

Minutes of NDC Meeting Held on:- Wednesday 18th January 2006

Present : Kevin Webb (NDO) , Diane Webb, Tony Carter, Frank Connor, Martin Henderson, George McBurns, Kevin Miller, Nigel Spike, Albert Smith, Joe Campbell.

Apologies: Ken Smith, John Arrowsmith, Kevin Watson, Peter Courtier, Billy Symington, Drew Stevenson, Graeme Forsyth, Hugh Fraser.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by George McBurns and seconded by Martin Henderson.

Communications:

The NDO indicated that he is now satisfied that the agreed method of communication is working.

CRBS Checks:

Frank Connor informed the meeting that he had contacted Sports Scotland with regard to what the age limit is for members to be referred to as child under CRBS. Sports Scotland informed him that they view the rules as per The Police Scotland Act 1993 and accept 18 years as the limit.

Tony Carter raised the question that there is a possibility of a member qualifying as a sport diver at 16 years and, therefore, would be entitled to dive with other sports divers who do not require CRBS checks. Diane Webb suggested that branches in this situation should seek parental permission in the form of a signed letter. This was generally agreed.

The NDO asked Frank if frequently asked questions on this subject be recorded and documented for future reference.

Frank informed the meeting that he would collate FAQ's on this subject and present them to the Diving Officers' conference for discussion.

Tony raised the possibility of a member under the age of 18 years qualifying as a BI.

Regional Coach Reports:

The NDO stated that RC reports are now coming in.

Courses:

Nitrox course not yet ready to run and more instructors required for this course and O2/ heartstart courses.

The NDO asked if refresher courses for the likes of O2/Heartstart should be introduced. After some discussion 2 options were agreed:-

1. Updates are issued to members who previously attended the course.
2. Any member who wished a refresher course this should be made available.

RI Course:

The NDO stated that to date he had not received any input from NDC members and RC's towards the creation of this course and asked that this be rectified. He asked that all NDC and RC's be involved in this.

Tony Carter requested a job description for the post of RI.

RC Workshop: The NDO requested more input towards this.

BI Course:

The NDO stated he was satisfied with progress and content of this course.

First Class Award:

Nigel Spike informed the meeting that this is now ready to run.

Deep Diving Course:

Awaiting information from Andy Parks

Training Schedule:

The NDO informed that there have been problems with the printing of the Open Water section of the schedule but he has rectified this, copies will be issued to BDO's prior to DO conference for discussion. Discussions took place on air sharing, second and alternative air sources. It was agreed to discuss further at DO conference.

DO Conference:

The NDO read proposed agenda for the day and stated that the afternoon should be used for the training schedule and that as far as possible the schedule should be finally agreed on the day. It was agreed that all questions to be asked at the conference should be submitted in writing prior to the day.

Lecture Material:

No further update available on Sports Diver lectures. Further contact will be made with those involved to see if it is imminent. If not decisions are required on what direction to take. The NDO suggested that Master Diver guidelines should be provided.

Try – A – Dive:

George McBurns informed the meeting that he has created guide notes for try a dives. The NDO stated that TAD forms are available and should be used and submitted to allow monitoring.

AOCB:

Frank Connor asked for advice on a PADI Dive Instructors who have been members of ScotSAC for over 2 years and wish to become ScotSAC instructors. It was agreed that they should sit in on a BI course with no fee to be charged.

Date of Next Meeting: 8th March 2006. 7.30