideas and make decisions from there.

