

MINUTES OF THE NDC HELD ON
Wednesday 15th June 2005 7.30 PM

NDC Members Present: Kevin Webb, Joe Campbell, Hugh Fraser, Kevin Miller, Grant Adams, Martin Henderson, Graeme Forsyth, Nigel Spike; GC Members present: Andrew Murray, Iona Anthony, Jack Morrison, Tony Carter, Ken Smith, Diana Webb

Guest: Terry (Freetime)

Apologies: Kevin Watson, Albert Smith, Don Lees, Billy Symington, Murray MacCallum, Alan Hubbard, David Fuller-Shapcott, Peter Courtier

Previous Minutes:

Proposed: Kevin Miller

Seconded: Hugh Fraser

NDO:

A provisional RC list has been received from Kevin Miller, this needs to be updated before circulation.

Due to personal and professional reasons Kevin Miller has tendered his resignation as NC and RC, though he intends to remain as a member of the NDC.

Also resigning for personal reasons was Iona Anthony from her position as RC, this was notified to me at the end of May.

Andrew Murray resigned as Regional Coach but remains on GC.

Graeme Forsyth resigned as Regional Coach but remains on NDC.

With great sadness these resignations have been accepted and thanks go all for to all the hard work they have done for SSAC.

One of my priorities must now be to appoint a new NC.

Stamps – RC stamps were given to Marti, Hugh, Grant and Diana; Examiner stamps Ken, Tony, Kev Watson, Billy has had his own stamp made. Stamps need to be returned by those resigning.

Nitrox – The aim is to eventually present our own course, however in the meantime SAA are happy to support Nitrox and Advanced Nitrox courses within SSAC.

Talks have also taken place with SAA re CMAS ** and accreditation.

Course Directors Reports:

Deep Diving Course – Graham Forsyth

A course was presented in Aberdeen. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. We are however still awaiting manuals and cards. Due to personal difficulties Graham informed of his intention to step down as DD Director. Instructor packs will be collected from Graham.

BI Director – Ken Smith

Ken is still waiting for information to be passed on by Kevin Miller. The information is held on a disc which will be passed onto Ken or the Office. The book is covered up to date, but a mop up of those to be 'finished off' will go ahead.

RI Co-ordinator – a new potential director is in the process of being approached. In the meantime Ken is happy to help in designing and organising but not to take part.

VHF – Tony Carter

The presentation needs updating, then diary dates will be set. 2/3 will be organised before next AGM.

Boat Handling – Tony Carter

2 courses recently run will be completed shortly. Uncertain if current format will be successful over time. Combined course still needs looking at as format not appropriate for SSAC.

Both the Junior Snorkel and Archaeology courses will hopefully be coming on line this year but Directors/Co-ordinators are needed for both of these.

Incidents:

Still awaiting a report on the last but one incident. It is known that all involved were recompressed successfully. One member awaiting a PFO check.

Questions posed

- Would research into incidents identify why there appears to be an upsurge in reported incidents, maybe a random survey of number of dives carried out?
- Do we need to look more closely at decompression training, with more emphasis on use of tables and less reliance on computers.
- Do we need to include computer training into lectures.
- Back to Basics – all things that affect decompression.
- Need guide lines on use of computers.
- There is a real need for the standardisation of lectures.

In response to the last item a syllabus of all lectures is with Don. He needs people to help develop this.

AOB

Tony – What happened about review on trainees participating in open water training.
Response – this is ongoing at present.

Next Meeting

Weds 17th August 7.30pm