

NORFED
AGM 8TH FEBRUARY 2009 at Worsley Branch.

Barbara welcomed everyone and officially opened the 51st AGM.

To open on a very sad note: **Debbie Tebbit of Batley Snorkellers Club** died on Thursday. She had been a very active member of Batley Snorkellers for many years and joined the NORFED Committee in January 2006, before her illness made the commitment too much for her. She will be sadly missed by Paul, her family and friends and not least of all by Batley Snorkellers. Our condolences go to Paul and the family.

We had a minutes silence as we remembered Debbie, Paul and their family.

Barbara to send Paul and family a card from us.

- 1. Attendees:** Bob & Barbara Findlow, Lindsey Crossley, Gary Fell, Ken Crow, Bernard Scott, John Parkinson.
Apologies: Richard & Wendy Pickering and Nobby Clark.

Minutes of AGM 10th February 2008. Accepted by: Bob. Seconded: Lindsey

2. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS: by Barbara Findlow.

Thanks:

To all of you for attending.

To Worsley Branch for hosting our meeting today and for providing our excellent lunch.

To the Committee for their help and support throughout the year.

Barbara reported that unfortunately, we are losing **Lindsey** in her capacity as **Secretary**. "She has been Secretary now since 2003 and I personally, would like to thank her for all the help she has given me and for her service to NORFED, but also on behalf of the Committee, 'Thank you very much Lindsey'. We'll miss you.

We are also losing Gary, who has been on the Committee as a General Member since 2007. He has been a great help with the 'Disco' side of the Annual Dinner along with his help on other matters also. Thank you very much too, Gary. As quite a few of you may be aware, they our starting a new venture in the Azores, so their time will be somewhat restricted. Good luck to you both in your future project"

All the rest of the committee willing to stand again, Barbara asked for someone to take over as **Secretary**.

Resume of our year:

50th ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WEEKEND was a huge success with 58 members attending!
(See Events section of this website for details and photos)

- 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lindsey Crossley:** She expressed her thanks to Barbara for her support whilst being Secretary. Nothing to report and no responses to emails from branches.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: by Barbara Findlow.

Thanks to John Woods who stood in at the last minute for John Parkinson (as he was enjoying the sun in Spain), for checking the accounts. Thanks to both Johns for their willingness to do them.

We made a loss of **£17.08** this year, but considering the extra costs of running the 50th Anniversary weekend, this loss is minimal, for celebrating in style, this landmark in our history. Thanks to all who have helped to achieve this.

No questions regarding the Balance sheet and it was accepted unanimously.

7. DIVING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT sent by Nobby Clark. Only 2 dives for 2008 = Scapa & Red Sea. Dives for 2009 to go on website ASAP.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Communication:

The new website programme is working after initial 'teething' problems with the updating of it. Agreed to pay £10 to Tracey for the updating.

Still having some problems with wrong or changed Branch email addresses. Members present were asked to write their email address on the 'Sign in' sheet.

PLEASE WILL ALL MEMBERS READING THIS, SEND THEIR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS TO John = johnparkinson2@hotmail.co.uk to ensure our records are up to date.

Bob suggested offering Boat Owners to advertise their trips on website FOC.

John showed WASAC & Scotfed web sheets to Committee and suggested we may follow similar format.

Will give both these ideas to Chris Reed to follow up.

Subscriptions:

Discussed: unanimous decision to keep subs same and to re-advertise 'Single Membership' of £5, should be attractive to PADI members.

Fixed Assets:

Discussed actual values as the Manikins, Video + housing, Still camera are all totally out of date. The O2 set still has an approx value of £100. Agreed to try to sell on web and to accept any reasonable offer, if not sold, to write off over 2 years.

John Parkinson volunteered to take over as Secretary, but mentioned he will be away a bit. Chris Reed, Lindsey & Gary all agreed to be General Members.

9. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS: *Not required.*

10. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE:	Chairperson	-	<i>Barbara Findlow</i>
	Secretary	-	<i>John Parkinson</i>
	Treasurer	-	<i>Barbara Findlow</i>
	Diving Co-or.	-	<i>Nobby Clark</i>
	General	-	<i>Bob Findlow</i>
		-	<i>Wendy Pickering</i>
		-	<i>Richard Pickering</i>
		-	<i>John Parkinson</i>
		-	<i>Ken Crow</i>
		-	<i>Lindsey Crossley</i>
		-	<i>Gary Fell</i>
		-	<i>Chris Reed</i>

Unanimously agreed.

11. Date of next committee meeting – At the end of this AGM.
Barbara thanked everyone for attending and the Meeting closed at 3.50.

Committee meeting followed.