

European Underwater Federation

Minutes of the EUF meeting, Y40, Hotel Millepini, Montegrotto Terme, 18/06/16

Delegates

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Associates

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Apologies

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Minutes

1. The President welcomed delegates and our host, Guy Thomas provided details of the Y40 diving facility and the EUF programme.
2. **Previous minutes** – approved with no corrections or matters arising not covered on the meeting agenda.
3. **President's report** – MC reported the Re-breather Training Council (RTC) are working on an entry level course standard that is likely to be the first in a series.
4. **RSTC EU** – OM provided information on the Board structure following the annual meeting at the BOOT exhibition. RSTC is also producing an new brochure with updated statistics. There are some pending membership applications and a move to global re-alignment with other regional STCs.
5. **CMAS EU** – MF reported that CMAS EU is planning to seek UK registration using the SAA as their registered office. They are focusing on areas not covered by CMAS, in particular:
 - Youth recruitment as the market diminishes
 - Supporting work on medical issues
 - Encouraging members to be ISO certified, possibly in regional groupsKO reported on a CMAS EU environmental project.
6. **Finance / membership** – MD reported that finances were satisfactory, main expenses being for meetings. Members are requested to check contact details to ensure invoices are received in a timely manner.
7. **EUF Certification International** – MD updated the meeting on ISO drafts and progress of the Introductory and Dive Centre revision towards voting stage. The Environmental standard proposal is progressing despite a poorly attended meeting in Malaysia.
8. **Membership** – DE reported a number of enquiries but there were no membership applications for approval.
9. **EUF Lavanchy Award** – MC introduced the proposal to create a memorial award honouring the support by Jack Lavanchy for EUF and the development of recreational diving in Europe. It was agreed that this would be an annual award to the person/group EUF considers has significantly contributed towards Jack's ideals.
10. **Spanish certification recognition** – MC reported that he believed progress was being made in the right direction in some regions and hoped this would positively influence the remaining ones.
11. **Maltese issue** – EF gave a full report on the outcome of meetings between the Maltese Attorney General, Maltese prosecuting staff and BSAC in Malta. The case was discussed in detail and doubtless influenced the subsequent decision by the Maltese not to proceed with their case. BSAC is continuing work to clarify the interpretation of Maltese law in relation to diving activities. MC re-iterated

EUF's support for BSAC and the importance of such joint action to protect European diving and divers.

12. **AOB** – No items

13. **Next meeting** – it was confirmed the next meeting will be held 03/12/2016 in Vienna hosted by AS+ and the following meeting is planned for London, 17/06/2017 hosted by Actinia.

14. **DAN, GT and Y40** were formally thanked for both organising and providing hospitality and a unique diving experience for the meeting.

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