



NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

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Held at Bankstown Sports Club on 17.6.85

Meeting Opened: at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies: Miriam

Visitors: Brian and Vicky Colwell

Minutes of the last Meeting: Due to absence of Secretary there were no minutes read.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Letter from S.D.A.

Committee's Reports

Treasurer's report: Given by Jim Smith, Treasurer
Accepted: Martin Kandilas, seconded: Mark Livermore

Dive Organiser's report: Given by Peter Stratford.

Social Organizer's report: Kelly Smith gave report on Lamb on a spit afternoon at Miriam and Gary's. All who were there had a good afternoon, but due to the poor turn up there was plenty of food left over. Didn't make a profit. Thanked Jim Smith for the good work he did in cooking the lamb.

Peter Stratford reported on the Tuglow weekend.

No future social night organized as Presentation Evening coming up next month.

Publicity Officer's report: Flavio Fabresci reported. Club magazine due to come out in the next couple of weeks. Requested articles from club members.

Member's Dive Reports: 1. Pat and Lyn reported on dive at J.B.

2. Martin Kandolas reported on dive for Phil North at Grafton who reported on seeing 12 sharks with baby's.

3. Kim Kohen reported on dive - rock hop at Cape Solander. Very good. 20 ft. vis and leafy dragon.

Jenny was asked to report on her dive. "I was sick".

Photographic Officer's
Report:

Kim Kohen reported on coming A.V.

General Business Terry informed members of the theft of his camera and asked that they keep an eye out.

Mark Livermore reported that Bob Smith had been very ill and had been in hospital. It was decided that the club send Bob a card.

Meeting Closed

Kim presented the George Roberts Club comp and presented the prizes.

The winner of the novice section was Peter Jermyn.

The winner of the open section was Martin Kandolas.

Members should take note of two recent cases of decompression sickness.

The first was a classic case of a diver doing everything correctly and still suffering the dreaded bends. This occurred to a young police diver on the Birchgrove Park (160 ft) whilst completing a police deep diving course. According to my brother who was in the boat at the time, the diver was inside the conservative ROYAL NAVY tables , had followed the dive plan and was not on any medications or consumed any alcohol. The significance of this to a sports diver should be apparent. Dive tables are only a guide and should never be taken to their limits.

The second was the case of a diver on a dive holiday in Vanuatu. Upon completing a dive he expressed concern to the dive organizer that he was suffering a decompression sickness, this was regarded with skepticism. The diver promptly cut short his holiday and tried to return to Australia. This required 3 days as the Airline people were equally skeptical. Upon arriving in Sydney he booked himself into H.M.A.S. PENGUIN where he was diagnosed as having a spinal bend.

BERMAGUI well I had a good time

It started well enough with me and the Ace smothered in beanbags being chauffeured down in Peter Jermyns bus. Six hours and two squashed owls later we arrived at the units where the club courtesy of the Smiths had booked accommodation. The units were quite comfortable with all the mod cons like television and fridges for tinnies.

The Saturday dawned overcast but no threat of rain as 20 S.P.DIVERS boarded a trawler anticipating a dive with the seals off Montague Island. We had to settle for a dive a couple of hundred metres off Bermagui Harbour as large seas put diving off Montague out of the question. This dive was mostly mediocre until the anchor rope snapped and it was time to play spot the diver as heads started popping up here there and everywhere

Which brings me to Saturday night and a terrific bar - b - que in the hotel courtyard supplied by the hotels manager. Whilst waiting for a documentary on big game fishing to commence on T.V. we amused ourselves by playing charades with Peter Stratford outstanding, telling jokes with the Ace confusing everyone by telling a joke twice. The punchline for the Quisemodo's son joke told the second time around should have been " his a dead ringer for his father " instead of saying " I don't know his name but his face rings a bell " twice. Gary Roberts started singing " Morning town ride " and actually started a singalong.

The mind gets a bit foggy around this but for some reason there was a stampede of S.P.D. drunks into Mark and Jane Livermores unit next door. Where upon they proved themselves to be perfect hosts by falling asleep on the sofa.

The casualty rate on Sunday was 50% as only 10 divers boarded the slow boat to Montague. A pessimist would have had a ball, the seas were still up it was overcast there were rumours of no seals on the Island. Anyway it was decided to try to get to the Island, after an hour I was just hanging in doing a Nadin (any body who has seen Steve seasick knows what I mean) when Jim Smith decided to tell me stories of just how seasick a person can become. I'm afraid I deteriorated pretty quickly after that. After two hours we pulled in behind Montague and were overjoyed to find the water was blue, crystal clear with over 100 ft viz. We continued to the north of the Island where there was a colony of about 20 seals but the current was pretty strong so we decided to dive in a sheltered part of the Island. After the long boat trip the dive was pure magic. 75 ft to a sandy bottom with a nice drop off, a vast assortment of fish life, large rays cuttlefish and to top it off a visit by a solitary seal. The seal was captivating as it displayed its antics and then gracefully settled to the bottom and then in the flick of an eye soared up behind a unsuspecting Peter Jermyn as he did his usual trick of surfacing 50 metres from the dive boat.



