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Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting 2/6/70.

Nine persons met on the evening of June 2nd 1970 at the Mellieha Bay Hotel to discuss the proposed formation of a branch of the BSAC. Mr. K.D. Riley explained that the Marsh Ridge (USA) Branch of BSAC was closing down, and that the service members would be leaving Malta. The few English members remaining in Malta wished to continue with BSAC activities and had therefore proposed to set up a new club. Such a proposal had been discussed a few weeks previously but nothing had evolved from this.

Mr. Riley gave a brief account of the activities of the BSAC and of the standards that it sought to maintain, and described the type of training that was involved in attaining the various grades of diving proficiency. He explained that both training throughout the year was an essential part of the teaching scheme, and that we had been granted the use of the pool at the Mellieha

bay Hotel.

Mr. H. Judge then gave details concerning the entrance fee and subscription, and explained how these were allotted to the branch and HQ. of BS.A.

The proposed name of the club was discussed and it was agreed that the name should be Calypso Sub-Aqua Club (Malta).

Next on the agenda came the formation of the Committee. As a Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Diving Officer had already been appointed at the earlier discussion on club formation, it was unanimously agreed to allow the persons holding office to continue until the first AGM.

These officers were:-

Chairman R.R. Harris

Secretary-Treasurer H. Judge

Diving Officer K.D. Riley.

Mr. G.W. Applestone was elected Training Officer.

Finally it was agreed that both training and lectures would be held on

Mondays at 19.30 h at the Mellieha Bay Hotel.

The meeting was then declared closed.

Hawley Judge

Hon Sec:

H. Judge

M. Upton

M. Perkin

K. Riley

C. Scott Taggart

J. Holland

R.R. Harris

H. Saliba

H. Judge

Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held at 496 Main St. St Paul's Bay
8pm. 23rd September 1970.

Those present:-

Chairman R.R. Harris

Sec/Treas. H. Judge

Diving Officer K. Riley

Training Officer G. W. Hepplestone

Equip't Officer M. Upton

The Chairman asked the Hon-Sec to begin with his report.

The Hon-Sec first of all apologised for not having included a "report by Diving Officer" on the agenda.

He then gave a brief account of the following:-

a) Application to B5-AC had been successful and that we had been allotted the branch number 393.

b) That the memberships of Harris, Harris, Hepplestone, Riley, Upton, Lowley-Williams & Perkins were regarded as valid, - no entrance fee

would be required again.

c) Club membership was up to 17, but there had not been the intake of new members during the summer that we had hoped for. He drew attention to item 5. on the agenda concerning size of club, and also to item 6. relating to improving communications within the club, as far as diving ~~notices~~^{were} concerned.

Next item was D.O.'s report.

The D.O. gave an account of the present status of members, and showed that we had one 2nd class diver, five 3rd class divers, three snorkel divers, with two more almost up to snorkel diver standard. He said he was quite satisfied with the present standards, but would like to see a tightening up on tests at baths sessions. He said that this was not a criticism of the T.O., but wanted to see an end to tests being only partly completed at a time which the D.O. had been responsible for allowing.

He emphasised that members should submit themselves to re-tests, both in their own interests and as an example to beginners. Mark,

mouth piece clearing & lung-sharing were particularly mentioned.

Lastly, the D.O. talked of the need for dives to be properly organised before the day so that the leader(s) would know exactly what members wished to achieve on the dive.

Club Funds.

The Hon. Treas. stated that Club Funds were about £13, possibly £15 + that he was awaiting a reply from S. Bennett concerning his subscription. By the end of 1976 he estimated the funds to be around £30. He said he would look into the matter of using Bank Drafts to transfer funds to HQ. to reduce costs. Further to this he said it would reduce costs if members would pay cost when renewing membership.

Insurance

A great deal of discussion took place over this item, and finally it was resolved that the Hon. Sec. should write to Norwich Union Ins. Co.^(UK) and enquire

about insurance :-

- 1) Public Liability for the Club.
- 2) Personal liability.
- 3) Personal Accident Cover + All Risks

Scheme for members of S.A. Clubs. and add Medical expenses for treatment of beds'

Club Equipment.

The D.O. suggested a contents gauge, but then said one could purchase British Oxygen gauges cheaply & have an 'A' clamp made to use with them.

Boats & engines were also mentioned but Hon. Sec. pointed out that an engine of £250 would require 125 subscriptions.

2 Demand valves were finally agreed on, but it was decided to await the results of enquiries into insurance costs before proceeding further with the matter.

It was agreed by all that the Training Officer could be refunded from Club funds for the cost of air used by him during training sessions, but that trainees were to pay for their air.

Club Membership policy.

A prolonged discussion took place on this item, but it was felt that the Club must recruit more members, both from the point of keeping the branch going, and from the educational stand point, in view of growing interest in the marine environment.

It was resolved to recruit selectively & that the Hon. Sec. would place small BSAC posters in O.R.U.F.C., R.M.Y.C., Tal Handaq, & University.

The D.O. suggested a press release from R.Navy following a visit to R.N. Diving Establishment by the Club.

Adjourned for sandwiches & coffee.

Diving information for BSAC members.

The first point mentioned by the Chairman was to improve, if possible, the method of communicating dive-meeting information to all members.

Suggestions such as a notice board at Mellaha Bay Hotel, a monthly Newsletter, and a "Central Person" to phone, were made but

decided against. It was finally agreed that dives would be planned the previous Monday after both sessions, and that a notice be left at the Reception Desk for the Mellieha Bay Hotel Members, & that the University group would inform each other. (Chairman.)

The second point, raised by the Hon. Sec. was that we could send a short note^{to BS-AC} for inclusion in Triton, to the effect that we exist & could offer diving advice to any UK BS-AC member who might visit the island. No definite decision made on this.

Club Project.

There were a few suggestions:-

D.O. Complete 2nd Class & undertake some deeper diving — ^{also - w.s., scooter, cameras etc.} commercial project in mind.

T.O. Contact Nat. History Museum & enquire if any sites which they would like investigated.
Hon. Sec. Possible biological project related to measuring pollution.

No agreement, or decision made on this.

Any Other Business.

The Hon. Sec. raised the matter of lecture

programming, if membership increases and many beginners out of phase, there would be a need for organising a rota amongst the higher qualified members, to share the teaching load.

The D.O. agreed with this and said it would be probably essential in the coming months as he would probably be very busy, & possibly be in UK.

The T.O. suggested films or talk for some dry meetings if no lecture were to be given.

Hon. Sec said he would look into the possibility with that @ 11.35 pm the Chairman vacated the chair.

H. Judge

R. Scott

Minutes of extra Committee Meeting held
Mellieha Bay Hotel, 28th Sept. 1970

The purpose of the meeting was to have a preliminary discussion on the subject of "Safety Diving Lecture Course" for non-members of BS-AC. Mr. K. Riley had done some initial spade work & gave us his ideas.

1. Aims.

Course to be two-fold:-

1. To improve standard of diving in Malta, with increased safety precautions prevent accidents; special emphasis on decompression.

2. To further general aims of BS-AC - increase membership & subs & obtain publicity.

If was felt that if ① was successful, ② would be.

2. SUPPORT.

a) From RN. at St. Angelo in form of lectures, films, visit to Re/Decompression chamber + publicity

b) Possible sponsorship from eg. Mellieha Bay Hotel - advertising course + chrt.

c) Accommodation - R.U.M. Lec. Theatre.

d) Visual aids.

(i) Models - chest, lungs, egg. (R.U.M.?)

c) Possible sites for adverts :- Tassos, Bennetts,
Maltaquarium, M.B.H., Emmanuel Saids,
Times of Malta.

Mr. M. Upton suggested also L'horizont - widely
read by Maltese.

PROCEDURE.

Mrs. Riley went on to give an outline of the
possible way of tackling the creation of the course,
thus:-

1) Prepare detailed syllabus - lectures, films &
time-table.

2. Fix lecture room site.

3. Date & times It was felt here that we ought
to begin negotiations immediately.

4. Arrange distribution of posters.

5. Club visit to St. Angelo

6. Follow up in Times of Malta - article.

7. Course run.

8. Article to Triton.

Programme.

1. Introduction to course giving the aims
of it, & reasons for holding it.

Account of persons sponsoring.

Account of Calypso BS-AC

Course programme - lectures & lectures (duplic. sheet)

2 (i) Causes of accidents (RN lecture probably)

(ii) Therapy not 100% effective always.

(iii) Long-term effect of "bends"; costs of treatment

3. Effects of pressure. Water & gases.

4. Nitrogen absorption by tissues.

5. Decompression.

6. Nitrogen narcosis.

7. Air cylinders - tests, & maintenance.

8. Air endurance.

9. Dive planning; safety & emergency procedures.

It was felt that the order, content of the
list of items above might be better organised
& the Hon. Sec. was requested to issue
copies of the "Programme" to all Committee Members.

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Villa Bologna Oct. 27th 1970

① Minutes of the Meeting held Sept. 23rd 1970 were read by the Chairman and accepted.

② Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Baths boats standards: it was generally felt that these had been sufficiently tightened up.

b) Diving meets: the original aim of making sure all members knew of dive meeting details had been met.

c) Insurance:

The Hon. Sec. said a letter had been sent to the Norwich Union Ins Co via BSAC Insurance Broker but there had been no reply. He would chase this up. He further said that he had been in contact with the local representative of International Ins. Co. and was awaiting rep. The D.O. said that from his own experience it was doubtful if any group, other than Norwich Union, would touch diving insurance.

d. Recruitment: Although we were losing one or two members (one with little enthusiasm) there was an overall gain in membership. The D.O. said that as Costa Quay BSAC had lost its D.O. we might get transferring members from there.

e. Films: No reply from BSAC had been yet received to a letter from the Hon. Sec. Another letter had been sent recently, as a reminder.

f. The D.O. said other things could be done at dry meets - projects.

g. Course on "Safety in Diving".

The first point that came up was that the D.O. might well be in UK at the time of the course. It was felt by Committee that we shouldn't postpone the proposed dates as that might well lead to a permanent stop.

Title of the Course

The Hon. Sec. put forward "Safety in Diving". The Chairman favoured Safety in Aquatic Diving. The T.O. & E.O. favoured some term with more dash to it, but couldn't come forward with any suitable expression. The D.O. was not in an inspired mood! It was decided to postpone this until the next club meeting - Nov. 2nd to give time for folk to think on this.

Posters.

These might have to be hand-made, in which case the minimum sites for distribution would be Barnets, Saids, Expo, Farmers, University, Rippards, R.M.Y.C. Costa Quay. If we could get poster

printed free it would be a great help. The T.O. said he would contact the University Printer with a view to obtaining his services.

The D.O. suggested that committee members attempt designing posters by NOV 2. (Club night) and that we would select from these. Posters to include ~~silhouetted~~ silhouette of diver, together with relevant text which must include "By kind permission of the Rector & Vice-Chancellor."

Further it was felt that we would attempt to have adverts on various media reaching the public. The following said they would contact the various authorities

D.O. - Rediffusion
T.O. - B.F.B.S.

Hon. Sec. - Times of Malta & L'Horizon.

The Hon. Sec. read a "Press Release" that he had composed. This was accepted with one small amendment. It was suggested he produces typed copies for Com. members.

The Course

Lectures and Lecturers

The following T.T. was drawn up bearing in mind that the D.O. may be absent.

It could be re-arranged if he remained in Malta.

First Session

- ① Comptee - R. Harris
- ② Lecture on Accidents - R. Navy
- ③ Film Intro. - M. Upton
- ④ Air Bubbleism - M. Upton
- ⑤ Equipment in film - G. Heppleston

Second Session

- ① Comptee - H. Fudge
- ② N₂ absorption - R. Harris

Third Session

- ① Preparation - H. Fudge
- ② Diving - M. Upton
- ③ Equipment - G. Heppleston.

Demonstration equipment and models. The D.O. said we could use some of his equipment for demonstration. Chairman agreed to produce two 35mm. slides for decompression tables, and for depth/air consumption graph. The Hon. Sec. said he would produce a model of the ear.

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- ④ Future Projects. It was quickly decided to leave this to club members to think about.

5. Club equipment. The Hon. Sec. explained that he had put this on the agenda in that it related to Club projects. As in the previous Com. meeting it was decided to await costs of insurance before embarking upon any other expenditure.

A.O.B.

1. Bank Account.

The Hon. Sec. pointed out that the funds had increased to about £30 and had reached a point of being a responsibility as petty cash. It was agreed to start a Bank account with whichever bank was convenient for Hon. Sec. who would see to the business.

2. Club Social Night.

The Hon. Sec. felt that the end of November would be a good time to hold a Teakata/ Hotpot. This was agreed by all. The T.O. suggested electing a Social Secretary, but it was not felt by the majority that our social programme warranted such a post.

