

<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting of Free Flow Divers British Club 28 August 2006</b></p>	
	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>
<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <p>The meeting was held at the British Club, and chaired by Elenor Jones, assisted by Gwen Gillies. Elenor introduced the committee:</p> <p>Convenor – vacant  Secretary – Heather Jackson  Membership Secretary – Gwen Gillies  Treasurer – Elenor Jones  Quiz Masters – Angela and Michael Sausman  Webmaster – John Gillies  Training Organiser – Angela Sausman  Social Secretary – Jane Meech (for now)  Meetings Organiser – Alison Wilson  Committee Members without Portfolio – Marcel Eckhardt, Nick Jackson, Phil Osbourne, Michael Sausman</p>	
<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>Proposed that family membership fees stay at \$120 pa, with a potential increase in 2008.  Proposed that</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everyone to renew in January (as this makes it much easier to collect membership dues. Gwen/Elenor to take forward.</li> <li>2. Those who have just joined (or who object) can have the fees pro rated.</li> <li>3. Freebies when joining should be limited to the FFD T-shirt. Towels and caps to be discontinued but this decision to be reviewed at later date.</li> </ol> <p>Gwen to bring the remainder of the towels to the next meeting to sell - \$10 each.</p> <p>Proposed and agreed to give Paul and Sheila Blackburn honorary membership to FFD.</p>	<p><b>EJ/GG</b></p>

<p><b>TRIPS</b></p> <p>Discussion of how to arrange finances for future trips;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 10% non-refundable deposit, paid to the trip organizer as monies often required to secure places/discount.</li> <li>2. Remainder to be paid to resort (but see below).</li> <li>3. If members cancel they must find their own replacement or pay the cost of the trip. TAKE OUT TRAVEL INSURANCE TO COVER THIS.</li> </ol>	
<p>Elenor will check the Treasurer of the British Club to see how any other sections organize payments etc. If FFD can't get discounts because of not paying in one lump sum, then payment upfront will have to be 100% so that the club can obtain discounts for members. Faruk offered to investigate PAYPAL to see if this is appropriate way to operate Club funds</p>	<p><b>Elenor/Faruk</b></p>
<p>The following have expressed interest in organizing trips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chris Askew – PNG 2007</li> <li>2. Jane Meech – Philippines in March/April – not wrecks, either liveaboard or resort. Angela and Michael to give advice. (La Laguna recommended)</li> <li>3. Bill Kerr – wrecks in Subic Bay – long weekend. Also Palau, Micronesia – long trip.</li> <li>4. Elenor Jones – Biak, West Papua, September 2007 – max 14 people</li> <li>5. Steve James – family trips – possibly May</li> <li>6. Elenor Jones – Deepavali long weekend – late October, Bali, Scuba Seraya</li> <li>7. Alison Wilson and Bee Chapman: Tioman weekend concentrating on marine biology</li> <li>8. Vince Jenkins – Ningaloo Reef, Christmas Island, November 2007</li> <li>9. Gwen Gillies – Lady Elliot Island</li> <li>10. Possible charters of Black/White Manta with Tanglin Club</li> <li>11. Michael Sausman – to advise on Undersea Explorer</li> </ol>	
<p>Elenor is compiling a folder with details of all places to dive. So when members go on a trip, it would be most helpful if they brought back extra brochures for the folder, or downloaded a page from the resort/dive site's website. Should include <b>brief</b> details of best time to go, things to see, don't go without etc.</p> <p><b>TRAINING</b></p> <p>Any queries, contact Angela Sausman. Training season starts in October.</p>	

<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS PARTY 2 December – Jane Meech</b> Sub-committee: Sarah and Phil Osbourne, Stephanie Haese, Wendy Gorman, Elenor Jones, Gwen Gillies. To be low key, no fund-raising. Jane has found venues to be very expensive – any member willing to volunteer their home should contact Jane. Goetz to talk to Gitta about their home.</p> <p><b>NOTICE BOARD</b> The British Club has promised Elenor the use of ½ a notice board – not yet given.</p> <p><b>WEBSITE</b> Trip reports and pictures to be sent to John Gillies to be posted on the website.</p>	
<p><b>THANKS TO ELENOR</b> Gwen Gillies thanked everyone for coming, and Elenor for chairing the meeting, and proposed that Elenor take on role of Convenor. Elenor agreed as long as the work load was shared!</p> <p>.</p>	
<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> Monday 18 September – details to follow.</p>	
<p><i>Prepared by Heather Jackson, Secretary 31 August 2006</i></p>	