

National Diving Council Meeting Minutes



Tuesday 1st April 2008 - 7.30 PM - SSAC HQ

NDC Members Present

Kevin Miller (KM), Marion Brown (MB) Gordon Young (GY) Sam Paske (SP) Graeme Forsyth (GF).

Ex-Officio Members Present

Nigel Spike (NS), Joe Campbell (JC), Tony Carter (TC),

Board Members Present

Jack Morrison (JM),

Apologies

Murray McCallum, Kevin Watson, Don Lees, David Fuller-Shapcott, Glen Stephenson, Ian Whittaker.

Meeting

Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 4th March 2008 were proposed by GY and seconded by: SP.

Actions from Previous Minutes

Number	Action and Update	Actionee	Date Due
1	All RCs to submit RC report to NC 7 days prior to each meeting -	All RCs	Ongoing
2	Course Directors to submit report prior to each meeting	Course Directors	Ongoing
3	Assistant NDO to provide summary of incidents at each meeting and provide synopsis to BSAC every quarter	KW	Ongoing
4	Sport Diver Assessment (Review)	SP & MB	April 08
5	Master Diver Assessment (Review)	GY	May 08
6	First Class Diver Award (Review)		
7	BI Award (Review)	AM & MMc	ASAP
8	RI Award (Review)	KW	June 08
9	Examiners Award (Review)	KW	ASAP
10	First Aid (Review)	BS	May 08
11	O2 Course (Review)	BS	May 08
12	Heart Start (Review)	BS	May 08
13	Additional Assessments Awards	GF	ASAP
14	Child Protection (up date)	MB	Ongoing
15	Master Diver Lectures	DL & Team	Ongoing
16	FAI	JM	Ongoing
17	Dive Conference	All	Ongoing

National Coach Appointment

- As this was the first meeting after the AGM, the role of National Coach was due for appointment. After discussion, the NDC appointed Graeme Forsyth as National Coach.

Regional Coach Reports

- A few reports had been sent in, the NDO reminded RC's of the need to send in regular reports.

Buddy Breathing

- Discussion took place on the current situation regarding buddy breathing ascents. Following a review of incidents, research from the UK and worldwide, and a paper produced by Andy Parks, it was the view of those present that a proposal should be made to the Board as an emergency recommendation to cease buddy breathing shared ascent training, and introduce mandatory alternate air source (e.g. octopus). KM to take this proposal to the Board.

Training Schedule Review

- Sam and Marion circulated their draft proposal for the review of Sport Diver. They proposed introducing a new level which they called Branch Diver. The premise being that this would give trainees recognition and a sense of achievement earlier in their training and get them in the open water quicker. This was discussed and the concept was unanimously agreed.
- The meeting then went on to discuss in detail what exercises should be incorporated in Branch Diver. Sam and Marion to incorporate changes and bring back to the next meeting.

AOCB

- A proposal from Carlisle Branch for a Dive Leader Endorsement was circulated but as no-one had seen it before the meeting it could not be discussed and was deferred.

Summary of Actions

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3	Sport Diver Assessment (Review)	SP & MB	Ongoing
4	Master Diver Assessment (Review)	GY	Ongoing
5	First Class Divers Award (Review)		June 3rd
6	BI Award (Review)	AM & MMc	ASAP
7	RI Award (Review)	KW	June 08
8	Examiners Award (Review)	KW	ASAP
9	First Aid (Review)	BS	May 08
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16	Incorporate changes to Branch Diver draft	SP/MB	Next meeting
17	Prepare Buddy Breathing Proposal for Board	KM	Next Board Meeting
18	Dive leader endorsement material discussion	NDO	Ongoing

Meeting Closed at 10.00pm.

Future meetings:

(All at 7.30pm)

Tuesday 6th May 08

Tuesday 3rd June 08

Tuesday 1st July 08

Tuesday 5th August 08

Tuesday 2nd September 08

Tuesday 7th October 08

Tuesday 4th November 08