

## **Exec Meeting Minutes – Thursday 28th November 2019**

### **Meeting begun:**

**In attendance:** Anjana Radhakrishnan (President, chair), Joseph Allen (Secretary, minutes), Oliver Cogbill (Diving Officer), Lara Nash (Webmaster), Rob Newell (Equipment Officer), Nigel Denton (BSAC Diving Officer), Jack Moore (Treasurer), James Coe (Expeditions Officer; points 3-10), Matthew Johnson (Octopush Officer) and Harriet Glanville (Push Expeditions Officer).

**Apologies:** Simona Donscoi (Social Secretary), Tom Frampton (Training Officer) and Meredith Whiting (Social Secretary).

#### 1. President's welcome

Everyone was welcomed. The change in the agenda order is deliberate, and we intend to follow it going forward, since in our previous meetings whole club issues sometimes get left to the end by which time some people may have left, or they are not given the same attention.

#### 2. Socials

##### a. Christmas Meal

This will take place on Wednesday as previously discussed. Harriet and Matt to host, with houses near them available to provide additional cooking space if required.

##### b. Ideas for Term Two socials were discussed by those present.

Those that people actively expressed an interest in included trampolining, bowling and a movie night, All of which were successful socials in previous years. We also discussed a potential joint charity circle with Tap which might take place at Kasbah (we could pool the ticket profits together). A potential repeat of our board games night could take place, perhaps this time focused on one specific game rather than a medley. Among other ideas considered were a WUSAC specific charity circle, where people bring along an item of food for donation, and we are very keen to run a 'Meet the Exec' social before the upcoming elections next term.

#### 3. Charity

##### a. Event Ideas

We discussed ideas for how WUSAC could get involved in charitable fundraising and volunteering. These included the ocean cleanup idea discussed in previous meetings, which Ollie is going to explore further (this could be run at the same time as the Cornwall trip). Another idea

brought up again was a WUSAC bake sale to raise money for a charity of our choice.

b. Twelve hour breath hold in Term Two

We would intend this to take place on the weekend either Week 7 or Week 8 next term. The planning packs have been completed, and no additional help is required in organising it at the moment. This would be open to the whole club, and we would encourage as many members as possible from both sides to attend, since this is an effort that will be easier the more people show up. A rota will be drawn up nearer the time based on who has said they are going, in order that no-one finds themselves overburdened.

c. Club Development Officer

As discussed previously, if this is going to be created as a role, then we need to get the ball rolling early next term. As such, the exec will discuss this again at our next meeting. We could potentially substitute this role into the exec instead of having two social secretaries, which is potentially more sensible for a club of our size.

4. Tours

- a. A whole club trip would be a good way to for both sides of the club to spend more time together, and a good excuse generally to take a break from studying and have some fun
- b. One option would be a trip to Egypt, now that travel restrictions have been lifted. This would allow opportunity for both diving and snorkelling, so anyone could come along. A good way of doing this might be off a liveaboard boat, which Nigel is going to look at prices for
- c. Another option would be to open up the Cornwall trip to non Ocean Divers. This takes place from Friday Week 10 to Friday Week 11 of Term Two (first week of the Easter holidays). It would be possible to do the aforementioned beach/ocean cleanup while we are down there. There are likely to be plenty of non-diving activities available, but we need to look into specific options.
- d. Alternatively, we could just arrange a summer trip unrelated to any existing club activities, one where we simply go somewhere for a nice holiday, not necessarily involving diving or push activities.

## 5. Clothing Orders

### a. Swimwear

The swimwear order has been placed. We don't know exactly when it'll arrive, but we should receive it by the beginning of Term Two.

### b. Leisurewear

- i. Orders are ongoing, with most people having paid already. The order will be put through to Akuma next week. We then expect orders to arrive sometime in January.
- ii. In future years, it may be worth doing another order over the summer so people can get additional items of kit to use in their final years (otherwise they will likely be waiting till Term Two again to receive them).

## 6. Octopush Update

### a. Nautilus

- i. The tournament went well. We took a Warwick team, which came 4th in Division Six, narrowly missing out on a medal. We were the only university team in attendance, so are currently the top-ranked university team in the country.

### b. Student Nationals

- i. We have been requested to host the 2020 Student Nationals on behalf of the British Octopush Association (BOA). This has a provisional date of 28-29th March 2020 (second weekend of the Easter holiday). We need to sort out an afterparty, likely to take place at either the Copper Rooms or Kasbah. It might be possible to use Warwick accommodation for visiting teams, meaning the whole event could be accommodated entirely on campus.
- ii. Organisation is complicated by the fact that BOA are technically running things, meaning finances need to be passed through them. As a club, we need to consider whether we are happier having this organised through BOA, or want to push them to transfer full responsibility to us (there are advantages and disadvantages to both approaches). This will be decided after we have the pool booking confirmed.

## 7. Diving Update

Four dive computers need to be sent off for repairs. One cylinder was missed for servicing last time, which needs to be done. Rob is to begin the process of getting the drysuits repaired. We need to ensure that the tanks are all filled up before the end of December, in case of any gap in availability of refills caused by the potential compressor replacement.

## 8. Finance Update

A breakdown of the compressor financing was laid out. Approximately, we have £3500 set aside previously for servicing that will go towards it. The rest is to come from grants and fundraising. Our Spark fund is up to £620 (checked 12/12/2019, not including the university fund matching), and we could get up to £2500 from the Student Support Fund, and up to £1000 from the Club Development Fund, with some extra money coming from the sale of the old compressor. It was summarised, as can be seen here, that the fundraising is going well, and that compressor replacement is becoming a very realistic possibility.

## 9. TADONM (Time and Date of Next Meeting)

This will happen hopefully just before the start of next term, or right at the start of next term if that isn't possible. As expected, the exec are to keep working and communicating with each other remotely over the holidays.

## 10. AOBs

- a. An enquiry was made as to when drysuit training will be? This is still unknown, and will be followed up on.
- b. It was mentioned that divers are encouraged to buy their own pieces of equipment if intending to continue diving, and this should be applied to octopush as well. We clarified that it already is. It was noted that octopush is a bit different to diving, since most new joiners haven't heard of the sport before joining the club so time is needed to get them committed. However, members are encouraged to purchase their own kit, for both their sakes and ours, if they continue to play with the club long term.
- c. On another note about octopush equipment, all WUSAC equipment (gloves, sticks, hats, snorkels) is labelled with "WUSAC" and a unique ID number. This is to ensure equipment is not borrowed indefinitely without a trace.
- d. Merry Christmas everyone, and happy holidays!

**Meeting Ended: 18:20**