



Chief Executive Report Summary

Dear Diving Colleague,

I'd like to apologise for the later than normal delivery of this report. It highlights that it's been a busy but rewarding year as we work to make changes and look to meet the needs of our members while missing an Administration Director. This is something we hope to resolve and look forward to any nominations for this role.

Membership News:

As per recommendations from the previous AGM, it was agreed to review the current price of membership. This was reviewed and discussed, and it was agreed to increase the membership from the long-standing fee of £12 per year to £15. The Board agreed that this was the right move to make to help take into account increased hire and insurance costs to the events we put on. One thing we have noticed was a lower rate of people signing up for annual membership in advance and preferred to opt for the temporary event membership of £12. In the short term this may seem like a net zero gain but with now having 2 Domestic Masters and Novice Championships taking place each year we hope that people will recognise the benefit of signing up early for the year to obtain best value. We hope with better publicising of future events people will also realise the value of taking out an annual membership outside of paying on an event-by-event basis.

With regard to memberships for International visitors we have opted to remain at the same price level to help promote our events to visitors which we hope help promote the GDBF on an International stage.

Masters Events:

Spring Masters 2018 was a successful event which helped to realise a slight profit but the Winter Masters 2018 event in Tunbridge Wells came in with a slight loss. Between the 2 events we did however manage to realise a small profit which is promising.

We have found that venue selection is becoming more difficult as most suitable locations are either committed to venue hire locally via a direct debit scheme or the facilities would require a change to our conditions. We are committed to using as many venues as possible to help share the events across the country. We hope to confirm the location of the 2019 Winter Masters during the Spring Masters 2019 Event in Edinburgh.

On the international front, we have continued to support various international events and would like to highlight members participation in the summer event in Croatia and also participation of our members in this year's World Masters in S. Korea.

Novice Nationals:

The GBDF Novice & Intermediate Championships March 2019 was a great success. There was great participation from clubs whose feedback was very positive. As such we are enthused by this activity and are working to confirm a similar even at the same pool this Winter. We hope to announce this event and details to book shortly after the AGM.

Equipment and services at events:

Scoring (Digital v's Scorecards):

We have been looking into the usage of digital scoring and at the moment there are cost and technical limitations. We will continue to review this as cost and availability changes. To help we have now purchased some replacement score cards to help with future events.

Availability of programs

We are now working to ensure both physical and digital copies of all event programs are available on the day.

Clothing/Merchandise:

Official GBDF clothing is a popular item. As the clothing has not been refreshed for some time, have been looking at a refresh and will be communicating this once full quote and prices have been acquired.

Member discounts with partners:

In looking how to add further value to our members we have been exploring some member discount offers on related sports equipment. We have identified a partner and hope to confirm this and other deals soon.

Future looking:

As part of our future goals and vision, we hope to increase the number of members, competitors and value-added services and continue to promote this via our GDBF website and Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and if you are not able to make this I and the board are happy to take on your feedback in other forms such as email or a call.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the board for their tireless work and commitment and also you our membership.

Regards,

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