



Minutes of Committee Meeting August 3, 2010

Committee Present

Doug Y (Chair), Brian B (Vice Chair), David B (Treasurer), Mark V (Membership Secretary/Webmaster), Ian F (Training Coordinator), Martin S (Training Coordinator), Corinne S (UK Dive Corodinator)

Apologies

Steph (Equipment Coordinator)

1 – Matters Arising – there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

2 – Committee Reports

Chairman's Report – We had a very good try dive – well attended and enjoyed by all.

Vice Chairman's Report – Very successful Red Sea Trip – the next one is being planned for September 2011.

Treasurer's Report – The bank account has still not been finally sorted, but is on-going. Nothing else to report.

Membership Secretary's Report – Number of members – 152, including 8 new members. There is one unclaimed account from the recent Try Dive. One membership sub has been reversed – the member has been contacted. No response to date, so account will be disabled after a week.

PayPal issues – Remaining Sending Limit – £175.44 of £1k / Remaining Receiving Limit - £802.64 of £1.7k. Try Dive – four payments received, totalling £105.44. Membership Receipts - £80.00 – bank statements will need to be checked against this.

Webmaster's Report – The Gallery issue is partially resolved with addition of standard Wordpress roles, set to restricted permissions. These were being created automatically and causing issues. Reported errors over the past month have been minimal – which is encouraging. Some hacks/fixes converted to plugins to ease upgrade, but some, user search, for example, cannot be converted. Domain has been transferred to the name of Mark V. Hosting is apparently due to expire with domain registrar – unsure why as we host elsewhere. Mark V is considering moving the domain to 123reg where his other domains are registered – this will have zero impact on the website.

Training Coordinators' Report – There is the possibility of linking with Outdoor Ladz. They would like to have a clickable link to GLUG on their website (Doug Y to get designed). Martin S to speak to them with regard to their apparent age and sex policies. Congratulations to

David, Kos, Emmanuel, Clive and Sue for passing their PADI AOWD (inc Dry Suit) qualifications. The next OWD course tba shortly.
The trip on 11/12 September is RIB diving which is aimed at divers new to UK diving. See website for details.
Congratulations to Ian F for passing his Normoxic Trimix Instructor Course.

Publicity Officer's Report – no person in this position – see item 4.

UK Dive Coordinator's Report – nothing to report.

Equipment Coordinator's Report – nothing to report.

3 – Marketing - The banners have been ordered and should be with us ready for Brighton Pride. We need to focus on obtaining for “freebie” give away items for future events.

4 – Publicity Officer – David E has volunteered to fill this position for the remainder of the year until the AGM can elect him. He was co-opted onto the Committee unanimously.

5 – Raja Ampit Trip – The proposed contract was discussed and it was agreed that under no circumstances should GLUG or any member of the Committee sign up to this as it, at present, leave the Club and /or individual liable – both in a strict liability sense as well as financially. This will need further investigation.

6 – Try Dives – the cost for the recent Try Dive rose to £320.00 from the earlier Try Dive prices of £160.00. This is the cost for the hire of the pool/garden only, and does not take into account the cost of equipment hire. With this in mind we may need to look at shortening the amount of time that we spend in Streatham. We may also want to look at getting some sort of sponsorship once again, as whilst these days are not designed to be profitable, we need to be careful about how much of a loss we are making on them.

7 – Brighton Pride – the organisation for this year's Pride, as well as the London one, have been nothing short of shambolic. We felt that a letter of complaint be sent to Pride expressing our displeasure. This year there will be no rota of volunteers, and the stall will be open to any and all members to help out as and when they can.

8 – PayPal – In view of the problems we are having with PayPay freezing our accounts, etc, Ian F suggested that we set up an PADI Centre to mitigate the problems. We may also look at new bank accounts generally.

9 – AOB – There was no AOB

10 – Next meeting will be Tuesday 7th September, 2010.