



going overboard

most of what we set out to achieve (I won't go into the details here as he has already done that in a previous edition). Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on your outlook, the treasurer could not attend, yes he did have a very good reason. So it was down to the Chairman to present his report. Broadly speaking the finances are in good shape as you will see when you receive a copy of the accounts.

We are keen as part of our strategy to reward volunteers better and plans are being put in place to do that. Most importantly we have decided to phase out the joining fee over the next three years. This should make joining more attractive to new members and the increasing number of divers crossing over from other organisations. The National Diving Officer in his report was

delighted at the increase in candidates for all courses now that they are free (except nitrox). He was especially pleased with the response to the Regional Instructor (RI) course and hopes to see a new intake of RI's becoming regional coaches thereby spreading the load and making life easier as each Regional Coach will have fewer branches to manage. All the proposals were passed and it was encouraging that there were more members taking the trouble to send in their votes although there were still quite a few voting on the day. I think holding the meeting on a Saturday was a success and that will be the norm for the future.

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EDITOR

ANOTHER AGM is over and as usual there was a good turn out from branches as far flung as Carlisle, the east coast and the Borders. Considering this was the first time the AGM has been held on a Saturday we were pleased with the turnout. The Chairman reported progress on our three year plan and we have achieved

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