



## Annual General Meeting

Dear Diving Colleague,

The Annual General Meeting of the Great Britain Diving Federation will take place **on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018** after the completion of diving competitions at  
**John Charles Sports Centre  
Middleton Grove  
Leeds LS11 5DJ**

- Welcome
- Apologies for Absence
- Minutes of 2017 AGM
- Matters Arising
- Reports
  - President
  - Chief Executive
  - Finance Director
  - Masters Director
  - Junior Novice Director
- Election of Officers

President	Jim McNally
Chief Executive	Will Moloney
Administration Director	No Nomination
Communication Director	No Nomination
Divers Representative	No Nomination
Junior Novice Director	Naomi McBane
Finance Director	Nina Mewse
Masters Director	Jan Isherwood
Directors Without Portfolio (3)	Jenni Cluskey Sarah Smith
- Any Other Business  
NO MATTERS WERE TABLED

# **MASTERS DIRECTORS REPORT**

## **April 2017 to April 2018**

### ***SPRING MASTERS – LEEDS 29th and 30th APRIL 2017***

The GBDF Spring Masters was held at The John Centre Leeds on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April. Once again we had the pleasure of our friends from Europe attending. We had 75 plus divers and unfortunately due to limited pool time we had to close the entries early. Due to the location we were unable to secure accommodation for divers in the same hotel and get the hotel to agree reduced rates.

### ***WINTER MASTERS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017***

The Winter Masters was held again at Tunbridge Wells. 80+ divers attended the event. We were made extremely welcome by the staff at the pool. A special thanks to Betty Allen for helping us in securing the pool again for our event. We held a function at Salomens Estate and the atmosphere and the Food was excellent.

### ***Future Competitions***

#### **Spring Masters – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 - Leeds**

#### **FINA World Championships 29<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

This event will be held in Slovenia. Due to issues with the facilities the majority of divers have indicated they will not be attending.

#### **Open Croatian Masters Championships – 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

The event will be held in Rijeka in an openair pool on the coast of Croatia. The conditions for this event will be the same as the European Masters but with the addition of Mixed Synchro event.

#### **Winter Masters – November 2018**

Further details will be on the GBDF website shortly.

Please contact me should you have ideas for competitions i.e. fun comps, challenge etc. It would be really helpful if we knew what divers wanted. It is no use complaining if you're not happy unless I know what divers want I cannot make the changes.

We are finding it extremely difficult to secure pools and I would like divers to assist us in securing pools. So if your club would like us to hold competitions at their pool we need the following : Spring Masters (April) full diving facilities, Winter Masters (November) 2 x 1m, 2 x 3m and 5m platform.

Please speak to me or email me on [janish@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:janish@blueyonder.co.uk).

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during this year which is too many to mention.

Jan Isherwood  
**GBDF Masters Director**

## Financial report 2017 – N.Mewse

Details of transactions are shown below, any questions please email [ninamewse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ninamewse@yahoo.co.uk).

Having taken over membership due to our loss of the Director of Administration, who has not yet been replaced I made some changes. This year having given the option, most payments for membership and entries to competitions were made by BACs, which although much easier and with less trips to the bank administratively has meant additional statement entries and cross checking details. I have not therefore listed all payments on statements in this report although they are listed and have been checked by the auditor.

**The main account balance** currently stands at £14,043.88 a significant decrease of over £1,500 on last year following on from a reduction of £2,600 since 2015. This appears to be mainly due a reduction in competition entries and membership plus an increase in insurance costs. The total includes the Bingo Lotto fund which currently stands at £1,159.11.

Masters entries and Novice and Intermediate entries were all down although Spring Masters held in Leeds made a slight profit of £51.92. The cost of the pool at Tunbridge Wells where we held Winter Masters was less than that for most other pools however due to poor support for the social a loss of £118.80 was made.

No Novice/Intermediate competitions were held this year.

The **Badge Scheme** account currently stands at £2,759.69.

**Insurance**, Civil Liability was £ 2,016.00 an increase of £42.98 (2.2%), personal accident was £369.38 a small increase of £6.06.

We held 2 major competitions during 2017, Spring Master in Leeds which made a slight profit of £51.92 and Winter Masters held in Tunbridge Wells which made a loss of £118.80.

The loss at Winter Masters was due to the lack of support for the social otherwise there would have been a profit. As Finance Director I feel that where possible events should be self financing where possible to encourage divers to attend as they have considerable other costs. I therefore recommend that **competition entry fees** remain the same however this could be discussed at the AGM.

Event	Date	Pool	Financial balance.
Spring Masters	29-20 April 2017	Leeds	£51.92
Winter Masters	11 – 12 November 2017	Tunbridge Wells	-£118.80

### Spring Masters - Leeds April 29-30 April 2017

Income		Expenditure		
Entries	2010.00	Pool	1778.00	
Polo's/T shirts	87.00	Polo's and T shirts	62.85	
Shammies	27.00	Shammies	26.00	
Membership/Late entries	312.00	Medals	400.35	
		Expenses	116.88	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2436.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2384.08</b>	<b>51.92</b>

## Winter Masters - Tunbridge Wells 11- 12th November 2017

Income		Expenditure		
Entries	1338.0	Pool	1000.00	
Polo's/T shirts	86.00	Polo's and T shirts	82.80	
Social	527.00	Social	981.00	
Late Entries	30.00	Admin	26.50	
Membership	340.00	Medals	198.40	
		Expenses	151.10	
Total	2321.00	Total	2439.80	-118.80

**Membership fees**, although the Federation is currently in a good financial position, the reduction year on year due to increased costs, losses and fewer members has meant that the balance has reduced by over £4,000 over 2 years. Membership fees paid were over £360 less than the insurance costs alone. If numbers are to remain about the same I recommend that there be a discussion on increasing membership fees. As discussed last year at the AGM currently fees for those paying by standing order are frozen, a significant number paying only £7.00, whilst fees paid by other full competitors, coaches and officials are £12.00 if they belong to an affiliated club, otherwise the fees are £15.00. As this was set up nearly 25 years ago and costs have risen over the years I must strongly stress that this no longer seems fair particularly for newcomers to the sport and those returning after a number of years. I also feel that we are not providing good value for money for new members in that it the only benefit they have is a reduction in costs of entering competitions.

Many thanks to Jan Isherwood for her help throughout the year and particularly for organising both the Spring and Winter Masters.

Summary sheets for both the main account and the badge scheme account are shown below.

Nina Mewse  
Finance Director.

## GBDF CEO Report 2018

I would like to start with a thank you all who have assisted the GBDF this year but with special acknowledgement to Nina who in the absence of an admin director has taken on the membership and a lot, if not all of the other duties.

Masters Diving continues to be well followed with more divers and competitions appearing. Unfortunately, on a bigger scale it seems to go un-recognised and treated with contempt. You only have to look at the contrast in events/venues for the worlds compared with the Europeans this year. Jim spearheaded a campaign which was supported by numerous countries highlighting the issues.

### GBDF events

It is good to see more divers attending our events and more traveling from overseas. We still face a limited number of facilities willing to accommodate us for competitions without a major change to the time table. Any assistance would be welcome in securing pools.

I would still like to see what could be achieved in the way of a UK training camp.

We have several vacancies on the GBDF board and anyone who feels they may have what it takes to fill these roles please shout up.

I unfortunately have not had the time I would have hoped this year to dedicate to the GBDF.

Martin Smith