3. Junior Member Subscription.

Several students applying made it necessary to consider this subscription which

is decided by the branch. It was agreed that the Committee were not entirely happy about the interpretation of the rules on membership as laid down by B.S.-K., relating to Junior members. It was suggested that the Hon. Sec. write to H.Q. and have the matter clarified.

The amount of £1-0-0 subs. was proposed by M. Upton & seconded by G. Hepplestone, and agreed by all.

The meeting closed at 23:00H.

AGB

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at 153 Plain Street, L.J.S., December 8th 1970.

All members of Committee present.

The Chairman read the minutes for the previous meeting, which were accepted and duly signed.

Matters arising:

The Training Officer remarked that the Minutes were too jocular. The Hon. Sec. did not argue the case, but noted that the T.O. was the first Committee Member to begin "wise-cracking" a few minutes later!

Films. The Hon. Sec. reported that a communication from H.Q. suggested contacting the British Council. The D.O. announced that they have one film on marine biology.

Club Equipment.

The Hon. Sec. reported the purchase of a depth gauge for club dives. The D.O. requested the purchase/construction of 3 floats, 3 "blobs" + 3 code A flags plus sufficient line, by & for the Equipment Officer.

Junior Membership.

The H.Q. had clarified this query. Jun. Membership is for the period between 15+

19 yrs. The Committee resolved not to have Junior Members but Full Members from 15th years onwards.

Item 2:

"Safety in Diving". A discussion on the course revealed general satisfaction, although timing could have been improved. It was felt 10/- or £1 be made available to give long. the watchman, if he was not fully reimbursed.

It was disappointing that the potential new members hadn't come to any Club meetings.

The Hon. Sec. read an article for Triton. It was decided to have the article replicated for Committee Members to modify.

Membership.

The Hon. Sec. said the Club had at least 17 members, probably 20.

Planning and communication on club dives. Diving groups. Club Projects.

The D.O. suggested the use of Wednesday afternoons for Open Water Training / Tests. This was generally accepted, as it meant Club Dives at weekends would thus be free for other objectives. The D.O. also warned that Dive Marshalls may have to undergo a practical test.

G. Hepplestone (T.O.) proposed three motions (affixed on opposite page). These were all agreed to.

FROM GW HEPPLESTONE ON DIVE MARSHALL AND DIVE SITE PLANNING.

1. Propose that all more experienced members including club officials be put on a rosta for club(Sunday?) dives, and that for any dive,
 - i) the member concerned shall be Dive Marshall,
 - ii) the member shall fix site and time of dive, one week beforehand.
 - iii) the member shall be Marshall for up to three groups (max. size of groups?) of divers. More than three groups shall require an extra Marshall.
 - iv) the member shall not dive.

2. Dive Leaders.

Assuming that the club is large enough to have diving, several groups, eg. Beginners, moderates, and experienced:-

Propose that all more experienced members be put on a rosta for Dive Leaders to the beginners.

3. Projects.

Propose that any project organisation should fit in with the above two proposals except in the case of the selected site not being suitable. In such a case, the project divers must provide their own Dive Marshall.

The D.O. agreed to draw up rostas for Dive Marshall and Dive Leader for a short period, to assess the success of the schemes.

The D.O. proposed all divers should wear at least SLT's on Club dives - agreed by all.

On the matter of Dive Marshalls it was felt that such an officer be in a fit enough state to jump into the water and effect life-saving.

The D.O. proposed the following:- 1. All snorkel to 3rd Class members should be limited to the 20m. mark; also any dives using a breathing

without a reserve or contents gauge.

- 2) All Dive Leaders to carry a watch and depth gauge.
- 3) The Dive Marshall shall have a copy of the BS-AC. Manual and be competent at using the Decompression Tables.

The T.O. suggested the Hon. Sec. should purchase three dozen Divers Emergency Cards from U.K.

Insurance:

The Hon. Sec. read out details of Public Liability, Personal Accident, and Equipment Insurance.

Public Liability: It was agreed that:- The Club takes out a Public Liability Insurance for cover of £100,000. Cost £14 + 1/- per member.

Personal Accident & Equipment Insurance.

The Committee suggested that the Hon. Sec. circulate copies of the relevant details to Club Members.

Equipment: In addition to the items mentioned above it was suggested that the Club purchase a notebook

to be used for recording the state of progress of Baths Training of Members.

Finance.

The Hon. Sec/Treas. reported £26-17-4 in the account. As £15 of this would be expended on Insurance, it was no longer felt necessary to have a Club Bank Account.

Dinner.

Mellick Bay Hotel 8pm for 8-30. Had been agreed on, at 24/-, for Dec-16th.

Training. The D.O. said it was hoped to run the following scheme, now we had a Club room.

7pm - 8pm Post Training - 2nd Class Lectures.
8pm - 9pm Snorkel & 3rd Class Lectures

There would not be an appointment of Batho Marshalls at present.

A.O.B.

The D.O. said that he would now be insisting on Int. Code Flag A being used on all dives. On shore dives, the flag

would be secured to a float fitted with line.
Projects:

It was felt by the Committee, in a discussion on this earlier in the evening, that it was up to members to suggest projects & to develop some interest in the sea!

The distribution of a handbill type of document, bearing Int. Code Flag A, to all Police Station for display, was suggested by D.O. It would be accompanied by an explanatory text in Maltese & English.

The mention of offering help to the Police came forth, but it was decided to let this wait until later. Meeting closed at 23.05h.

R. Fudge.

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting
held at the Mellieha Bay Hotel. 7.30pm. 1/3/71.

Members present. C. Scott-Taggart, T. Symes, H.S. Andress, B. Kendrick, G.W. Hepplestone, J. Harris, R. Harris, M. Upton, A. Upton, R. Ellis (new member) R. Fudge, H. Fudge

The Chairman, having called the meeting to order, explained the purpose of the meeting - to elect a new Dining Officer as a replacement for K. Riley who had recently offered his resignation. The new D.O. would serve up to A.G.M. 1971.

M. Upton proposed G.W. Hepplestone
R. Fudge seconded : - .

There being no other nominations G.W. Hepplestone was elected.

The meeting then closed.

R. Fudge (31/3/71)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at
"Lindley" New St. Fgura 10th March 1971.

1. The chairman read the minutes of the meeting Dec. 8th 1970. These were accepted and signed.

2. Matters arising:

- a) Club dinner had yielded 18/- to club funds.
- b) The E.O. had bought flags, floats and line & these were now used on dives.

c) The club was now insured for 12 months against Public Liability.

3. D.O.'s Report.

The new D.O. stated that he intended to keep progress on the same lines as presently operating.

Tests were now having to be conducted on Sundays as there were not enough members diving on Wednesdays.

It was agreed again that members intending to take tests on club dives should give prior notice to the D.M. concerned, & in good time.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treasurer reported £13-4-9 in the account.

4.5. Club equipment.

The chairman suggested that the E.O. purchase some first aid equipment.

After discussion on this, it was decided to obtain field dressings, bandages, including a bandage, iodine, margine.

Ken Riley put forward the suggestion that we contact the Civil Defence with a view to obtaining instruction on rescue methods.

The Hon. Sec. said he would be finding out if it is possible to obtain qualifications in life-saving in Malta, under R.L.S.S. authority.

He also suggested, the club should purchase a length of suitable rope for aiding divers in leaving the water.

6. Training sessions.

It was agreed that the D.O. would arrange the lecture programme for training sessions, and would circulate such programme to all present 2nd class members.

7. Club dives.

The chairman said that as far as insurance of the club was concerned, there must always be some person who was definitely in charge

of a diving expedition, and that in this club such responsibility was that of the Dive Marshall.

The Hon. Sec. said he would draw the attention of all members to this point.

8. Extra mural lectures.

It was noted that Lt. W. Grady would be giving a talk to the club on March 22nd. on "Explosives Under water." There was a suggestion that other folk would also give talks on topics related to experience under water.

9. Fund-raising.

It was suggested, by K. Riley, that the club might usefully profit by retailing BS-AC Manuals to local divers and/or book shops.

10. Recruitment.

In order to get some new blood into the club, it was desirable to begin another publicity campaign using BS-AC posters. This would begin during mid-April.

11. In a recent dive some members had experienced some A flag being used for target practice. It was felt that the club should produce a poster incorporating a coloured A flag with a description of it, and of its meaning, both

in English & Maltese. We should send a copy to the Police Commissioner requesting permission to distribute it to Police Stations for display. If acceptable to the Police, the Fisheries & Dept. of Information would also be contacted.

12. News letter.

The Chairman proposed that the club produce, by May of each year, an annual news letter, for distribution to club members & H.Q. To Harris might be editor.

13. Expedition Abroad - 1972

This was proposed by the Chairman; in order to effect such an expedition by 1972 it would be necessary to begin organisation of same now. The rest of the committee felt that it required a pilot expedition beforehand, the costs being met by themselves. If such pilot expedition found some worthwhile project a later major expedition to investigate it might then receive external financial aid.

14. Funkata.

This was fixed for Friday 12th at Charlie's Bar, Mgarr, 19.30 - 20.00 h.

15. A.G.M. Provisional date - May 31st.

that a letter to Chas. S. Scialuna on the subject of underwater archaeology had received a favourable reply, but, no more. A letter to Major Briffa concerning the R.L.S.S. Sub-Aqua Medallion ^{Hon. Sec.} had elicited no response. He would be contacting these two persons again.

In discussion it was suggested that the following might be approached to talk:-

Joe Debono - Spear fishing.

R.D. Fudge - Free Ascent/Emergency Ascent.

I. Hutchinson - Wreck Diving in Cyprus.

It was further suggested that a record be kept of all such speakers so that they may be contacted again in the future, if necessary, to give additional talks.

Another suggestion was that the Hon. Sec. write to P. Allomt of the British Council to enquire further about having films flown out from U.K.

D. ROPE.

It was agreed again that the E.O. purchase a suitable length of rope which can be used to help divers vacate the water.

E. Newsletter.

The D.O. said the Newsletter might, in future, be designed to include articles from members other than the Committee.

F. Publicity Campaign.

The Hon. Sec. said that BS-AC brochures had already been distributed to R.M.Y.C. Lipards, Bordas, and some other concerns.

A discussion then took place concerning the possibility of getting some more positive line of attack - T.V. radio etc. towards publicity.

E.O. agreed to contact Gloria Mizzu with a view to Agnes being interviewed on a T.V. Woman's programme.

The Chairman said he would, via Joe Debono, get into contact with Louis Portelli, the sports Announcer.

There was also a discussion over the idea raised by the Chairman, of making a short underwater film, both for publicity and also to be used as an instructional film. It was suggested that some could be shot in a swimming pool.

P.T.O.

Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treas. announced that the Club Funds stood at £20-5-5. In the discussion that followed, the Committee agreed that the E.O. purchase two life-jackets for the use of Club members until they were able to purchase their own, & for the use of visitors divers. The hire cost would be of the order of 1/- or 2/- per day.

It was further agreed that half of the Club Funds be put on one side in an attempt to save for one demand valve.

Diving Officer's Report.

a) The D.O. said he would like to see all members in possession of a valid Medical Certificate of a type applicable to divers. He was in the process of contacting

Dr. J. T. Lamont with regards to this. The Hon. Sec. said he had spoken to St. Brady on this matter, but he had not received a reply up to the present.

b). Junior Member.

The D.O. suggested that the Hon. Sec. write to those Tal Handay pupils later in the summer, by which time they would have attained the necessary age qualification.

c). Red Log Books. The D.O. said that certain

members, who dived very frequently during the week, should be issued with Red Continuation Books to log these dives. Their normal Log Book would be used to record only Club Dives. This was agreed by the Committee.

Use of twin-hose demand valves.

The ^{Chairman} D.O. said that twin-hose valves were used by many branches in UK and that their members were required to undergo part of their pool training &/or open water training, using one. Both the D.O. & Chairman emphasised the need to maintain standards and all were agreed that we should include the use of twin-hose valves in training. The Chairman said he would contact B. Kendrick who would be in a position to loan one to the Club.

Equipment.

Due to the loss of 'A' flags & flots, it was now felt necessary to purchase more materials to replenish stocks. The E.O. was asked to purchase 3 blobs and some more material for flags. The E.O. remarked that he felt his job was really one of care and maintenance of gear and not one of manufacture. He suggested that making Club equipment should be a job

for all Club members.

A.G.M.

Fixed for May 31st. Mellieha Bay Hotel
7.30 pm. The Hon. Sec. said nominations for
Club offices - Chairman, Hon. Sec/Treas. D.O. &
E.O. could be sent in by members, and this
would save time at the meeting.

