

Exec Meeting Minutes – Thursday 21st November 2019

Meeting begun: 17:10

In attendance: Anjana Radhakrishnan (President, chair), Joseph Allen (Secretary, minutes), Jack Moore (Treasurer), Rob Newall (Equipment Officer; points 1-6), Simona Donscoi (Social Secretary; points 1-6), Tom Frampton (Training Officer), Matthew Johnson (Octopush Officer), James Coe (Expeditions Officer; points 1-6), Oliver Cogbill (Diving Officer), Harriet Glanville (Push Expeditions Officer), Lara Nash (Webmaster) and Meredith Whiting (Social Secretary).

Apologies: None, all members present

1. Welcome

Everyone was welcomed.

2. SCUBA Diving

a. Kit servicing

The state of current club kit was discussed. In his report, Rob noted that cylinder 23 needs a new A-clamp, cylinder 30 needs servicing (likely to be around £40), and that a few more need O-rings (which we have). Of the 15 BCD's in our possession, 11 we know to be club kit, and 3 more we are reasonably certain belong to us. There are 2 drysuits that need to be sent off for repair (a damaged neck seal and a bad zip respectively), with most other leakages due to needing internal waterproofing tape that we can likely sort out ourselves.

b. Club-lead trip deposits

A suggestion was made to charge people a refundable deposit that isn't returned if they don't contribute to sorting out the kit after, partly based on the poor showing to sort out kit post Farnes trip. Discussion were over how much it should be, with emphasis that we need to make sure people sign up to it beforehand and are aware.

c. Trip additional costs

A further development on the trip deposits, it was suggested that members who drag their feet on paying for trip costs could be blacklisted from future trips, since this places an unfair burden on the member who front ran said costs, leaving them on the hook for far longer than is reasonable. Both ideas are to be discussed further in future meetings.

d. Compressor updates

The Spark crowdfund has been set up, with £40 donated so far. This will be doubled to £80 through university donation matching, which is matched up to £250. The Development Fund meeting is coming up, and we may be able to apply for more funding, as we technically aren't applying for the same thing

twice in one year (previously applied for compressor servicing funding, now looking at full compressor replacement).

e. Kit fees

There was an exec consensus to keep the kit fee schedule as it has already been established, as we believe this is a good arrangement for the club going forward. Pursuant to this, it was discussed how we need to better enforce the payment of kit hire fees, as well as ensure that any member taking out kit lets Ollie know they're doing so, otherwise they are not insured to use it.

3. Push

a. Tournament feedback

Warwick hosted an informal mini-tournament which went well. Coming up, we will be attending Nautilus this weekend, and the Oxford tournament next weekend. The Sunday session will still be available for non-tournament attendees, but we may need to cancel it if attendance looks to be too low. WUSAC didn't win the vote to host nationals next year, losing out to BOA, but since they don't yet have a venue, it is possible we yet be called upon to host it (stay tuned).

b. Community Rock Up

Our internal Rock Up and Play sessions have been converted to Community Rock Up and Play sessions. This means they are now accessible to all Warwick students and staff for free (as before), and members of Warwick Sport for free, and to external visitors and members of the wider community for a £4 fee per session.

4. Financial status

The club finances are in reasonably good shape. As discussed above, the Club Development Fund is reopening this month, and pursuant to our ongoing compressor fundraising, we will be looking to apply for further funding there. Operationally things are mostly running smoothly, with a few invoices yet to be processed, but no issues expected.

5. Clothing Orders

Orders for club wet kit are going well, these will be closing on Saturday (November 23rd). The form for dry kit orders still needs to be put up, the deadline will be the end of Week 9 (sunday 1st December), so that the order can be processed into an Akuma specific order form and sent off by the end of term.

6. Socials

The Christmas meal is likely to be Wednesday week 10 (4th December). On campus venues appear not to be available, so we are likely to do it at a house in Canley, with other people living nearby contributing cooking space. Food buying is to be sorted out in the coming week. There is a possible Birmingham christmas market social on

Sunday week 9, but this may not work the day after the Oxford tournament. It was discussed how we ought to do a survey of members at the end of this term to assess what socials people want us to run, and ensure the club is properly providing for its members. Compulsory attendance of Exec members to socials was discussed. This is likely to be a bad idea based on past experiences at other clubs, but Exec members ought to try and attend club socials wherever possible.

7. Charity & Volunteering

Ideas for what the club can do to boost its levels of charitable fundraising and activities within the wider community were discussed. Among these it was suggested we could volunteer to go litter picking. To give it a unique dimension, it is possible for divers volunteer to assist a UK based group of technical divers in doing an underwater cleanup. Another idea was to book a lane of the pool for a 12 hour breath hold, with members taking turns sequentially holding their breaths.

8. Blog

Ideas for the next few blog posts were talked about. Lara is to write an upcoming post on This Girl Can, and we might want a trainee Ocean Diver to write a post on their first diving experience. Someone reasonably new to tournaments ought to write a post on attending both Nautilus and Oxford (separate posts). A post should be written on the Christmas meal for the end of term once it occurs. As always, including photos in every post.

9. TADONM

This is likely to happen around the end of Week 9, since Week 10 risks being too busy for people. Joseph is to make a poll online.

10. AOB

None

Meeting Ended: 18:12