

*GLUG Committee Meeting
6th October 2009
The Phoenix Artist's Club*



1. Matters Arising

Correction Mark stated there were in fact only 136 members
Any committee member wishing to submit expenses should do so in their term of office.
Claims over £10 should be agreed in advance with chairman or treasurer
Accounts submitted by Ian C.
Martin waiting for feedback from DAN and another insurer for liability insurance

2. Membership – Cut-off Date for reduced 2009 Membership

Agreed this should be 30th November This is now the last day for £5 membership

3. Membership - Renewal Deadlines

If no payment is received by 31st Jan the member's web account becomes dormant, after 28th Feb the account is deleted

4. Membership - Rationalization of Membership Payment methods

Payment can be made via cash, cheque, BACS or internet, with all standing orders working correctly now. Mark V requested all members to edit their payment date to 15th January so all monies come in together.

5. Membership/Website – Policy regarding self-registration

Anyone registering an account without paying membership will not receive emails or be able to access member areas. Mark V will work on messaging system.

6. Website – Contact Form vs. Encrypted e-mails

Mark has written a plug in to encrypt emails and prevent SPAM. Mark will write something intelligent about how this works;

“Following complaints that the training2009 email address had fallen into the hands of spammers due to it’s exposure in plain text on pages and post within the site, the webmaster investigated plugins which would encrypt or otherwise disguise email addresses automatically but still permit email links to work. This lead to a series of plugins being tried with results ranging from the email addresses becoming unusable to the entire site being brought down.

A custom plugin has now been written which converts plain email addresses into encrypted email links and also encrypts existing email links wherever they appear on the site (excluding those only available when logged in – e.g. the envelopes on posts).

As a result, it is no longer necessary to protect the addresses of the various committee members on the committee page in the way they have to date and the ‘contact us’ form therefore becomes redundant. The ‘contact us’ form will therefore be removed from the site freeing up space on the menu and the committee page will now display encrypted email addresses for all committee members regardless of whether the page is viewed by a logged in member or not. The communications route for everyone (members and Joe public) will therefore become direct email contact only.”

7. Trip Updates

Fabulous trip to Red Sea recently ended. There were a couple of issues raised regarding equipment on board. From GLUG’s point of view, all equipment was tested and in date.

Next Red Sea trip with Blue Seas will be 7th July 2010 for 1 week, £1010

Corrine has put some UK trips up on the website.

Possible trip to Guernsey or SARK Fred Whin and Brian S work in progress.

A trip to Italy was also proposed and this would be a good trip for people just qualified or wanting to qualify in Advanced Open Water. Ross will look into more details.

Geneva may also be a possible destination for Open Water divers.

8. Training Updates

Open Water course completed at weekend. We have at least 6 Open Water referrals now.

One more try dive to come, exclusively for Outdoor ladz 21st November and Nitrox course in planning too.

Skills course in Pembrokeshire with Boat handling and advanced boat handling proposed by Corinne. Possible dives as well Marine radio etc. 3 day course.

9. AGM Date and venue proposal

AGM has been confirmed at The Phoenix Artists Club @ 3pm Sat 12th Dec.

Suggestions on venues for food please! Ian would like to stand down as treasurer, so anyone interested in taking over the role, please PLEASE contact committee.

10. 2010 Advertising and Articles

No Caroline so postponed until Nov meeting.

Membership now 143 5 via alert two via cash £35.59 membership. £23.50 from try dives £59.09 in Alert pay.

11. 19:30 – Meeting recap and AOB