A.D.B. The D.O. said he would like to have more
members "doing things", and to effect this said
he would be proposing at the A.G.M. 1. A Social
Secretary, 2. Records Officer 3. Dive Planning
Officer. Both Chairman & Hon. Sec. opposed
this. The Chairman said "In view of the smallness
of the Club, he personally does not feel any need
for further offices apart from a General
Committee Member."

With that, the Chairman vacated the Chair at
11.30 pm.


P. Scott-Taggart

Minutes of the First Annual
General Meeting held at the Mellieha Bay Hotel.
31st May 1971.

The Chairman, having called the meeting to
order, asked the Hon. Sec. to read the Minutes
of the Inaugural Meeting held June 2nd 1970 at
the Mellieha Bay Hotel. The Minutes were read,
approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of an Extraordinary G.M.
held 1.3.71. were then read, approved and
signed.

The Chairman then announced that the only
report to be made was that of the Hon. Treas.
all other reports having been circulated as
part of the Annual Newsletter.

The Hon. Treas. distributed copies of the
Statement of Accounts and explained the various
items of expenditure and income. The members
accepted the statement.

The Committee then resigned and Mr. C. Scott-
Taggart took the Chair as Temporary Chairman
in order to elect the committee for the next 12
months. Mr. Scott-Taggart read out nomin-

stations which had been forwarded by Mr. G.W. Hepplestone:-

Chairman - Dr. R.R. Harris Second - A. Jones
Hon. Sec. - Treasurer Mr. H. Fudge in Mrs. A. Upton
Equipment Officer Mr. M.C. Upton .. Mrs R. Fudge

Dr. R.R. Harris proposed Mr. G.W. Hepplestone as
Diving Officer, seconded Mr. Upton.

The above nominations were elected unanimously.

The new Chairman then declared the meeting closed, and the members retired for the First Annual Dinner.

Members present.

R.R. Harris., G.B. Slater

H. Fudge C. Slater

M. Upton

A. Jones

A.Upton



G.W. Hepplestone

G. Kelly

A.J. Kelly

J. Harris

R. Fudge

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at 53 High Street, Lija, 8th July 1971.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on May 6th 1971 were read and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising:

a) The Hon. Sec. read the 2nd letter he had received from the Police. This stated that in Malta, Nato Flag 4 was the recognised diving flag. It was decided that the Hon. Sec. write to the Port Authority requesting further details on diving procedures in Malta.

b) Club Talks:

It was again agreed that the Chairman contact Joe Debono in relation to his giving a talk on Spear-fishing.

At the same time, the D.O. asked the Hon. Sec. to contact the E.O.D.U. on a visit to the "pot" early in August.

It was also suggested that the Hon. Sec.

contacts the British Council again on films.
— to put forward the suggestion of having
Public Film Shows or diving.

c. Publicity campaign.

Very recent progress was recorded —
Agnes Mpton had just written to Gloria Niggi.¹

d. Equipment:

The E.O. reported the purchase
of 4 blocks. The Committee agreed that
during the winter, some evenings could be
devoted to making gear for diving.

Item 3.

Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treas. reported £46 in hand
at present. Allowing for subs. over the next
six months and insurance in December, there
would be around £40 to spend on
equipment.

It was agreed that the D.O. look
into the possibility of buying as much
gear, at advantageous rates from Beretto,
as we could afford. It was further agreed

that the E.O. should buy another two life-
jackets. These would be used by members
on Club dives at 2/6 /day. The Dive
Marshall would be responsible for collecting
the fee.

The Hon. Treas. reported the present
membership standing at 27.

The Committee requested the Hon. Treas.
to write to HQ complaining about the
increase in subs.

Item 5

Diving Officers Report.

The D.O. mentioned
the need for more Baths Marshalls at
Pool Training, and it was decided that
the D.O. requests aid from the qualified
members one week in advance.

The need for D. Marshalls on night
dives was aired.

Item 6

A.O.B. 1. It was felt there was no
need for the introduction of a written paper
for 3rd - 2nd Class examination.

2. Summer diving. It was

clear that this summer the Club would continue to operate due to the larger membership. At least one senior member would be present throughout the season.

The meeting closed at 22.50h.

R. H. Davis

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at
Hindley, New Street, Igura 6th October 1971

1. The Chairman read the minutes of the previous meeting of July 8th. The Committee agreed they were a true record and so the Chairman duly signed them.
2. Matters Arising.
 - a) The Hon. Sec. said he had written to the Harbour Authority to request any further advice they could offer on local diving. There had been no reply.
 - b) The Chairman said that Joe Debano was willing to give a talk on Spearfishing when required.
 - c) The Hon. Sec. said he had tried to contact Lt. Grady with a view to organising a visit to the port, but without success.
 - d) The Chairman announced that it might be possible to obtain some of the "Seven Seas" films. He volunteered to contact MTV to see if we could borrow them.
 - e) The F.O. said his wife had contacted the Gloria Mijji, but no reply had emerged. As the Rediffusion series had finished there seemed no

clear that this summer the Club would continue to operate due to the larger membership. At least one senior member would be present throughout the season.

The meeting closed at 22.50h.


R. J. Smith

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at
Hindley, New Street, Fgura 6th October 1971

1. The Chairman read the minutes of the previous meeting of July 8th. The Committee agreed they were a true record and so the Chairman duly signed them.
2. Matters Arising.
 - a) The Hon. Sec. said he had written to the Harbour Authority to request any further advice they could offer on local diving. There had been no reply.
 - b) The Chairman said that Joe Debono was willing to give a talk on Spearfishing when required.
 - c) The Hon. Sec. said he had tried to contact St. Brady with a view to organising a visit to the pol, but without success.
 - d) The Chairman announced that it might be possible to obtain some of the "Seven Seas" films. He volunteered to contact MTV to see if we could borrow them.
 - e) The F. O. said his wife had contacted the Gloria Maggi, but no reply had emerged. As the Rediffusion series had finished there seemed no

point in putting the matter.

f.) On equipment, the F.O. told the Committee that new floats & flags were made up

g.) The Hon. Treas. said he had written to HQ concerning the subs. increase & had sent a second letter giving details of our insurance WINTER COURSE

3. The Hon. Sec. suggested that the Club might run a Winter course in diving. The course would be advertised on the lines - "Join the BSAC & learn to dive safely for next summer." The course would be made of the heated pool at M.B.H., & with luck M.B.H. would pay for the advert.

After discussion it was agreed that we could try the scheme but not plug BSAC at the beginning. Clients would pay £2 for a short course of lectures & pool work, and they would be encouraged to join BSAC meanwhile.

The Hon. Sec. & Chairman would consider the minimum lectures necessary, the F.O. & D.O. would look into the pool work. Other points to be considered generally were, fees & date.

The idea of this course was to promote an increase in Club membership. Another idea which arose

shortly after this discussion was a suggestion that we look into the possibility of giving a "demo" at some hotel pool. The Committee agreed to put some thought into this.

4 Safety in Diving 2.

This was a proposal by the D.O. Last year's course had been run because of deaths caused by decompression sickness. This year there had been deaths by drowning, and therefore the theme should be one of life-saving. This suggestions for the programme:-

2. Safety in Diving -2.

Organisation of second course and consider advertising, venue (RUM?), entrance fee and programme.

Suggestions for programme.

Training BSAC way and the need for it.

Equipment maintenance (with Line Sciberras?).

Dive planning-marshall, leader, precautions.

Ears and Sinuses & Drowning (Dr. Sammut?).

Life-saving- films and slides?, dry demonstration.

Wet demonstration of all possible parts of

course at Mellieha Bay Hotel pool.

This was well-received although the Chairman felt that other Club Members should have a say

in the Programme's contents.

A certain division of labour was agreed upon
The Hon. Sec. to contact Lt. Grady on films
("Emergency Resuscitation" & new N.I. film on Diving)

D.O. approach Dr. Sammut ENT & Drowning

Chairman - Br. Ralph - Life-Saving.

Hon. Sec. - University - Lecture Theatre.

It was felt that the course would be run
late November.

5. Improvement of Club Activity.

The Hon. Sec. felt that there was a
lack of imagination in the Club and that more
enterprising dives should be possible.

The D.O. said that it should be possible in
the near future to have two diving parties -
one "advanced" to go on deeper/darker dives,
& a less experienced group.

The Chairman said there was a large luzzu
in Gnejna available at something like £2 a morning.

6. Life-saving sub-committee

The D.O.'s original idea was to promote
the training for RLSS medallions, but in
the light of recent developments he said that

he now wished to modify the scheme. The
Chairman had made contact with a Brother
Ralph who was a qualified RLSS Examiner,
& could, & would be prepared to examine us for
Sub-aqua mediation. The Chairman said
he would contact Br. Ralph with a view to
working out more details for such a course
of instruction followed by an exam.

The RLSS Hon. Treas. - Mr. J. Agopash

72, Grenfell St,

RLSS Handbooks 5/- St. Julian's.

Hon. Sec. to purchase a copy.

7. Finance.

The Hon. Treas. announced that
funds stood at £48/15/7 & that by
the end of December we should have about
£40 clear, after insurance had been paid.

8. Bank Account.

It was agreed that a deposit
account be opened at the National Bank
of Malta, Valletta.

9. Purchase of Equipment.

It was

agreed, after some discussion, that the Club purchase 2 side hose demand valves soon. The Chairman would investigate the possibility of this at Expo.

The D.O. suggested that, in line with all great organisations, we might well approach the various large concerns that supply diving equipment, and politely request that they donate sundry useful items of the same to us. The companies to be fortunate in receiving our esteemed mail were to be:-

Spartan, Typhoon, Cressi, Pirelli, Nemrod, Scubapro, Mares, Spirotechnique, Liebherrle, Draeger, Aqualift, Beaufort, Avon & T-suits.

10. Films.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the British Council which listed four films that they would be able to supply. He said he would investigate the possibility of having a film show soon & would enquire if the British Council could obtain Diving films for Public showing. He would also contact the French Embassy to chase up Constantine films.

11. Recompression Chamber at St. Lukes.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Health suggesting the installation of a Recompression Chamber at St. Luke's Hospital.

12 A.O.B.

- a) The D.O. requested the Hon. Sec. to write HQ. BS - AL. to investigate the likelihood of us getting a grant.
- b) The Chairman said that Medical Exams should be required for all 3rd Class Divers.
- c) The Chairman wished to nominate Marilyn Fletcher for the post of Training Officer, as he felt we should make use of her talents. The D.O. and the rest of the Committee felt that she should be offered the post of Baths Marshall & this was agreed upon. The D.O. further said that if Messrs Upton & Judge passed their Instructors Examination, they too could ~~too~~ enjoy the same privilege!
- d) The Hon. Sec. asked if the E.O.

would kindly provide a length of line, plus
rocks set along it at 70cm ~~intervals~~ points,
which could be used to divide the pool
into two sections. Agreed.

e) The Hon. Sec. mentioned his recent
Instructor's course and said that he felt
that the "repetitive" teaching method that
was emphasised, with a view to developing
good diving procedures as natural habits,
should be pursued in this branch. This was
generally supported by the Committee.

f. The Hon. Sec. proposed that in the
near future there should be a serious
attempt to practise the Deep Reserve
Method.

At 11.38 pm. the Chairman vacated the
chair.


Chairman

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Held at "Colton", Dingle Road, Rabat,
December 8th 1971.

The Chairman read the minutes. These were
accepted and duly signed after it had been
noted that they represented a "liberal" account
of what had taken place.

Matters Arising:

1. The Hon. Sec. said that Lt. Grady was
yet absent from Malta and no trip to the "P.T."
had been fixed. It was decided to leave the
arrangement of a trip until January 1972.
2. The Chairman reported that MTV no longer
possessed the 7 Seas films.
3. The Hon. Sec. noted that Club activity had
picked up since the last meeting of the Committee,
including a Tankata, barbecue, film show and a
dinner forthcoming.
4. Life Saving.

The Chairman said he had not yet
contacted Dr. Ralph but would do so.
The Hon. Sec. reported the purchase of

two copies of the RLSS Handbook. The D.O. exclaimed that it was an unjustified expense to buy two copies. He further suggested that we charge 6/- a borrow per book.

5. Insurance.

The Hon. Sec. said he had received no further communication on a "Subscription reduction" from HQ. It was suggested that the Hon. Sec. write a letter to Reg Valentine stressing the need for urgent consideration of our request.

6. The Hon. Pres. announced the opening of a bank account with the National Bank of Malta.

7. The E.O. announced the purchase of two single hose Scuba-pro demand valves. The committee agreed that 5/- was a fair hire charge for the demand valves.

8. It was decided to write letters "again" to suppliers of diving equipment in the hope of some gifts.

9. There had been one film show, with the Hon. Sec. said that enquiries were already being made concerning obtaining further films via The French Embassy, Horace Dobbs and any other suitable organisation.

