

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club  
Trustees' Annual Report  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## **Charity Details**

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club  
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## **Committee Members**

The Committee Members during the year were as follows:

1. Eddie Adie
2. Sarah Gregory
3. Stephen Logan
4. Jeremy Brown
5. Gareth Smyth
6. James Streetley

## **Objectives and activities**

The organisation's purposes are:

- To promote public participation in the sport of scuba diving by training scuba divers, providing opportunities to dive, and generally facilitating, developing and promoting training, knowledge, and understanding of scuba diving and all related activities in, on and out of the water; and
- To advance environmental protection by developing and promoting an awareness of the marine environment and our impact on it through scuba diving and all related activities in, on and out of the water.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Type of governing document**

Our governing document is the constitution which was adopted at the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This sets out the rules by which the club is run, and a copy is available on our website.

### **Trustee recruitment and appointment**

No Committee Members were recruited during the year other than at the AGM. Only members may be elected as Committee Members although the Committee has the power to co-opt additional members who may not be members of the club providing they have specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the Committee.

### **Statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Committee's aim is to build up sufficient reserves to meet at least 12 months of overheads.

## **Achievements and performance**

During this financial year the availability of a swimming pool continued to be a challenge, with access not always available to suit the clubs needs. Between March and August 2022 we had sporadic access, causing delays to our schedule.

We now have a long-term booking at a school in West Lothian and whilst not ideal for an Edinburgh based club, it allows us to provide certainty to prospective clients that we will have the resources required to complete their courses.

In the reporting year April 2022 to March 2023 we issued the following 120 certifications, up substantially from last years 15 certifications. This is down from our peak, however we have made changes to our schedule to relieve pressure on volunteers.

- 52 Discover Scuba Diving Experiences.
- 41 Drysuit.
- 6 Emergency First Responders.
- 5 Open Water.
- 5 Enriched Air.
- 4 Reactivated Divers.
- 2 Advanced Open Water Diver;
- 2 Master Scuba Divers.
- 2 Rescue Divers.
- 1 Delayed Surface Marker Buoy

During the year we also delivered a full repertoire of trips including shore dives at Loch Long, boat dives at St Abbs, Farne Islands and the Clyde, and the return of overnight trips to Lochaline, Kinlochbervie and Oban. It has been slow to get the trips filled to capacity, but we are committed to get back to a regular cadence with the trips and have a full 2023 schedule including trips to Lochaline, Egypt and Scapa Flow.

The club's activities are delivered by members & volunteers, most of whom are qualified as Divemasters and Instructors. All give their time, effort and expertise entirely voluntarily throughout the year, and the Committee expresses its deepest thanks to all involved for their support.

## Financial review

As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) we prepare accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Comparative figures for the year to 31st March 2022 have been prepared on the same basis.

### Income and receipts

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 income and receipts have started to recover, and on the way to return to pre-pandemic levels, reaching £53.7k (almost double the previous year), with training income seeing a 500% increase.

As mentioned on last year's Trustee Report, we were successful in pursuing a loss of earnings claim on our Dive Centre insurance and we were awarded a £7k payout to cover the loss of earnings in the first lockdown. This is included in the overall income figures (under other income).

### Payments and expenditure

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, payments for direct costs rose in line with the increase in trips and training, coming in at £19.3k. Overheads (premises, bills, kit servicing, insurance, van costs etc.) increased slightly to £24.8k, following increases in kit and van maintenance. The movement in other overheads is not significant.

### Operating and net profit for the year

Overall, the club made an operating profit of £10.2k for the year to 31st March 2023, the first profit following the COVID disruption and up from a circa 12k deficit in 2022.

The net profit at the end of the year was £10.2k (2022 - £12.2k deficit), and the club has entered 2022-23 with a bank balance of £24k against £13k at the start of the year.

## Future plans

2023 to date has seen a renewed interest in diving, with training activity now taking place every month along with trips, both domestic and overseas.

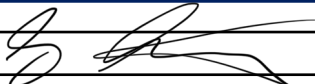
The club is very much committed to getting divers back into the water, and getting new divers through their training, and we are excited to see what opportunities having our own PADI Course Director on staff through Rob MacKean can bring – we can now offer all levels of recreational and professional diver training with plans to run our own Instructor Development Course (IDC) in 2023/24. This is coupled with our very own Jeremy Brown taking ownership of the Edinburgh Diving Centre. Whilst operating as a business in its own right, it allows our students, volunteers and the club to avail of some great offers from suppliers.

As safety is of utmost importance and we have returned to profit, we have taken the decision to invest in some new diving equipment, replacing older regulators and some drysuits.

For the remainder of 2023 and into 2024, the Committee will be continuing to work with our partners to to deliver the level of training and diving experiences expected from a 5 Star PADI Instructor Development Centre.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity Trustees:



Print name

Gareth Smyth

Designation

Club President

Date

6th October 2023

# Receipts and Payments Account

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club  
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>		
Courses	22,796	4,375
Trips - St Abbs, Lochaline etc	14,850	13,950
Fun dives & equipment rental	775	779
Membership fees	3,660	3,860
Other income	11,667	3,840
Trips - Overseas	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,748</b>	<b>26,803</b>
<b>Payments - Direct Costs</b>		
Direct costs - PADI materials & PICs	5,072	2,234
Direct Costs - Pool rentals	1,646	170
Direct costs - trips	11,049	13,875
Direct costs - air fills	1,514	1,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,281</b>	<b>17,348</b>
<b>Surplus after Direct Costs</b>	<b>34,467</b>	<b>9,455</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>		
<b>Premises costs</b>		
Rent	7,563	7,564
Power	1,147	852
<b>Total Premises costs</b>	<b>8,710</b>	<b>8,416</b>
<b>Office &amp; Admin costs</b>		
Insurance - premises & general	3,330	2,591
Phone & broadband	475	479
Office costs	722	519
Marketing	460	612
Maintenance	2,956	1,907
Repairs and Renewals	467	358
Bank Charges	836	549
General expenses	38	0
<b>Total Office &amp; Admin costs</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>7,016</b>
<b>Van costs</b>		
Van leasing costs	2,933	2,687
Van Insurance	1,308	1,750
Motor expenses	2,544	1,563
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>6,001</b>
	<b>24,779</b>	<b>21,432</b>

<b>Operating Surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>9,688</b>	<b>(11,977)</b>
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**Receipts - Other Income**

Donations	535	0
Grant Funding	0	0
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Surplus for the year from activities</b>	<b>10,223</b>	<b>(11,977)</b>
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<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>10,223</b>	<b>(11,977)</b>
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**Statement of Balances**

Cash and bank balances at the start of the year	13,809	25,786
Surplus/(Deficit) on Receipts & payments account	10,223	-11,977
<b>Cash and bank balances at the end of the year</b>	<b>24,032</b>	<b>13,809</b>

Note - all funds are unrestricted

**Approved by the Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Gareth Smyth,  
Treasurer**

**Note 1 - Other Assets**

Equipment and Fixtures at written down value	916
Amounts due to the club	0
Other assets	2,790

**Note 2 - Liabilities**

Expenses payable & Amounts due to suppliers	-380
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