

**MINIUTES OF NORFED AGM 24TH February 2017**  
**at Robin Hoods Cottage, Mirfield by Skype.**

**Attendees on Skype:** Barbara, Bob, Ken Crow, John Parkinson, Geoffrey Prince.

**Minutes for AGM 2016** were agreed and accepted by Bob Findlow and seconded by Ken Crow.  
No matters arising.

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

**Dinner 2016:** 24 guests attended the excellent dinner held again at The Heath Cottage Hotel. We dined in the White Rose Restaurant enjoying another excellent meal in the superb dining room. Thanks to John Womack, our Guest Speaker, who gave us an interesting and amusing after dinner speech.

Diver of the Year - Ken Crow of Harrogate branch. "I hadn't received any nominations again this year, but looked who had supported NORFED from the early years & is still supporting us now.

Photographer of the Year - Andrew Tomlinson of Roho branch. Diving is Fun - no entries.  
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 **£99.35** for the year, despite NORFED paying for wine for **all** their Dinner guests and paying for 5 free places.

No Subscriptions were charged for the fourth 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).

Agreed to pay £20 to Tekrite (website).

**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 attended the postponed meeting on 6th but John has not been able to contact him since - retired? moved?.

**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 2017** is booked at The Heath Cottage Hotel 4th November with Dr Horace Dobbs as our prestigious Guest Speaker. We have booked the Banquet Room and hope to fill it!

The Hotel have maintained cost of Dinner and accommodation costs.

No mention of any fee to Horace, but was suggested we give donation to Dolphin Watch. Bob suggested adding 0.50p to every ticket plus maybe NORFED donation of £25 = agreed.

We discussed the time length of Horace's speech - suggest 30 minute max at the table, then continue informally after dinner (need to check availability of other room).

Ken mentioned that Horace had received an award for 'Neptune's Needle' - Ken to try to trace this to show at Dinner.

Ken will be running the Photographic Competition & the Diving is Fun Competition again. He suggested reducing the number of categories to 3: PRINT (print or digital), AV and JUNIOR and opening entry to Dave Wilkinson's contacts. This was agreed.

The advertising literature for the Dinner was discussed. Received advert from Keith Dobbs but Bob & Geoffrey thought this was too biased to Dolphin Watch and not enough on diving. Bob volunteered to merge this advert with 1 from John P and circulate to Committee for approval. We need a leaflet and something suitable for emailing.

**Website:** Geoffrey thinks we should have a dedicated page for branch 'ads'.

Ken had asked if we could put videos on - Tracey had replied not enough space. Geoffrey said better to use links.

Ken said if these 'ads' were coming in daily it's not fair on Tracey who virtually does it for nothing. Geoffrey said he was prepared to do work on the website, Bob will give Tracey Geoffrey's number to discuss this.

Ken thought to ask Dave Wilkinson to act in a consultancy position - agreed for Ken to do this. It would be good to contact Yorkshire Coach and contact at Pontefract (JP may know name).

**Facebook:** NORFED have Facebook account - NORFED Divers. Not enough knowledge within committee, Dave Wilkinson may be able to advise.

Geoffrey asked if Barbara was willing to carry on in the same capacity? Replied Yes, but not able to take on anything extra.

**Next Meeting:** suggested an afternoon Skype conference again after Geoffrey has tried to resolve the Skyping problems we experienced tonight. Date to be confirmed, hopefully about 3 weeks.

**Meeting closed** at 9.15pm.