10. The Hon. Sec. read out a reply to his letter sent to the Min. of Health re. Recompression Chamber. The main points noted were that the Hon. Minister was aware of R.C.'s but they would have to take their place along with all other important equipment on the priority list.

11. The Hon. Sec. read out the reply to his letter sent to Reg Valentine re. a grant. No grant was at all likely unless proper application were made to a suitable scheme such as Duke of Fife bridge or B.S.A. Research Purse.

12. The D.O. in answer to a question put by the Chairman said that Marylin Fletcher was an unofficial Baths Marshall, & she had "slotted in" very well with general club activity.

13. The E.O. after prolonged mental effort recalled agreeing to purchase a length of line and some CORKS, to use as a dividing rope in the pool. He also said he hadn't got one yet.

14. The D.O. said that ideas on "Deep Resusc" had not been brought to fruition because of the lack of suitable divers over recent weeks. It was again agreed to

attempt one of these, but careful planning must be done. Wiedi Luuieq, or Cirkewwa Point seemed suitable venues.

Agenda.

The Chairman proposed that all items be dealt with before "Short Course in Diving". This was agreed to.

1. Safety in Diving.

The Committee agreed that the project had been worthwhile and that we had achieved something by doing it. It was further agreed that we do a write up for Triton again. It was felt that Club members generally could have had better notice of the course and could have been encouraged to play a part.

At this point it was suggested that we approach the Tourist Board in order to having some representation in the "Coming Events" publication.

The Hon. Sec. said he would be doing a write-up for the Times of Malta, together with additional comments on general ways of improving the safety aspects for the public at large.

2. DINNERS.

The Club dinner at the Mellieha Bay Hotel was briefly discussed. The New Year's Eve occasion was also briefly aired. Possible venue was the "Old Mill," and would cost £2 each.

3. WINTER ACTIVITIES.

a) A visit to the "Pot" was suggested - early January; coupled with a session of equipment making.
b) Lectures.

The Chairman said he would ask Joe Debono to prepare a Spearfishing talk for early February.

c) The D.O. suggested that a discussion of past examination papers at Instructor & 1st Class Diver level may be a useful winter activity.

The Hon. Sec. was asked to write off for sample papers.

4. FUNDS

The Hon. Treas. announced a present balance of £43-10-0, but pointed out that there were a few bills to be paid, which would leave about £13 in hand.

Equipment.

The Chairman requested that more

bobs / flags be available for club dives as there were sometimes two or more groups of divers.

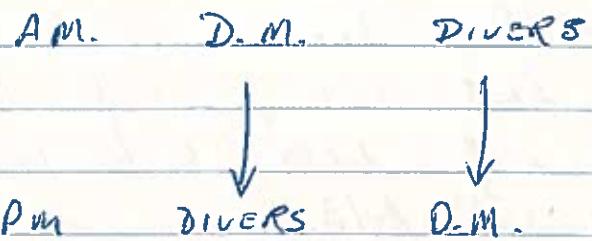
The Chairman said he would like to see a new First Aid Kit replace the old one. It was finally decided that the Hon. Sec. would write to the Dept. of Medical & Health to ask for a free one!

1. Dive Marshall Rota:

After discussion it was agreed that the Club should try the following scheme,

Two dive Marshalls be appointed for each weekend. One would be D.M. for a morning dive, and the other D.M. for a later dive, during which the 1st D.M. would dive. It would be essential that at least one other diver would participate in the afternoon dive.

Thus:



A questionnaire should be sent around to ask members for their preferred diving time A.M. or P.M.

NOTICE BOARD.

After discussion it was decided that the Hon. Sec. should approach the Manager of M.B.H. to ask if it ^{would be} possible to have a notice board fixed up somewhere in the hotel.

D.O. Report.

1. The D.O. requested the ordering of D.O. Training Qualification Record Cards from HQ.
2. The D.O. proposed that Menlyn Fletcher be approached with a view to acting as instructor for RLSS. Sub-Aqua Medication. Fred Locke may act as an examiner next summer.
3. The D.O., after some what lengthy discussion by the Committee, said he would be drafting a scheme by which members could, if asked, assist in rescue &/or recovery at sea, quickly. This would necessitate spare equipment being available at some central place.
4. The D.O. asked if the Hon. Sec. would enquire into registration for participating for the award of Fleinike Trophy.
5. The D.O. proposed a visit to the Drydock after the winter courses, to experience diving

the Surface Demand gear.

Short Course in Diving.

After prolonged discussion on lecture & pool training, it was decided that the Hon. Sec. & T.O. would draft the programmes during the coming week, & the Committee would briefly discuss

1. at the evening of the dinner dance - 15th Dec.

The course would cost £4, for 4 sessions.

2. The Club would purchase a ream of duplicating paper (unless we got it free, again) for producing cyclostyled sheets for lecture material.

3. At 0010h 9th The Chairman vacated the chair.

of R. Harris.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 153, Main Street, Lyja, 1st March 1972.

Members present. R. Harris, J. W. Hepplestone, M. C. Upton, H. Judge.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. The Chairman read these and they were duly signed. Once again it was abundantly clear that some members had completely forgotten certain items that had been previously discussed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

a) Insurance.

The Hon. Sec. read a copy of a recent letter he had sent to John Meredith. There had been no reply.

b) Henke Trophy.

The Hon. Sec. presented a copy of details relating to application of this award.

c) Begging Letter.

The E.O. (now T.O.) said he would return the "letter's" into circulation. When a common draft had been drawn up, it would be typed and despatched to firms, not to agents.

d) Films.

The Hon. Sec. reported no news from

Drench Combsay on "Caveman" films, but said he would pursue the matter.

The D.O. reported that the R.N. Instructional films had been sent to UK.

e) Visit to "Pot", St. Angelo.

The D.O. said this had gone off well, but was probably the last visit to be made.

f) The T.O. reported making contact with diver/ man-in-charge of an oil rig, and that they may have a decompression chamber.

The D.O. said that in the event of the services remaining in Malta, the "pot" would also stay.

g) Tourist Board.

The Hon. Sec. announced that the Tourist Board would be interested in playing us in coming events only if we had a Police licence.

h) A very successful spear fishing Talk had been given by Joe Debons on 28th Feb.

i) The Hon. Sec. said a letter had been sent to Reg Valentine requesting some past examinee papers for First Class Diver, but no development had taken place.

j) The Two Dive-Marshall system had been tried for a few weeks said the D.O., but

recently a number of active divers had withdrawn from diving and there was too small a number of suitable divers to operate the scheme at present.

(j) A portable notice board had been devised by the D.O. and it was felt that this was a suitable means of contacting members on Monday evenings.

k) Divers Record Cards had been obtained and it was agreed that these should be issued by the Hon. Sec. at the time the entry receipt & Logbook were issued.

l) Rescue and Recovery. It was agreed that plans in this direction be dropped.

3. Hon. Treas. Report.

The balance at 1st March was £57-4-0 with only one outstanding bill for Safety in Diving posters.

4. Diving Officer's Report.

a) The D.O. reported the construction of a notice board which could be used by all Committee Members, or others.

b) He said the "pot" visit had been successful.

c) The departure of Marilyn Fletcher was a sad loss to the Club.

d) He announced the appointment of M. Upton as Training Officer, and that some of the work of D.O. would be undertaken by Chris Slater.

e) The D.O. asked the Hon. Sec. to refrain from initiating the annual validation certificate in the log books, as that should be done by the D.O.

5. Purchase of Equipment.

After discussion it was agreed to:- a) enquire about the price of 2 Luxfer bottles, and hope we could rig up the necessary harnesses on the cheap.

b) Consider subscribing to a magazine such as Skin Diver, or Sub-Aqua Magazine, after finding out the cost. c) Consider starting a small library.

6. Revision of Club Regulations.

During discussion, it was agreed that the amended Regulations (see below) should be termed Byelaws so as to conform with B.S.A.C. policy, and that all members should be issued with a copy.

HAI

CALYPSO (MALTA) B.S.A.C.

BRANCH BYE-LAWS.

1. Divers using single cylinders without a reserve or contents gauge are not allowed to dive below 60ft. (18.24m)

2. Divers who are not yet 3rd. Class must not dive below 60ft.

3. The Diving Flag must be displayed.

7. Club Officers.

After discussion on the D.O.'s delegation of duties to Club members, it was agreed that M. C. Upton become T. O. in charge of Pool Training and lectures. C. Slater would help, in an unofficial capacity, with equipment maintenance.

8. Deputy D.O.

The D.O. said he would appoint a member to act as diving officer in his absence, and that the appointed person would be, preferably, a 2nd Class diver.

9. Life Saving Sub-Aqua Medallion.

With the loss of Marilyn Fletcher, the scheme which was to have been set up was no longer possible. The Chairman said that Bro. Ralph had written to London R.L.S.S. to enquire whether or not he could, with the assistance of a diver not connected with the Club, examine Club members for the award.

ing Activities

• D.O. paid a person by the name of

Galea, of Rabat, may be able to give the Club a talk on terrestrial archaeology.

The Hon. Sec. said he would be contacting the French Embassy on films.

It was agreed that a social event be held towards the end of March.

11. Future of Branch 393.

Discussion took place, but no definite proposals were put forward. It was agreed that we should be considering other members for Committee posts.

12. Newsletter.

All articles would be welcome Entries to To Harris by April 24th: There would be a charge of 3^d or 6^d (or decimal equivalent) - A notice would be sent around to this effect by the Sec.

13. Members addresses.

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee agreed, that a list of member names, addresses, telephone numbers and qualifications be produced for communication purposes.

14. A.G.M.

The date was fixed for 28th May 1972 at the Mellieha Bay Hotel. Advance notice of this would be sent to members.

15. A.O.B.

The Hon. Sec. said that in connection with item 11., we should consider the method by which the branch would be terminated in the event of lack of support. The Chairman pointed out that there is a procedure laid down in the Club Rules, which would meet this eventuality.

At 11.45 pm. the Chairman vacated the chair.



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at
"Lindley", New Street, Houghsh Rd, Fylmura 10/5/72.

Members present - Chairman, Hon Sec-Treas. D. O.

The Committee noted, with displeasure, the absence of the Training Officer and that he had made no contribution to the Agenda.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

These were read and approved & duly signed. The only comment passed was that they represented, for once, a more accurate account of the meeting.

2 Matters Arising

The Hon. Sec. reported the following:-

- a) On insurance, nothing further had been heard from H.D. John Meredith.
- b) No reply had been received concerning request for ^{Order} 1st Class Exam part examination papers.
- c) In connection with the previous visit to the "pot", Shell Oil Co. had been contacted and were to be granted, in emergency, the decompression facilities on the oil rig, provided the rig divers were in a position to help. It would cost £50 for transport.

(i)* The French Galley had had so much with Cowasteen fibres but would visit to France again.

The Hon. Sec. said he was meeting the Dive Team Leader of SOS (Italian Diving Co. on the rig) to work out an agreement.

- d) Diver Record Cards were being issued.
- e) Club Byelaws had been re-typed and distributed.
- f) Equipment recently purchased - two Luapfr Mark IV bottles.
- g) A list of Club members & addresses had been duplicated & copies distributed.
- h) The ALM had been booked at the MBTI for May 29th. After discussion it was agreed that this function should be limited to Club members.
- i) The D. O. reported a successful barbecue at Misterton.

3. Next Year's Committee.

The Hon Sec - Treasurer made a strong case for the splitting up of his post into Hon. Sec. & Hon. Treasurer, and the Committee agreed to this. It would be announced at the ALM.

It was further agreed that we should include another Club member on the Committee who would be an ordinary Committee member.

The Committee would thus comprise Chairman, Diving Officer, Hon Secretary, Hon. Treasurer & Committee member.

Persons occupying Club positions such as Training Officer, or Equipment Officer could not be Committee members.

4. Finance for News letter.

The Chairman reported that he was having stencils typed at R.U.M., at a cost of 2/- per skin, in view of the large size of this year's Newsletter.

After discussion the Committee agreed to produce 75 copies initially and sell them at 1/- to defray costs. Committee members were to send the Hon. Sec. names of people, or bodies to whom free copies should be sent.

5. Equipment priorities.

The D.O. proposed that a) We should search for a source of cheap L.T.s for the Club and buy a few.

b) We should also think to the future - in terms of perhaps another pair of demand valves and bottles. Both these suggestions were agreed to.

The prices for hire on Club dives would be single bottle empty (3/-) 15c. demand valve (5/-) 25c

life jacket (2/6) → 10c.

The Committee noted a rumour that R-Major may donate a pair of binoculars to the Club, if he could find a cheap enough pair.

