

## Minutes of the NDC 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007

Present; Kevin Miller, Graeme Forsyth, Sam Paske, Gordon Young, Joe Campbell, Marion Brown, Jack Morrison.

Apologies; Bert Smith, Kevin Watson.

The NDO started by apologising for his absence at the last meeting (September) and for not having the minutes for the August meeting.

He reported that the training weekends had been quite successful with Carlisle, Kelvin, Clydebank and West End branches all taking part. Several lessons have been learned from them and in future they would be held on Sundays only and the autumn ones would be in October rather than September. He thanked everyone who helped at all the training weekends. He also highlighted the fact that there was a lack of support from many RI's and Examiners and the NDC would have to address this problem. After some discussion it was agreed the NDC should write to RI's asking if they are willing to become RC's and help spread the workload, more RC's mean fewer branches for each RC therefore less work.

Sam Paske reported on the conference, most of the speakers had confirmed. She is producing a programme with adverts. An A4 poster is to be emailed to BDO's, Secretary's, dive centres and dive shops to publicise the event.

Training Schedule; the NDO corrected the GC minute that gave the impression the review was to be completed in a month. What the Gc expected was a timescale for the review but the review is part of a three year project and will form the basis of a new training manual which will replace the current one when stocks run out.

Members of the NDC also reported members requests for the club to be able to accept Debit/Credit card payment for membership, tickets, courses etc.

The NDO thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 9.30PM