

NORFED AGM 8TH February 2016 at Robin Hoods Cottage, Mirfield.

Attendees present list was signed by all present.

Minutes for AGM 2015 were agreed and accepted by Ken Crow and seconded by John Parkinson.
No matters arising.

Chair Address: Barbara thanked all the Committee for attending tonight and stated the Committee were all willing to stand again in the same capacity for another year.

Dinner 2015: 20 guests attended the excellent dinner held again at The Heath Cottage Hotel. We dined in the newly re-furnished White Rose Restaurant enjoying another excellent meal in the superb dining room.

Thanks to Neil Minto, our Guest Speaker, who gave us an interesting and amusing after dinner speech.

Diver of the Year - Barbara Findlow of Roho branch. "I hadn't received any nominations this year and decided not to present it - but the tables were turned on me!"

Photographer of the Year - Barbara Findlow of Roho branch.

Diving is Fun - May Boothbyth of Harrogate branch.

Thanks to Ken Crow for organising and judging the competitions again.

Secretary's Report: No communications to report.

Treasurer's Report: The **Balance sheet** was read and accepted unanimously.

Loss of **£3.65** for the year, despite NORFED paying for wine for **all** their Dinner guests.

No Subscriptions were charged for the third year running, so the only income was from the Dinner and the Photographic competitions.

No fees charged for auditing the accounts (checked by Roho's accountant FOC).

Bob asked if we could open an interest bearing account that we can comply with? All agreed 'yes' if Bob can find one!

Subscriptions: It was agreed unanimously that no Subscriptions will be charged for the next year, therefore there will be no membership, but will continue with a Committee.

Dive Co-ordinators Report: Nobby reported the 14 dives on the website were all from Roho.

Election: No voting necessary as there were no changes and no new volunteers.

Thanks to all the committee for another year.

Any Other Business:

Dinner 2016 is provisionally booked at The Heath Cottage Hotel 15th October.

The Hotel have increased their accommodation prices also a slight increase on the meal cost. Barbara asked for suggestions for Guest Speaker, Bob suggested considering John Womack.

Ken will be running the Photographic Competition & the Diving is Fun Competition again.

Ken asked: if only 1 entrant in any one category, should we award 1st 2nd, 3rd to that person?

We agreed that if that person had taken the trouble to enter, he/she could be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd, if the Judge considered the entries to be of a suitable standard.

We decided we would like to write to Wendy and ask for the pleasure of her company at the next dinner, we've missed her! We also need a good raffle seller!

Facebook: discussed; members to report back at next Committee meeting.

Ken wondered if there is an opportunity for NORFED to co-operate with branches in the North to have a 'Chairmans Conference', where we could discuss/offer and share ideas that may be mutually beneficial to NORFED and the branches. This could be over a buffet-style meal. Ken would be willing to contact the dive magazines, branch Chairpeople, leaders and Regional coaches to discuss this possibility. He volunteered to sound out a Regional coach and Hazel Grove Chairperson. Committee happy for Ken to do the above.

Next Meeting: Monday 11 April (date to be confirmed) at Robin Hood Cottage at 7.30.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.