6. Insurance.

The D.O. reported correspondence exchanged between him and Leo Zanetti. As a result of discussion it was agreed that:-

a) We would send a Motion to the Hon. Sec. B.S.A.C. for the Agenda of the next National Diving Council to be worded :-

The Calypso (Malta) Branch of B.S.A.C. propose that, after the Club gives a subsidy towards the cost of insurance, to overseas branches or, that a deduction is made in the annual subs to H.Q. to compensate the branches for their inability to benefit from the Club Public liability Policy available to British Branches.

b) a letter of explanation be sent to all serving members of N.D.C.

c) copies of the letter be despatched to other overseas branches (as per list of insured overseas

branches supplied by J. Meredith)

d) A separate letter is sent to Triton for publication.

7. Test Officer.

The D.O. said he would like to delegate the responsibility for planning and organising Open Water Tests to some other Club member, who should be of 2nd Class Standard.

After much discussion, in which it was clear that the rest of the Committee ~~was~~ not in agreement ~~and~~ the D.O. withdrew his request.

8. Bronze Medallion - Sub-Aqua.

The Chairman announced that Marilyn Fletcher was definitely returning to Malta, probably before June, and would possibly fulfil the role of R.L.S. Instructor for this award.

9. Safety Officer.

The D.O. requested that he be allowed to delegate the duty of Safety Officer to a suitably qualified person within the Club. The Safety Officer's duty would be to record

and analyse any incidents occurring on Club dives. The Committee felt that this was one of the duties of the D.O. and the introduction of another processing stage in a report would lead to less accuracy.

10. The Chairman had a look at the Minutes of the last AGM, and the Hon-Sec said he would make the Minutes Book available to the Chairman a few days before the AGM.

A.O.B. Nil.

The Chairman vacated the chair at 11.30pm.


Chairman.

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting
held on 29th May 1972, at the Mellieha Bay Hotel.

Miss Anna Borg
Members present:- Mr. R. D. Judge

Mrs. A. Upton

Mrs J. P. Harris

Mr. G. Kelly

Mr. P. Abela

Mr. D. Aylett

Mr. T. Kelly

Mr. R. ~~Aylett~~ Major

Mr. L. Mizrahi

Mr. F. Mizrahi

Mr. D. Lewis

Mr. M. Upton

Mr. G. W. Hepplestone

Dr. R. Pinkerton-Harrison

Dr. M. Farmer

Dr. R.R. Harris

Mr. H. Judge

The Chairman called the meeting to order and asked the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer to read the minutes of the First Annual General

Meeting held at M. B. H. 31st May 1971.
The minutes were read, and the Chairman signed them as a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report.

The Chairman announced that, as in the previous AGM, all officer's reports, with the exception of the Treasurer's, had been published in the Newsletter. He asked if there were any queries relating to the Statement of Accounts circulated by the Hon. Treasurer earlier in the meeting. The Hon. Treasurer answered one question put to him by Mr. R. Major on the expenditure of over £90 on equipment. The Hon. Treasurer explained that this included two demand valves, and two gas bottles, totalling over £80.

Elections:

The Chairman put forward the proposal from the Committee that the new Committee be made up of the following members

Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer,
Diving Officer, Ordinary Committee Member

He said that the Committee would
now resign, and the members should elect
a temporary Chairman who would conduct the
election of Officers. Mr J. Kelly was
unanimously elected for the temporary post.

The nominations were as follows:

Chairman R. Harris Proposer J. Kelly 2nd D. Aylett
Hon Sec H. Fudge Pr. G.W. Hepplestone 2nd. R. Major
Hon Treas. R. Harris Pr. R. Harris, 2nd H. Fudge
Diving Officer G.W. Hepplestone Pr. R. Major 2nd H. Fudge
Ordinary Committee Member two nominations

J. Kelly Pr. T. Harris 2nd A. Upton

R. Major Pr. M. Farmer 2nd R. Harris

Votes J. Kelly - 9. R. Major - 5

J. Kelly elected.

After R. Major proposed a vote of thanks to last
year's Committee, the Chairman declared
the meeting closed.

DWSander
18/6/73.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 153 Main St,
Lija on 28th July 1972.

1. The Chairman read the minutes of the last
meeting, which were accepted and duly signed

2. Matters arising.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from John Meredith
announcing that our request for insurance refund or
other, will be placed before the NDC at the end
of July. It was agreed that the Hon. Sec. write
again to G. Meredith about Aug 7th, to enquire
about development.

In connection with the decompression chamber at Shell
Oil Rig, it was reported that there was now the original
chamber from EODU on board the Laybourn. This
was likely to be present in Malta for only 4 months
of the year, and there were only two people capable
of operating it. The Hon. Sec. understood that the
Drydock divers were very much concerned at the
meagre decompression facilities and were pressing for
improvements.

On equipment, the D.O. said that Pickless now
wanted £1.50 for a SLT which was felt to be

too costly. It was decided to ask A-Suits what their charge would be for S.L.T.'s. A further possibility was to approach the Services.

Newsletter. 15 had been distributed as complimentaries; 25 sold. There had been an inevitable financial loss. Hon. Treas. to contact M.B.H. on UNSO².

In connection with the AGM + Dinner Mr J. Kelly said he objected to the sister of his Missus not being allowed into the dinner. It was pointed out that a general decision had been made not to allow people other than members and wives/husbands/girl/boy-friends. Mr Kelly's objection was supported by other member "grumbles" + the D.O. The Chairman and Hon. Sec stood by the decision.

The Chairman welcomed the new Committee Members.

3. E.G.M.

With the Chairman's future departure it was necessary to regard a date when an E.G.M. could be held to elect a new Chairman. The first week in October was suggested ~~on~~ Monday night.

4. In order to provide Manuals in a speedier manner the Club will now buy THREE Manuals from the B.SAC Bookshop. These will be

distributed to new members. The member's Manuals will be sent to Branch Headquarters, and not to the members. This would be operated by the Hon. Treasurer.

5. Pool Rules.

In the interests of safety and more satisfactory conduct, Mr. Hepplestone the D.O. proposed the following Rules for observance at M.B.H. pool.

1. Underwater activities would be conducted in a separate part of the pool from swimmers + snorkellers. There would be a floating line to demarcate the two parts.
2. There is to be no diving in to the pool from the side or the boards.
3. Non-Club Members should use the pool after the Club's session.
4. The pool session would be from 7.30pm to 8.30 pm. *

It was further agreed that 2nd & 3rd Class lectures be run on a cyclic basis, concurrently, and that advance notice of lectures would be given.

A Baths Marshall would be appointed for each Monday night. Such a person should be

* 8.30 - 8.40 - News + Dive site for following week.
8.45 pm - lectures.

* The Baths Marshall would see to dividing the pool into swimming and diving sections.

of suitable status - preferably one on the Dive Marshall list: to maintain pool discipline *.

It was suggested that the Hon. Sec. should see the M.B.H. Manager

6. Hiring Club Equipment.

On the grounds that we were competing with Bonett, and on the possibility that we were infringing Tax Regulations it was agreed that Agnes Upton be informed that Club equipment was no longer to be made available for her commercial use.

A major problem at the moment was ensuring that members returned hired equipment punctually to the F.O.

A suggestion by the Hon. Treasurer that demand valves and life jackets ^{be} hired BY THE DAY (at the rate in current use) was agreed to.

The D.O. said he would see Bonett about his reliability for daily bottle-filling. The present practice of divers returning filled bottles would continue.

7. Purchase of Equipment

The Hon. Treas. announced £ 64- 68- 8

in the account of which £ 14 approximately is spoken for.

After discussion ranging over purchase of bottles, regulators, ancillary equipment etc., it was decided to buy nothing except perhaps a reel of line for use with floats.

The D.O. suggested that a "Magazine Club" could be formed within the Club by a limited number of members.

It was suggested that the Hon. Sec. should check on the legalities affecting Club Registration.

8. Facilities at Melliche Bay Hotel.

The Hon. Sec. was asked to enquire into the possibility of having the following at MBH:-

- a) Storage facilities in or near ski store for small items - floats + line + weight belts.
- b) Book shelf (locking) and notice board in the building.
- c) "Alternative" accommodation for lectures.

9. Recent Incidents.

The D.O. read extracts from reports received from C. Slater, M. Upton, & A. Upton on the

incident at Massacala over the Easter holidays. He said that the fault lay with the pair of visiting divers, and although C. Slater was slow in reacting to the situation, the Club was not to blame. He felt that the Dive Marshall and Diveleader had performed their jobs well.

The Hon. Sec. raised the question of the incident at Gozo during early July. He was informed that the D.O. had instructed D. Lewis not to dive in the morning as he would be taken on a dive ⁱⁿ the afternoon by the D.O. on his return from Malta. D. Lewis did, however, dive with R. Major. D. Lewis had a single bottle, no depth gauge and no contents gauge, and it was his first dive. At, or about 130ft. D. Lewis ran out of air, and descended a further 10ft. to contact R. Major (who had been to around 170ft.) who then shared his equalizing with Lewis up to the surface.

The D.O. said he had spoken to Lewis & Major after the event, and strongly criticised their action, but because it was not a Club Dive, no further action would be taken.

10. R.L.S.S. Sub-Aqua Medallion.

Miss M. Fletcher, the Chairman informed, was now recognised by London as able to act as an instructor for this award. For Ralph would be the Examiner. All that was necessary was a 2nd Class Dive - external to the Club to advise the Examiner. The D.O. added that D. Sanderson was also ~~to~~ a holder of Bronze Medallion.

11. The Hon. Sec. raised a query from Mr Upton - would we be able to help the Malta Sub-Aqua Club raise funds for its spearfishing venture. It was agreed that if Mr Upton would like to canvass Club members for such help, he could do so.

12. Denis Sanderson.

The D.O. had examined the logbooks of this "new" member and was quite satisfied that he is of 2nd Class standard. He said that he would dive with Sanderson next Sunday and would ask him a few questions. If further satisfied, he would sign him up a 2nd Class.

13 AOB.

a) The Chairman announced that 8 S.A.C divers from Marsa El Brega, Libya would be staying at M.B.H. from Aug. 31st - Sept 5th and they hoped to dive with the Club.

b) T. Kelly asked if irregular Club attenders were informed about Club activities. The Hon. Sec. assured him that they were.

c) The Hon. Sec. said he would be having his typewriter serviced at the end of August, and requested financial help from the Club for this. The Committee agreed to 25% contribution to the costs.

d) The Hon. Treas. asked if A. Upton & C. Blater were due to organise the next Treasure Hunt - November. The D.O. replied in the affirmative.

The Chairman vacated the chair at 11.35pm

H. Fudge
5/10/82

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Villa Aras,
Lebbing Road, Cittad, 5th October 1972

Before the meeting got formally under way, the acting Chairman H. Fudge suggested dealing with item 11, in the presence of Marilyn Fletcher. The D.O. announced that in view of a letter from Derek Lockbie he had decided to retain his post as D.O. He proposed that Marilyn Fletcher took over as Training Officer, which she agreed to do, with the assistance of Jill Wood as Records Officer. The date for the EGM to elect a Chairman was fixed for Oct 23rd at M.B.H.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising.

Denis Sanderson had been asked to keep his eyes open for ex-Service lip jackets. Crispin Blater had bought 6 S.L.T.s from Pickless at £1.25 each.

A-Salts produce them at 25. DIY kits at about £2.50.

Newsletter. The Hon. Treas. said efforts to re-coup subscriptions from MBH Newsletter had proved fruitless. This uncontrolled "sale" of Newsletter would not be, ~~be~~, repeated in future.

Diving Manuals.

The Hon. Treas. reported the scheme of providing members with "reserve" manuals was proceeding well.

Pool Rules The D.O. reported that these were working satisfactorily.

Hire of Club Equipment.

It was apparent that there was still some slackness here.

Magazine Club.

The D.O. said due to few subscribers this had not got off the ground but he would re-announce the scheme to the Club.

Club Registration:

The Hon. Sec. said he had done nothing about this. The D.O. suggested leaving things as they were.

Club Store at MBH

The D.O. had provided a large wooden box in the ski store. As access was

difficult in the evenings he suggested asking that a key be left at Reception which would be returned at the end of the evening.

Denis Sanderson.

The D.O. said that this new member had satisfied him in oral and practical diving details and he had signed him up as Second Class.

The Hon. Sec. said his typewriter had been repaired and he had received 25% of the costs (69 $\frac{1}{2}$) from the Hon. Treas.

Treasure Hunt.

The Committee were reminded that the November Treasure Hunt was to be organised by Agnes and Crispin. The Hon. Sec. could send the two members a reminder too.

3. Diving Officer's Report

Having read a letter from Derek Lockbill the D.O. said he was no longer intent on resigning.

In connection with the D.O.'s letter to D Lockbill the Hon. Sec. read out two letters he had received from M. Busuttili & M. Tedd. All three letters gave some hope for progress on H.O.'s relations with Overseas

branches.

A. Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treas. reported £89-70-7 in the account, and allowing for mts to H.Q. the balance was about £70.

b) Equipment.

After much discussion on items & priorities it was agreed to purchase two new Alcan 65's from A-Suits - two Backpacks. It was hoped that the bill wouldn't pass £60. For pool use.

For the future, contents gauges (one -experimental income-wise), ~~and~~ The Hon. Sec then proposed that in the light of the income over the past 12 months, in another year we should be considering other items for expenditure. As the possessing four club bottles would probably be the maximum needed we should now plan for a major item. Thus it was agreed to set up a separate deposit account for a Club Boat.

c) Insurance.

The Hon. Sec read a letter of reply from J. Meredith assuring us that moves to improve

the lot of Overseas branches were in hand.

d) Letter to Alan Chambers (West Midlands Reg. Coach)

The Hon. Sec had sent a copy of the letter that had been sent to Triton on "Insurance" to A. Chambers. His reply informed us on several points, one being that he would push our case.

8. Membership Control.

a) The D.O. said that the senior club members remaining in Malta during July - September should have authority to discontinue training sessions if this was likely to involve undue pressure on those concerned.

b)

Some means of vetting visiting divers & obtaining from them some contribution to Club funds was suggested by the D.O. After discussion, it was agreed that a levy of 25/- for a 2-week membership be made on visiting divers. In addition they would complete a short application card which would be then signed by the Hon. Treas. & returned to the visitor. An "interview" with a club member of at least Dine Marshall

standard would follow in the case of persons not producing documented evidence of their qualifications.

The application card would take the following form:-

Name

Permanent Address

Address in Malta

Tel. N°.

Diving Club

Diving Qualifications

Documents produced YES/NO

DETAILS.

Period of Temporary membership.

Signature

Calypso (Malta) DMS

A letter explaining this procedure would be sent to Triton & Sub-Aqua Magazine.

9. Marsascala Trident.

After reading reports submitted by C. Slater, A. Upton & M. Upton the Committee found that the Club had acted in the best interests of all concerned. We had learned a lesson - hence temporary membership regulation above.

10. Winter Programme.

November Treasure Hunt.

Octopush (manufacture of necessary items)

Exchange visits - R.A.F / Army / M. S.A.C.

Early December - film show at MBH & we would invite other Clubs.

Visit to Lyburn - "pot" for Club Members.

1 A.O.B. N.I.

The Chairman vacated the chair at 00.40h.

The D.O. then proposed we send a letter of thanks to the ex-ex-patriate Chairman.

DWSmoke

28/12/72.

Minutes of an Extraordinary
General Meeting
held at Lapsi View Restaurant, Ghar Lapsi 26th Oct. 1972.

The Meeting was called in order to elect a Chairman who would hold office until the next AGM : - May 1973.

The Hon. Sec. announced the purpose of the Meeting and suggested that one member volunteer to act as temporary Chairman. The Hon. Sec. was volunteered by the Meeting.

Nominations were called for.

Mr John Kelly proposed, and Dave Aylett seconded Denis Sanderson.

There were no further nominations.

The Hon. Sec. congratulated the Chairman on his election, and at 8.00h the Meeting closed.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at
(12th) Prejiosi St. Lija 28th December 1972.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The D.O. commented, that they were the most accurate that he could remember being read.

2. Matters arising.

a) On the matter of bottle hire it was suggested that some clarification of the situation at present was necessary. The D.O. to see Crispin Slater

b) It was suggested, after discussion, that the Hon. Sec. should write to the Police for details of Club Registration.

c) Treasure Hunt.

The recent one was rated a success but it was felt that there could have been some publicity of its occurrence.

The next one should take place towards the end of March and would be organised

by the Ayletts. Tessa Sykes.

- d) Two Alcan bottles had been purchased with backpacks for £159.
- e) Visiting diving cards had been prepared and these will be issued by Dive Marshalls. The Hon. Sec. said letters had been sent to Triton & S.A. magazines.
- f) Winter Programme.

The Hon. Sec. would contact Mr. Vere-Stevens about arranging a visit to the Layburn.

3. The Hon. Sec. announced that the Mellieha Bay Hotel will be closed from Jan 6 to March 10th.

- After discussion it was proposed that:-
- a) Marilyn should approach the Corinthia Palace Hotel with whom she already had dealings.
 - b) George would see if a meeting could be fixed up in the Melita Hotel for Jan 15th.

4.

B.S.A.C International.

In response to the approach from B.S.A.C. on this, we would submit the following suggestions:

- 1. The name should be Sub-Aqua Club Internat.
- 2. Insurance to be paid by H.Q.
- 3. Films should be available.
- 4. Mediterranean Regional Coach, responsible for course organisation.
- 5. Encourage visiting divers (experts?) to give talks to Overseas Branches.
- 6. The Hon. Sec. was asked to sift through R. Vallintines article in an earlier Triton edition & draw out suggestions from that.

Instructor Course in Malta.

The D.O. said that, when the present political difficulties had been sorted out, we may be able to request an Instructor's Course for June. This would be available to divers from Calypso, Army & R.A.F.

6. Winter hire rates.

The D.O. proposed the following,
bottle hire 15/- per week

D.V. hire 25/- ..

The Committee concurred.

7. Attraction of new members.

It was agreed that it was desirable to attract new members. The D.O. wished to promulgate this by running a Safety in Diving 3. in March.

A Sub- Committee would be responsible for the organisation of the event.

The D.P.'s suggestions were;

The agenda would include
Snorkelling,
Small boat safety,
Boat diving
Coastal Navigation.
Decompression

The Sub- Committee would be responsible for Venue; advertising; sponsors.

8. Activities Recorder.

After discussion it was agreed that the Kelly's be approached to fill this post.

9. Malta/ Sterling £.

Again after some discussion it was agreed that all mbs be paid in £M. The small amount in excess of. sterling would benefit the Branch.

10. A.O.B.

a) The Hon Treasurer announced -

£M 10 - 67 - 7 Balance

£M 6 - 15 - 5 "Boat" Fund.

b) The D.O. said that divers from Strand Fire Brigade would be in Malta in Feb - March.

c) The D.O. further announced the likelihood of an Easter visit to Libya - Massa El Brega for Club Members.

d) The Chairman proposed that we should look into means of giving more purpose to our dives in order to encourage Branch members' interest.

At 22.30 the Chairman vacated the Chair.

Gateshead
26 April 73

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Aster Flat Point Street, Gateshead 26th April 1973.

1. In the absence of the Chairman the Hon Sec read the Minutes of the last Meeting. The D.O. proposed that they be accepted, and he duly signed them.

2. Matters Arising.

- a) Club Registration. The Hon Sec reported that there had been no further development.
- b) The ^{2nd} Treasure Hunt had been held, but was not as successful as the previous ones.
- c) The Hon Sec reported that the recommendation on "BSAC - International" had been sent off.
- d) The D.O. said that it seemed fairly certain that the Instructor Course would be held this summer.
- e) The D.O. commented that the 3rd "Safety in Diving" had not had the impact that it was hoped, might blossom, but there had been a reasonable attendance. It had also involved the potential first class Divers in diving "theoretically".

f. The Kelly's "eagerly" announced their desire to take over the Office of Activities Recording.

3.

The Request for help from Malta S-A.

The Malta S-A-C had requested help in two forms, with the organisation of a Spearfishing Competition.

Requests :- a) To provide a minimum of 7 standby divers for June 1st ~ 2nd 0900 - 1500.

b) To organise a Social Function.

On (a) We agree to provide some standby divers but there are points to be clarified:-

- a) Divers must have ABLT's.
- b) What techniques - ropes, marker buoys?
- c) Torches?
- d) Are there additional observers in the boats?
- e) How many spearfishermen per boat.

These safety angles must be discussed at a meeting prior to the competition.

On (b) Given £M20 we will organise a barbecue. Competitors will have free entrance, but all others pay.

4. ABLT's.

The D.O. said that he hoped all divers would, sooner or later, invest in ABLT's. After much discussion it was agreed that the Newsletter for 1973 would announce that by May 1974 all diving members would possess a life jacket of either (a) the surface type - CO₂ inflated, or (b) an ABLT. This would be accompanied by an article on ABLT's by Mervyn.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Cash - £M. 18,

Boat Fund £6 - 15 - 5.

Within the next two months the balance should rise to £30 - £40.

6. Diving Officer's Report.

The D.O. announced that he was very impressed with his float line reel as designed by George & Kure.

7.

Training Officer's Report.

Not very much training was reported

due to the lack of trainees. The T.O. said it should be made clear that if a member wants a lecture, he should book it in advance.

8. Heinke Trophy 1974

This was now in Kelly's(s) hands

9. Membership.

A great deal of discussion on this revealed a general feeling that the branch had failed in its attempts to enlist more Maltese members.

10. Second Class Written Examination.

The training officer said she wished to introduce a written paper for Second Class. This was not accepted by the Committee.

11. Diving this Summer.

The T.O. proposed that once a month an interesting dive such as a boat dive be organised for the more experienced members. She agreed to draw up a time table for this.

12. Equipment.

It was felt that no more equipment should be purchased and that perhaps even the boat fund be put to general use - e.g. provide funds for an expedition.

13. AGM.

The date of the AGM was fixed for June 18th. at the Mellieha Bay Hotel, & would be followed by a dinner.

A Newsletter would be published. Għaliex had agreed to edit this, and Teresa Symes would do the typing.

14. AOB.

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that all items of general interest should be broadcast to members on the Club Notice Board.

At 2250hrs - the Hon. Sec vacated the Chair.

I feel that at some "official" note should be entered in the branch records that Calypso (Malta) B.S.A.C. won the Heinke Trophy Award in 1973.

Andy (Chairman) 3/1/73.

H. Judge Hon Sec.
27.4.73.

Minutes of the Third Annual General
Meeting held at the Mellieha Bay Hotel
June 18th 1973.

After welcoming members the Chairman thanked Graham Slater and Terri Sykes for the work put in on producing the Newsletter.

He then drew the attention of members to the financial Balance Sheet prepared by the Hon. Treasurer.

The Minutes of the AGM of 1972 were then read by the Hon. Secretary. These were duly approved and then signed by the Chairman.

Before election of Officers for 1973 - 1974 Mr. D. Aylett volunteered for the post of temporary Chairman.

Mr. G. Hepplestone proposed that, in addition to the usual elected offices, Assistant Diving Officer and Assistant ^{proposed} Secretary be elected.

An amendment, by Mr. M. Upton to the effect that the permanency of these posts be reviewed at the next AGM. was recorded by Mr. D. Sanderson.

After some discussion the motion was carried.

Election of Officers.

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
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Chairman.

H. Fudge	D. Sanderson	Menglin Manley-Harris
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Here being no other nominations Mr. H. Fudge was elected.

Diving Officer.

M. Manley-Harris	Jill Wood	Tessa Lyons.
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Here being no other nominations, Menglin was elected.

Assist. Diving Officer.

Peter P. Micallef.	M. Manley-Harris	D. Aylett
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Here being no other nomination, Mr. P. Micallef was elected.

Hon. Secretary.

Denis Sanderson	Agnes Upton	T. Kelly.
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Here being no other nomination, Mr. D. Sanderson was elected.

Assistant Secretary.

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
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Tessa Lyons	D. Aylett	T. Kelly.
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Here being no other nomination, Tessa Lyons was elected.

Hon. Treasurer.

Russ Wickson	D. Aylett	D. Sanderson.
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Here being no other nomination, Mr. R. Wickson was elected.

Committee Member.

Agnes Upton	K. Hawkins	Roberta Fudge
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D. Aylett	G. Hepplestone	R. Wickson.
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Agnes Upton was elected with 15 votes to 8.

Proposal to change Club Night.

The Chairman proposed that Club Training evening should be altered to Tuesdays as this would a) allow us to use the Night Club for lectures

b) like the pressure off weekends.

With one exception, this proposal was carried and

it was agreed to begin this on the first Tuesday in July.

Any other business.

Mr. G. Hepplestone said that the Committee had formed the opinion that there should be no move towards ^{requiring} members to invest in ABLTs.

This ignited a live discussion between all present, and it became clear that unless it was stopped shortly it would go on for some time. The Chairman, ever mindful of the real purpose of the AGM, announced that restaurant service terminated in 15 minutes.

Mr. D. Aylett at once proposed an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on July 3rd to discuss the topic in full. Tessa Lynes recorded the proposal which was carried.

Nobody proposed that the Chairman vacate the Chair, but he did!

Members present.

