

ULSAC COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting held in **ULU Room 2D** on **Monday 12th May 2008** at **6.30PM**.

TO-DO LIST

- Michelle – remind trip organisers to fill out trip reports with van registration numbers, kit issue forms
- Gloria – email trip organisers to remind them to write up trip reports, look up prices for 100 calendars
- Vic – Look into boat shopping
- Members should be reminded to be more frugal if possible
- Fundraising event ideas are needed!

Next meeting will be on 16th June 2008.

PRESENT

Ali G, Laurie, Michelle, Anjali, Jer, Vic, Kaisa, Gloria, Nate, Tucker, Shal, Cripps, Anouk, Anna, Osama, Gabe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Vasiliki, Steve, Hannah, Mark, Dave, Marcus

REVIEW OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ITEMS FOR ATTENTION

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

No one wanted to do it. Kaisa broke the silence. Kaisa is now VC.

ELECTION OF FUNDRAISING OFFICER

Currently we only have one, however as it's the 50th year, perhaps a good idea to have an assistant to "oversee". Nathan is happy to help.

EASTER TRAINING ACCOUNTS

ET accounts do exist. Dave said that they will be sent out soon.

Committee has set deadline of Wednesday 21st May.

SUMMER POOL SESSIONS

Pool sessions should be better used during the summer lest they be taken away by ULU.

Jer talked to the Life saving dude, suggested that we swap pool time with them on Fridays which we have a rip for their time on Sundays, for example. The life saving guy suggested a “joint fin swimming session”, life saving sessions for ULSAC.

Jer said the pool could be used for mini IFC and life saving training, try dives and bring a friend sessions.

H&H VANS

Jim (via Ali) - Possibility of switching van hire company as the drive to Portland was bad- no power.

However, Vic said H&H is the only hire company that has vans with tow bars, and they give amazing service. Nathan towed the same van, said it seemed fine, providing it's properly loaded. Jer said we have insurance cover with H&H for lots of people. Nat said we should keep the registration numbers of the bad vans, and make sure we don't get them again. The GOOD van registration numbers should go in the trip report.

Michelle will mention this to trip organizers.

NEWSLETTER

Gloria said we need articles from all the trips as she can't go on all of them. Michelle suggested a tick box on the sign up form/making the trip organizer get someone to write a report. Aim to publish end of every month. Gloria will email trip organizers to get them to write reports.

As newsletters get more regular- people will be more likely to want to write reports. Newsletter editor should coordinate with the fundraising officer to organize advertising each month. Could have a checklist for the newsletter: sponsors for this month, trip reports, photos, etc. Paul should have a newsletter template, Gloria said she hadn't got one- will contact him for it.

50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Everything has been booked for the dinner and the invitation letter has been written. Cripps, Laura and Michelle are currently organizing the dinner. They will have to pick up the slack until Arjun and Hannah have free time.

The letters will be going out this week to all current and past members. There's a lot of interest from older members. Need to sort out branded clothing and memorabilia. Nat suggested something waterproof and/or fleecy- something “special”. Mugs, red beanies, earrings, onion rings??

Currently no other 50th anniversary events planned yet. Nathan suggested that the invitation letter should remind people to renew their club membership to get something crazy like 150- to get the biggest BSAC student/special club. This would be good for ULSAC fundraising as we would be the biggest club in the whole wide world. Currently we have about 85-90 members.

Event Ideas

Beach cleaning event.

Fitz's run – no one too thrilled about that one.

Some kind of 50th yearbook with old photos. Michelle said could get a professional photographer for the 50th anniversary dinner. Gabe mentioned that there are online shops that you can send high resolution photos and they print good looking photo albums.

“Now and Then” calendar. Profitable idea (but a previous incarnation didn’t make that much money due to the poor print quality - Nathan). Gloria delegated to look up prices for ~75/100 calendars.

Other fundraising event ideas are needed! Fundraising team needs to acquire merchandise and equipment for raffles and auctions.

TREASURER’S REPORT (*KAISA*)

Coming soon.

DIVING OFFICER’S REPORT (*MICHELLE*)

Portland trip and Angelsey – both successful trips. Trip reports are up on the website.

End of May bank holiday – going to Plymouth. Michelle suggested some sub 35m dives to hook some advanced divers.

TRAINING OFFICERS’S REPORT (*JER*)

2 new ocean divers on mop up weekend. 2 new sports divers.

Training day coming up on 31st May at an inland site TBD. Need instructors to sign up for this!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (*SHAL*)

In the process of handing over. No change.

ATO’S REPORT (*ANJALI*)

Gave out forms for advanced training interest. Would like to fit in more AD. Wants new dive leaders by 31st October.

Had 5 people attend AD life saver award.

Plans: next Sunday radio course. 2 AED courses 21/22nd May. 4th and 5th June O2 course over 2 evenings. 7th and 8th June IFC.

EQUIPMENT OFFICER’S REPORT (*DAVE*)

Current situation stable. Could we make sure trip orgs report back equipment usage, so wear and tear is shared out between all club kit! Suggestion of throwing a pile of kit in the air to mix it up.

Michelle will remind trip organizers to fill in kit issue forms.

BOAT OFFICER’S REPORT (*VIC*)

Has acquired a set of boathouse keys. Replaced dislodged O-ring from fuel tank (with help from Andy). Replaced emergency brake cable on a trailer. The boat boxes are still an issue as most have holes in them or are missing O-rings in the lids. Boat boxes get battered around a lot and need to be properly looked after. Have rowers/gardeners been stealing O-rings? Missing O-rings mean dampness!

Vic has plugged the holes in them, but they still need O-rings. Currently we have 2 sets of emergency boxes complete and 4 flare boxes. Vic has made 2 new first aid kits – will make up another 2 emergency boxes.

We need to clear out the boat house garage as there's a lot of stuff that isn't ours which seems to just have been dumped on us. Need to clear this with the boat house people before we go on a rampage.

Al is repairing winch straps for the boats.

Problem with Scoundrel's echo – after BHGs repairs, the cable has been damaged. Entire echo unit (Garmin) may need to be replaced due to issues with the wiring setup.

Need new A flags, and they need to be bigger.

We can't run engines through after 9. There is a rumour of a document that says were not allowed to be at the boat house after 9 otherwise we will be kicked out.

SOCIALSEC REPORT (*HELEN*)

5/6th June Picnic in the park, or something.

Gloria said we could have an end of year social with the other water sports societies.

Susie is sorting out underwater Olympics.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing else to report.

NEXT MEETING

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