

Alsager Sub-Aqua Club: Minutes of Committee Meeting (DRAFT Version)

Date 01/09/26

Present: AA, RJ, EH, BH, AW, AT, PR, CT, ST, WC, ME, EP

Apologies: GP, KPS.

Chairmans Welcome and Report AA:

Chairmans Report:

Why are we here?

Now that I have managed to relinquish my roles of treasurer and membership secretary I have realised I have been remiss for a long time fulfilling my other role as chair. I wanted to gather members to begin to rectify this.

As an aside I recognise that both roles are much more complicated now and are being managed extremely well. I don't need to give advice to the officers anymore, but I am still willing should the need arise.

What am I planning to achieve?

I have revisited our branch constitution and finding it inadequate and outdated have modelled our new byelaws on the BSAC recommendations.

All members have been emailed with a link to them. I do not propose to adopt these at this meeting but would hope to do so at our next. Once adopted, hopefully by unanimous vote, they will be posted to our website and BSAC's.

I plan for us to hold regular committee meetings **again**, say 6 to 8 a year.

Along with the byelaws I have circulated the branch rules, slightly updated, which all members should adhere to, for safety reasons. These will also be posted to our website, and I believe should be included in a **'starter' pack for joiners**. At a later date I will circulate an assessment form to members to gather feedback on the effectiveness of the chair's role.

I am starting a branch library with books donated by an ex-member. It currently includes many on photography, as well as dive guides including the Red Sea and UK. As well as those available to loan but I am also including a reference section for items held by individual members at their home.

The importance of this plan.

I always bear in mind that we are all volunteers contributing our time and money to enjoy going on diving trips as well as the many dry events we organise. Whilst the aims above are not very exciting they are necessary to enable a modern harmonious club to progress.

Ambition enhanced by the above

Following our attendance at Divefest last week and our training officer's ambition we will be applying for the Heinke trophy 2027. There are many factors in our favour this year including our 50th anniversary, new training equipment and a growing membership. We learnt from Mary Tetley that we may well be in the running but could have competition from Chester branch.

Thank you

I just wanted to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who is making Alsager Sub Aqua an enjoyable and growing branch.

Minutes Of Meeting:

Last meeting AGM 01/06/26: No minutes distributed– no comments.

Diving Officers Report - RJ: No report as general meeting

Training Officers Report – EH: Requested further training kit be purchased: life size manakin, 2 off extra small BCDs. Reported an error made in the purchase of the AED (defib) that is being rectified by ClubSub.

Membership Secretaries Report AA: No report as general meeting

Equipment Officers Report BH: Noted 7 cylinders were being sent to Capernwray for testing.

Treasurers Report AA: Noted the club had exceeded CrowdFunding goals by £2217 but with costs removed this had reduced to £900. To date approx £10.3k of the £15k money raised had been spent.

Social Secretary Report AW: No report as general meeting

Any Other Business:

1. PR asked if there were enough 10L tanks for small trainees. BH said sufficient.
2. RJ said he would check if he had very small BCDs. AA asked EH to purchase 1 if required.
3. AT asked if the committee were happy with the financial controls in place for the Galapagos trip. AA noted all was being handled by the trip co-ordinator KPS.
4. EP noted that all money associated with trips should go through the club.
5. EP asked if club kit could be used by members in open water. AA noted that kit had gone missing in the past. EH asked if club kit was insured and AA responded that it was not at present. With AA's agreement EP said he would investigate costs of insurance for ASAC.
6. AA noted that the extra £900 raised from CrowdFunding would go into the club general funds. PR noted Sport England do not require ASAC to demonstrate any further accounts for the use of this money.
7. BH noted cylinder testing was about £40 each for visual and pressure testing. EP/ST both agreed AquaLogistics in Stockport had provided a good service in the past. BH/EH said they would look into costs.
8. BH noted that the compressor needed servicing but parts had already been ordered.
9. EP asked if meetings could be held on a Thursday when the pool was not available to us. AA explained that this meeting was on a Tuesday because of the full calendar of events planned for Thursdays.
10. AA noted that a financial statement was generally prepared for each committee meeting.