Tessa Lynes,
Margolin Hardy-Harris
Agnes Upton

Joan Camilleri
Roberta Indje
Jackie Major

Till Wood

George Hepplestone
Mike Upton
Denis Sanderson

David Aylett
Bob Major
Chris Medlicott
John Kelly
Charles Clarke

Russ Dickson
Barry Hardy
Bob Hiron
Peter Micallef
Ken Hawkins
Peter Abela,
Joseph Abela
Carmel Agius

Judge

Spencer
18/6/74

minutes of a Committee meeting held at the Melville
Bay Hotel on Tuesday, 3 July 1973 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. H. Judge - Chairman; Mrs. M. Manley-
Harris - Diving Officer; Mr. D. Sanderson -
Hon. Secretary; Miss T. M. Symes - Ass.
Secretary; Mr. R. Wickham - Hon.
Treasurer

1) MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting which were
read out and agreed to had in actual fact already
been signed by the ex-Honorary Secretary, Mr. H.
Judge.

2) MATTERS ARISING.

It was noted that although Mrs. M. Manley-Harris
had written an article on S.Y.T's and A.B.Y.T's in
the recent newsletter, no mention had been made of
the proposal to do away with life jackets orally
inflatable only; which proposal was brought up
at the A.G.M.

3) AIM OF CURRENT MEETING

This meeting was called for the purpose of

familiarizing new Committee members with recent developments on the Committee.

3) NEW MEMBERS

It was noted that at present there was only one new member undergoing pool training and that he was espcetiate and not a National.

4) ADVANCED STANDARD DIVES

The Diving Officer proposed that once a month a dive expressly for the more experienced divers should be organised. Merrylin proceeded to draw up a table of Dive Marshals up to and including October.

5) FUNDS

It was decided that the Club did not have sufficient funds to finance a worthwhile expedition.

The Treasurer informed the D.O. that people on holiday now have to pay 25 cents per fortnight for temporary membership.

6) NOTICE BOARD

It was suggested that further use ^{could} be made of the Club's Notice Board outside the Dining Room.

The Board outside the Bar is also to be altered.

7) SAFETY RULES

The Hon. Sec. suggested that a circular be sent out listing the main rules for safe diving, to refresh the memories of some members who may have forgotten them.

8) FIRST AID KIT

The Treasurer undertook to provide a chest for a First Aid kit which the D.O. is to compile. The chest will be appropriately painted - is to be in use in time for the 1st Class Divers' exam.

9) DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER

The D.O. suggested that the Second Officer of the Gorgon (which ship houses the decompression chamber) be asked formally to give a talk on 'Decompression' on September 11. Also a further request is to go to Capt. Wilson for Club members to visit the Decompression Pot & perhaps have a 'dry' dive. - Permission had previously been turned down. This is to be rescheduled for the second week in September.

10) ANNUAL DINNER

There had been a slight disagreement of the bil

presented by the Hotel, in that the 10% discount was omitted. The Treasurer reported that this had been rectified.

ii) ANY OTHER MATTERS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

H. Judge

20/9/73.

minutes of a Committee meeting held at 4 Victoria Avenue, Shire, on Thursday 20 September 1973 at 9.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. H. Judge - Chairman; Mrs. M. Manley-Harris - Dining Officer; Mr. D. Sanderson - Hon. Secretary; Miss T.M. Symes - Ass. Hon. Secretary; Mrs. A. Upton - member; Mr. R. Wickham - Hon. Treasurer.

i) MINUTES

An omission from para. 5 "Funds" of the minutes of the last meeting was noted; This was that it had been agreed to close the Project Fund account with the bank & transfer monies therein to the ordinary current account.

The minutes were then read and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

ii) MATTERS ARISING

- A) The Club is to purchase a cos. briefcases to be loaned out to club members. The cost of hire will be discussed at a later date.
- B) Although the Advanced Standard Dines had

not been very successful to date, Heoretically they were good & were to be kept up.

c) A copy of the Winter Programme and Dive Marshall Rota is to be put on the Club's notice board.

d) Both the D.O. and Hon. Secretary reported that they had written to First Officer Cannon and Capt. Wilson regarding the Decompression talk. However F.O. Cannon was abroad and would be contacting the Club on his return. Capt. Wilson had agreed to the visit to the chamber following F.O. Cannon's talk.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

A) The Hon. Secretary reported that he had informed London of the change in committee and new Club meeting times. No reply had been received as yet.

B) Mr. Sanderson had written to London* regarding the acceptance of Junior Members for Aquabung training. London has written a speedy reply informing us that members under 15 yrs of age cannot be allowed to undergo Aquabung training during Club pool sessions nor dive on Club

* National Coaching Officer, Mr. J. Hazzard.

dives. However they can take their Aquabung test on their 15 b'day. As the matter is currently being discussed at a National Committee meeting no action is to be taken.

Should it be found necessary, the parents of the respective members will be asked to draw up, at their expense and to our satisfaction, a form of indemnity ~~relieving~~ the club of all responsibility.

4) WINTER PROGRAMME

A winter programme to incorporate the following was agreed to:- i) Quiz; ii) Inter-Club Quiz; iii) Films; iv) Navigation - 3 sessions including one on buoyage); v) Treasure Hunt; vi) Water Safety Symposium - end of March.

TREASURER

It was decided that it would be better to have a new Treasurer, due to Mr. Wickham's other commitments on Tuesday nights. The Chairman said that he would approach Mr. Joe Debons with regard to becoming Treasurer. The D.O. said she would stand in for the Treasurer on Tuesday evenings until this office was filled.

It was agreed to charge 15 cents for new Red logbooks to members and 20 cents to non-members.

6) CLUB EQUIPMENT

The D.O. said that some members who had club equipment on hire were not bringing it to the pool on Tuesdays.

The chairman offered to remind members of Club Rules on the hire of bottles.

7) DIVE MARSHELL'S EQUIPMENT

The D.O. offered to collect up all the Dive Marshall's equipment which had become dispersed amongst various members.

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.22 p.m.

Heway Fudge
November 17th 1973.

Minutes of an extraordinary general meeting held at the Mellieha Bay Hotel on 23rd Oct. 1973

The chair was taken by the D.O. Mrs. M. Manley-Harris + the meeting opened at 8.45 pm.

1) Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from the club chairman Mr. H. Fudge.

2) Election of a treasurer.

The chairman announced that the purpose of the meeting was to elect a treasurer following the resignation of Mr. R. Wickson. She then asked for nominations. The following were received:

Mr. R. Major - Proposed by G. Hepplestone
Seconded by D. Aylett.

Mr. J. Debono - Proposed by A. Upton
Seconded by P. Micaleff.

Mr. R. Major was elected by
6 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions.

3) Assistant secretary.

The chairman said that Miss Tessa Syne was leaving the club to go to England and thanked her for the work which she had done for the club.

She added that the committee had no plans at the moment to elect another assistant secretary & that the Hon. Sec. would be sufficiently assisted by the D.O.

4) Training Officer.

The ~~obtain~~ D.O. asked for a volunteer Training Officer to undertake the job of booking members weekly training & lectures. Mrs. R. Major offered to do the job & was accepted.

5) Winter Programme.

Copies of the winter programme

for 1973/74 were distributed by the Hon. Sec. & the D.O. spoke about it to the members.

6) A.O.B.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

minutes of a committee meeting held at 'Calston',
Singli Road, Rabat, on Monday, 19 November
1973 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Mr. H. Judge - Chairman; Mrs. M. Manley-Harris - D.O.; Mr. D. Sanderson - Hon. Secretary; Mr. B. Major - Hon Treasurer; Miss T. M. Symes - Ass. Secretary; Mrs. A. Upton - Member.

1) MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 1973 were read out, accepted & duly signed.

2) MATTERS ARISING.

A). Quotations had been obtained for the life-jackets.

The Beaufort National Marine Centre offered best choice & Agnes Upton is to look into the availability of these.

B) It was agreed the advanced Standard dives will be limited to people who have passed the Deep Sea Rescue Test. Provided sufficient interest is shown on the Tuesday night proceeding a scheduled advanced dive, the D.M can either appoint a second class diver to be

D.M. for a separate dive, or else hold a second club dive on an alternate day.

3) RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER - VISIT + TALK.

The D.O. reminded members that the talk on therapeutic decompression is on December 18.

The visit to the 'pot' will be at 10.00 am on Friday 4 January 1974

4) CLUB EQUIPMENT.

It was agreed that the attached circular be distributed with regard to regulations governing the use of club equipment.

5) CORRESPONDENCE WITH LONDON.

Judge 11/1/74 It was noted that it was now too late to enter for the Heinkel Trophy for 1972. Mrs J. Major is to be asked to collect material for the 1973 Trophy. The minutes of the meeting of the BSA Council had been received.

Minutes of a committee meeting held
at 4 Greenwich Flats, Pinx Street,
M'Xlokk, on 7th January 1974 at 8pm.

1) Those Present.

Mr. H. Fudge (Chairman)
Mrs M. Marley - Harris (D.O.)
Mr. D Sanderson (Secretary)
Mr. R. Major (Treasurer)
Mrs A. Upton (Com. Member)

2) Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read + accepted.

3) Water Safety 1974.

The secretary reported that letters
had ~~been~~ been sent to Major Muscat
(Patrol Boats), Cesta Quay, Malta Sub-
Aqua Club, Royal Malta Yacht Club
+ the Royal Life Saving Society on the
2nd November.

Only Major Muscat had replied.

After some discussion it was decided
that a wider public could be reached
by means of the press + radio.

The D.O. agreed to approach John
McCloud, Director of B.F.B.S + the
Chairman said he would approach
the Times of Malta.

The Secretary said that he would
send out new letters to Major Muscat,
etc, as soon as this had been
done.

3) Boat Handling Course.

The D.O. suggested that she + the
chairman should run a boat handling
course. It was agreed that this
was very desirable, + the D.O. said
that she would write to Mike
Busuttili first, to confirm that it
could be entered in members'
logbook.

4) Treasure Hunt.

The Chairman said that he would approach Graham Slates regarding the organization of the diving section.

The D.O. + Hon. Sec. said that they would run the diving part. 15th + 17th Feb. were suggested as possible dates, the diving to take place on Friday evening + the diving on Sunday afternoon.

5) Dive Marshall's Duties.

These were discussed at length but no positive formula for the conduct of club dives was reached. It was decided that this would be left to the discretion of individual Marshalls.

The Chairman said that he would remind members of some important points —

- 1) That the D.M. was entirely responsible for the conducting of a dive.

- 2) That the D.M. would appoint Dive leaders.
- 3) That Dive Leaders must be followed + obeyed.
- 4) That upon separation, the party must surface.
- 5) That each party must tow a buoy.
- 6) On completion of a dive, the D.L. must report to the Dive Marshall.

Mrs. Upton said that she would obtain more "blobs" for buoys, + the D.O. agreed to get more flags made.

- 7) It was agreed to enforce the life jacket rules.
- 6) The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Henry Fuhr

4/3/74

Minutes of a Committee meeting held at HAL TM1EM,
Ta'Strenge Rd, the 30th, on Monday, 11 March
1974 at 8. pm.

Present: Mr. H. Fudge - Chairman; Mrs M. Manley-Harris, Diving Officer; Mr. D. Sanderson Hon. Secretary; Mr. B. Major, Hon. Treasurer; Miss T.M. Symes Asst. Hon. Secretary; Mrs M. Upton, Member.

1) MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January were read, accepted & were duly signed.

2) MATTERS ARISING:

a) Water Safety: The D.O. reported that although she had written to Mr. McDonald she'd had no reply and the Hon. Sec. reported that he had not received the letter which the RSS had supposedly written. It was felt that since interest was lacking this course should be postponed until 1975. The Hon. Sec. undertook to explain the situation to the RSS & Major Murat.

b) Boat Handling Course: The D.O. reported that this course which will be taken together with the

marines, and members of the RAF Branch, will be postponed until summer due to the absence of the marines on manoeuvres. However, it may be possible to hold it before the marines go away, i.e., in April. There had been a good response to this course which will be held in the evenings and on 2 afternoons.

The D.O. had received a letter from Head office informing her that the BIAL would present certificates for the course and it could be officially recorded in Blue Log-Books.

c) Treasure Hunt: The treasure hunt was held on 16 and 17 February in two sections and was a great success. The winners, Harvey Fudge, George Hepplestone and Mike & Agnes Upton will be organising the next walk and boat Treasure Hunts respectively on 1 & 2 June 1974.

d) 'Blab' Bouys: It was finally agreed that except in exceptional circumstances there should be carried by each diving party. Mr. Major undertaken to buy sufficient pole length for 5 of the flags. G. Hepplestone is to be asked to make the necessary rope winders.

DIVING FLAG

The Secretary agreed to write to the Harbour Master to ascertain which diving flag is recognised in Malta, i.e., the NATO or Flag A.

