

Exec Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 30th October 2019

Meeting begun: 17:10

In attendance: Anjana Radhakrishnan (President, chair), Joseph Allen (Secretary, minutes), Jack Moore (Treasurer), Rob Newall (Equipment Officer), Simona Donscoi (Social Secretary), Tom Frampton (Training Officer; by call), Matthew Johnson (Octopush Officer), James Coe (Expeditions Officer; points 1-7), Oliver Cogbill (Diving Officer), Harriet Glanville (Push Expeditions Officer), Nigel Denton (BSAC Diving Officer) and Meredith Whiting (Social Secretary).

Apologies: Lara Nash (Webmaster)

1. President's welcome

Everyone was welcomed.

2. Clothing Order

a. Leisure wear

We will be purchasing leisurewear items from Akuma. An Exec poll will be created to determine which items from which ranges the club will be ordering, with ordering then opened up on those items to the wider membership.

b. Swimwear

Akuma are no longer providing swimwear, so we have to look elsewhere. Harriet has determined Bbosi to be the cheapest supplier we can order from. The build quality of their items is good from previous experience, however sizings could be an issue (quite small). There could be a bikini option made available, for divers to wear under their suit.

3. Finance Update

The Finances are in better shape than they were at our last meeting, with money from the dive courses having come through. We have the option available to completely replace the compressor for around £6000. The new one would be self-serviceable, which should save on costs down the line. We can offset some of this by selling the current compressor, which will still have resale value to the right buyer. Jack will talk to the SU about possible financing for the purchase.

4. Diving Update

a. Equipment storage

Nigel will email Kevin about storage space for the dry suits, which is needed ahead of Farnes next week (need hanging space for them to dry). An access list is to be circulated to the sports centre team, regulating exactly who is allowed in the storage room. This is particularly important, since it is hard to see if items are missing given the current disordered state.

b. Equipment hire fees

We need clarification over whether instructors are insured to use club kit, since may be no longer insured by the SU when out of WUSAC member hands. Questions have been raised by members over the current kit fee process, particularly around whether exec should be exempt, and instructors when not instructing. Good points were raised on either side, and no consensus was reached. Exec members are to take time to think about this issue, and it will be discussed again at our next meeting.

c. Farnes planning

Preparations for the Farnes trip are going well. We need to figure out exactly how many cylinders we need to rent from the dive centre there. This depends on both how many the club has, and how many the insurance lets us transport up on the minibus.

d. Diving Memberships

The kit fee schedule needs to specify that kit hire is only available for WUSAC members, and even people who are just casually diving with us need to have club membership. Jack will chase up the SU on credit card approval for buying bsac memberships. Medical sessions for people that haven't signed a declaration will mostly happen over the coming week.

e. Trip Planning

Expeditions officers past and present have pointed out that trip planning is a lot of work for a single exec member. In the future, other exec members need to be involved in helping plan trips (for example, the diving officer). Regular members can also take the lead in planning trips, with exec overseeing and supporting. A trip planning meeting should also be arranged for interested members, at which help with planning can be offered by those present.

5. Octopush Update

Recruitment of new players is going well. The club will be heading to both Nautilus and the Oxford Freshers tournament in November. Purchases of club push kit have arrived, and gloves have been labelled for size. We are down to the final three clubs in our bid to host the upcoming student nationals, and should hear back tomorrow. Matt has already got in touch with warwick sport about hiring out the whole pool if we get it. Players that want to compete will need BOA membership.

6. Club Development/Campaigns/Charity

a. Discuss ideas

Multiple ideas were discussed. Among these were a charity circle, which could involve donating food items, or have people donating money for various privileges at circle. Meredith is to compile a list of dates for various SU welfare and inclusion campaigns that we can participate in. We also discussed

potential public awareness visits to local primary schools, in order to promote cleaning up the oceans.

b. Potential exec role

This role could have the primary responsibility for both organising club charity events and keeping track of our sportsmark progress, taking a lot of work off the backs of the other exec members. If we want to go through with this, we need to have decided to create this position in advance of elections next term.

7. Trello and Google Doc

Usage of these platforms, especially Trello, has dropped off since they were introduced. They are a good way of collaborating and keeping track of exec tasks (definitely more so than group chats), and we ought to try to keep using them.

8. Upcoming Socials

a. Christmas Meal

Consensus is to continue the tradition of the past few years, and prepare the christmas meal ourselves. We are considering possible venues to use, which would need enough space for both prepare the food, and to fit in everyone who wants to attend.

b. Laser Quest with Canoe/Canoe Polo

The facebook event is live, and a sign-up form will be available from tomorrow. 20 spaces are available for either club, with a good showing from WUSAC being much appreciated! Unused spaces, if desired by the other club, will be reallocated shortly before the event.

c. Skill swap discussions (Lifesaving, Mixed Netball)

We need to locate the club Go Pro and get it back into exec hands. Discussions have begun with mixed netball, but we still need to reach out to lifesaving. We have also had interest in a skill swap with women's rugby.

d. Kenilworth Fireworks social

This will be a small, chill social, and people going from campus/coventry who want to should meet Meredith at the bus interchange. Make sure to take photos!

e. Birmingham Christmas market

Likely to be the 29th November, Meredith to make further preparations.

f. Pop Week 8

Still need to decide on a theme, with dressing as a decade being discussed as an option. James is to attend this one.

9. TADONM (Time and Date of Next Meeting)

To be decided by exec.

10. AOBs

a. Group Chat Etiquette

All members need to be responsible and respectful of others in club group chats, especially since there are lots of loosely affiliated members who are on them. Anjana intervened to try and make clear what is and isn't acceptable - regardless of what was considered OK in the past, we need to ensure we adhere to the Dignity at Warwick policies.

b. Warwick Submarine

We could promote our links here, as a great showcase of the variety of the club's work. Lara is to upload the attached video to the website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWR2eVRD-7Y>

Meeting Ended: 18:55