The Chairman is to contact Chris Scott-Taggart of the Mellieha Bay Hotel with a view to obtaining sponsorship for a campaign to publicise the Diving Flag by means of posters.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Hon. Sec. reported that a resolution was being passed at the A.G.M. for the raising of the entrance fee to £4 instead of £2 and that each Branch would retain £1 thereof.

The Hon. Sec. had also been informed that people who had not received Tribon should write in because the addressing system had recently been modernised.

SPRING PROGRAMME

The D.O. agreed to draw up a new Dive Marshall Role.

AGM.

The AGM was set for Tuesday, June 18, to be followed by a dinner. Mr. Graham Slater,

is to be asked to edit the newsletter and members will be asked to send it in contributions.

MARINES' BSAC CLUB

The D.O. reported that she had been approached by Tim Boone who asked whether their divers who were all qualified and possessed their own equipment could join our Branch since they had just been informed that they did not have a proper naval rated diving supervisor and were therefore, not supposed to dive.

It was agreed that the D.O. should ask the marines whether, should the Calypso Branch fold up, the remaining members could join their Branch.

TRAINING FEE

The D.O. proposed that all new members be charged a Training Fee of £5 to be refunded when they become 2nd class Divers.

CHESHIRE WILSON RESUSCITATION TRAINER

The Hon. Secretary informed the Committee about a cheap version of the Resuscit Annie which the RYSS consider a good buy. The Hon. Treasurer is to send off for one.

(P) Judy 18/5/74

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 'Villa Anna'
Attard on 13th May 1974.

The meeting opened at 7.52 pm.

1) Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read, accepted + duly signed.

2) Matters arising:

a) Water Safety — The D.O. reported that she had taken part in a B.F.B.S. programme on Water Safety.

b) Boat Handling Course — The D.O. said that this was still on.

c) The Chairman reported that the u/w section of the treasure hunt was well in hand.

d) Blob-Buoys — The D.O. reported that she had the flags + Mrs. A. Upton had the buoys ready for the poles which the Treasurer was going to acquire.

e) Diving Flag — The Hon. Sec. reported that he had written to the Harbour Master but no reply had been received. He said that he had phoned the

relevant office at H.M.S. St. Angelo + had been told that the R.N. were using flag H in Malta but that the D.O.T. were using A. The D.O. disagreed + said that the R.N. were using flag A.

It was finally decided to promote flag H.

f) Cheshire Wilson Resuscitation Trainer — The Hon. Sec. said he thought the Treasurer had sent for it + the Treasurer said he thought the Hon. Sec. had sent for it. The Hon. Sec. agreed to find the address + get a cheque from the Treasurer.

3) Correspondence.

This was mainly enquiries from holiday makers, + profuse thanks to the Hon. Sec. from those who had already had dives arranged by him.

4) B.S.A.C. International.

The D.O. read out a letter from 'Triton' which was about the plight of overseas branches.

(a) The Chairman said that he had written to Dick Corkhill (B.S.A.C. Chairman) but had received no reply.

It was decided that the Hon. Sec. should draft a letter to other overseas clubs stating our grievances.

5) Poster Campaign.

The Chairman reported that the Mellish Bay Hotel was willing to sponsor the campaign, & that he had asked the Police what flag was the legal one & for permission to distribute posters. (The Police have been given a draft poster)

6) New Committee.

The possible composition of next year's committee was discussed.

7) Summer training close-down?

To be left to the next committee.

8) Any Other Business.

a) The Treasurer complained that twice a club dive had left the meeting place early, leaving him behind. It was agreed to

observe a 10 min. waiting period before departing.

- b) Mr. Russ Wishon had proposed by letter that the club buy a megaphone. The Chairman suggested that we look into the effectiveness of a simple megaphone.
- c) Time & Place of next meeting - 7.30 pm on July 1st at the residence of the new Chairman.
- d) There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10 pm.

Minutes of the Fourth Annual General
Meeting held at the Mellieha Bay Hotel
on Tuesday 18 June 1974 at 8.00pm.

Present: Everyone except those who
werent

J. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

After welcoming the members present the Secretary read out the previous minutes which were agreed to & signed.

a) MATTERS ARISING

a) assistant officers: It was agreed that no 'assistant' officers need be elected at present. Should the need arise these will be co-opted. This was proposed by Mr. D. Aylett & seconded by Harvey Fudge. The motion was carried by 15 votes to 1. with 1 abstention.

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3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A). Chairman: Mr. John Naylor was proposed by Mr. D Sanderson & seconded by Mrs Wickson
Mr D Sanderson was proposed by R Major and

seconded by Jackie Major.

Mr. S. Naylor was elected 8 votes to 7 & took the chair

B. Hon Secretary: Miss Tessa Symes was proposed by Marjorie Mike Upton's son, Dennis Sanderson. She was elected unanimously.

c. Hon Treasurer: Mr. R. Major was proposed by D. Aylett & seconded by Mrs. Wickson. He was also elected unanimously.

D. Living Officer: Mr. Dennis Sanderson was proposed by M. Upton & seconded by Agnes Upton.

Since Messrs. S. Kelly & M. Upton were unwilling to stand, Mr. Sanderson was duly appointed

c. member Mrs S. Major was proposed by R. Major & seconded by G. Hepplestone.

^{outgoing}
The Chairman + Secretary vacated the chair + Mr. D. Aylett was appointed temporary chairman.

Mrs. Agnes Upton was proposed by Harvey Fudge & seconded by Bob Nixon.
Agnes Upton was elected 7-4 votes.

4. ADOPTION OF REPORTS.

The Chairman's Secretary's & Treasurer's reports having been circulated in the Newsletter were taken as read & adopted.

5. NEW CLUB PREMISES.

The new Committee is to look into the problem of finding more convenient Club Premises due to the rise in Petrol costs.

JMS/MS
3/6/75

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 1 July 1974 at 8 pm at "8 Beale", New Road off St. Paul's Street, M'xlabk.

Present:	John Taylor	Chairman
	Tessa Symes	Hon. Secretary
	R. Major	Hon. Treasurer
	D. Sanderson	Diving Officer
	A. Upton	

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13/5/74 were read, agreed & duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Boat Handling Course: This has been fixed for 19-25 August 1974.
- b) Blab-Bouys: These are in the final stages of completion & the Chairman undertook to paint the word 'Diver' across the Bouy. Whilst the Treasurer is to scrounge 8 diver outlines from Ego for sticking on the flag.
- c) Diving Flag Campaign: The Hon. Sec. reported that he had received a letter confirming

December 21st

Club Dinner Dance - Falanga
Pescatore. about 20 members & many guests.

March 1973.

Treasure Hunt. ~~Old books~~ Shima Creek
u/w Navigation in the afternoon won by
Meglin Manley-Harris, Dennis Henderson & Crispin
Slater.

June 11th Talk by Julie Lottan and demonstration
with Resusc-Audie.

the advantage of availability.

b) bestel bestel bestel soon received + members are able to
a suitable place to hold lessons for women the

availability of the subject
The club members will be educated for the
subject had been received from those people
a) letter from Gwynne-Jones a closer personnel

CORRECTIONAL:

which would be certain community members
thus former him. has read out his draft letter,

BASIC INTERNATIONAL:

of Chesire-Wilson Resuscitation Trust. The D.O.
samples

to follow-up the possibility of the public to participate in the public

Mr. H. Fudge, the sec-chairman is to continue
presented the flying, +,

dissemination through to the concerned all the local
Health Fund, is the official body

Activities 1972 - 73,

May 29th 2nd Club Annual Dinner.

Mellieha Bay Hotel. 23 members and wives £1-25-0 per head, incl. wine and Night Club.

June 26th

Barbecue held at Cirkewwa. 7/6 per head ~ 70 attended. Agnes + ladies, Hans Hass guest.

Sunday July 28th.

Car Treasure Hunt in the morning

Underwater exercises in afternoon.

Fee 10/- / team. Each team 1 diver 1 snorkeller + 1 or 2 others (car section)

1st Chris Slater 127 points

Agnes Upton

2nd John Kelly 99 points

David Lewis

3rd

Mike Farmer + Carmel Agius 93 points

3rd Equal

Tim Parish + David Sanderson. 93 points

5th Marilyn Fletcher + Tessa Symes 82 points.

August 29th. Julie Cotton - talk on EAR at M.B.H.

September 14th Night Dive at Marsascala followed by meal at Knights Bar. about 12 people

September 18th/19th.

Bob Harris, George Hepplestone, Crispin Slater, Dennis Sanderson + Hawkey Judge all passed but Agua Brava Medallion.

December 3rd

Treasure Hunt in morning - car section won by D. Aylett + family + Tessa Symes Afternoon session - Bottle Hunt in Marsamxett, Old Customs House - won by John Kelly + Hawkey Judge Fee 25-

Activities 1971-72.

May 31st Annual Dinner M.B.H.

June 5th Barbecue at Stug Bay, Ghadira.

Oct. 14th Fenkata at Rta's, Għad Lepi & 1 person,
Spaghetti, French, sweet, coffee, wine.

Nov. 8th. Barbecue at Mistra (Fair weather) 91-head
- Chicken, salad, jacket potatoes, apple pie,
About 23 folk.

Nov 15th Film Show Mellieha Bay Hotel.
Two films - "Between the Tides". Brit. Council - Shore &
marine life in OK.

"Coral Reef" - French Embassy. Coral life of Madagascar.
About 25 + 15 from Luga BS-AC attended.

Nov 24th, 29th & Dec. 1st.

"Safety in Diving" N° 2. at R.V.M.
Followed by demonstration at Corinthia Palace Hotel
on Dec. 11th, - of life saving & training.

December 15th

Club Dinner Dance Mellieha Bay Hotel
Dinner, wine, dancing and cabaret 25/-
41 people present.

December 31st

N.Y.E. Old Mill, Rabat.
3 course meal, £2 each. juke-box dancing
19 members.

Jan - Feb 1972

5-session evening course for non-club
members. Cost £4 including air & gear.
6 pupils.

February 7th Lt. Linsley - "Association"

Feb 21st Joe Debono gave a good talk on
spear-fishing.

March 20th Dr. A. Austin - Algae.

March 27 Lt. Linsley again on "Vara" +
slides

Calypso (Malta) B.S.-A.C.

Activities 1970-1971

1. Founded June 2nd 1970.
2. "Safety in Diving" Course; Nov. 16th-23rd 1970
at R.U.M. Preceded by visit to the Recompression Chambers at St. Angelo Nov. 17th.
3. A dinner held at Mellieha Bay Hotel December 16th. 24/- each.
4. A Festa, Charlie's Bar, Mgarr. March 12th
Cost. 16/- each (inc. wine.)
5. Talk on the work of E.O.D.U. by Lt.W.
Grady R.N. St. Angelo. April 27th 1971
6. Talk on "Underwater Archaeology" by Salvino
Scichuna. May 17th. 1971
7. Annual Dinner May 31st Mellieha Bay
Hotel.

CALYPSO DIVING CLUB.
Newsletter No. 1/80.

The Calypso Diving Club held an extraordinary general meeting on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1980, when a vote was taken as to whether or not the Club (Branch No. 393) should leave the BS-AC (according to Rule No. 28 (ii) of the F.U.A.'s revised Statute) and become a branch of the local Federation Of Underwater Activities.

Out of the 28 members present, 19 voted against the motion, 7 were in favour of the motion, whilst 2 abstained. Thus, according to the voting results, the Calypso Diving Club will remain a branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club (International).

During January's E.G.M. a new committee was elected as follows:

Chairman	Mr. Joseph Micallef.
Secretary	Mr. Lino Vella Brincat.
Treasurer	Mr. Alfred Agius.
Diving Officer	Mr. Anthony J. White.
Equipment Officer	Mr. Louis Sciberras.

Mrs. Agnes J. Upton was appointed Training Officer.

The new Committee's policy will be to expand the Club and further interest in better and safer sports diving. In this respect full co-operation with all diving clubs and institutions is envisaged.

A new training programme is being prepared and consequently all Log Books must be handed in to the Diving Officer by not later than Thursday, 28th February, 1980. Meanwhile, members are reminded that Training Lectures are held at the Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. sharp, whilst on Sundays, we leave the Clubhouse at 9.30 a.m. sharp for our usual dives. All those participating in the Sunday dives must be at the Clubhouse by not later than 9.15 a.m. Pool training sessions will be held (at the Mellieha Bay Hotel) by arrangement with the Diving Officer.

The Club is holding an Instructors Training Course in the immediate future. All those members interested in sitting for the Club Instructor's or Advanced Instructor's examination must contact the Diving Officer by not later than the end of this month.

The Committee appeals to all members to co-operate and give their very best to the Calypso Diving Club as genuine interest and participation by all is the formula for success.

The Committee.
26th February, 1980.