SCUBA DIVERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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1985 has been a bad year for divers in NSW, with a sudden upsurge in new and proposed Government controls on amateur Scuba Diving. To complicate things even more, due to a poor response from members and clubs we have had only a very limited Committee to try and fight proposed changes, with some of our Committee leaving for other areas during the year and so making it harder for those remaining to do even a small amount of the work necessary.

1. The Maritime Services Board of NSW has introduced new regulations on the use of the Divers Flag, along with much reduced requirements on boat operators in the vicinity. Despite strong objections from divers it seems unlikely that these regulations will be changed unless we can bring much stronger pressure to bear on the Board than we have done so far.

2. It has also been proposed that all clubs operating boats for club dives must have the boat surveyed and the operator in possession of some form of Coxswain's licence. This has apparently been proposed by the actions of some "clubs" which are claimed to be not genuine clubs but commercial operators using the club structure to get around current regulations. We have been assured that such restrictive requirements will never be used against genuine clubs, but we are afraid that these assurances may mean no more than previous assurances that our Association would be consulted whenever there was any action proposed that could affect us. This consultation has definitely not been done, and so we remain doubtful about any Government assurances.

3. We have again been assured that proposals to require "qualified" Divemasters on even club dives will not be implemented. Currently it seems unlikely that there will be any further action on this so we presumably can rest in peace, at least in this regard.

4. Scuba Divers may no longer take any form of marine life from the water for any reason, except for a fixed bag limit of scallops. After an approach to State Fisheries from our Association the Dept agreed to consider a submission from us to have this very restrictive and discriminatory legislation modified to something more reasonable, however as with many other dealings with Government recently they reneged on this assurance. Our submission was not even presented to the appropriate Committee.



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Dear Member

During the next club meeting 15 july, nominations will be called for positions in the 85-86 club committee. Elections will be held at the August Annual General Meeting. Please give serious thought to this matter as to who will be the clubs leaders in 85-86.

PRESIDENT:

THE CLUB PRESIDENT IS THE HEAD OF THE CLUB & AS SUCH IS THE CLUBS REPRESENTATIVE
THE PRESIDENT WILL REQUIRE:-

- * A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO DEVOTE TO CLUB BUSINESS.
- * THE ABILITY TO ATTEND & CHAIR ALL CLUB MEETING.
- * THE TIME TO ATTEND REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- * A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THE CLUB , ITS MEMBERS & ITS AIMS.
- * TIME & THE ABILITY TO ATTEND CLUB SOCIAL FUNCTIONS & SOCIALISE WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS.
- * TACT, TOLERANCE, & A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE.
- * A GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF DIVING & THE DIVING FATHERNATIES IS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE.
- * A SUBSTANCIAL UNDERSTANDING OF, & CONTACT WITH OTHER DIVING ORGANISATIONS
- * LOYALTY TO THE CLUB & ITS MEMBERS.
- * THE ENTHUSIASM TO ENCOURAGE FELLOW MEMBERS TO JOIN IN AS MANY CLUB ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING CLUB MEETINGS.
- * WILLINGNESS TO STEP IN & ASSIST FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHEN NECESSARY, & DURING TIMES OF ILLNESS / HOLIDAYS.
- * BE ABLE TO LISTEN AS WELL AS LEAD.
- * BE WILLING TO ACCEPT ALL DECISIONS, MADE BY THE MEMBERS , NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS ARE.
- * TO BE ABLE TO PUT THE CLUB & ITS MEMBERS FIRST .

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO FITS THESE SUGGESTION, OR IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE THE ONE, THEN GIVE IT A GO. WHILST IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, & THOUGH YOUR PRIVACY IS NON EXISTANT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS, IT IS STILL VERY REWARDING, TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SPENT SOME TIME ASSISTING FELLOW MEMBERS, TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. SO THINK HARD & HONESTLY , THEN GIVE IT A GO, OR NOMINATE A FELLOW MEMBER YOU FEEL WOULD BE A GOOD PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY:

THE CLUB SECRETARY IS THE REAL WORK-A-HOLIC OF THE CLUB.

THE SECRETARIES DUTIES INCLUDE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

- * MORE THAN A GREAT DEAL OF SPARE TIME TO TAKE CARE OF CLUB BUSINESS.
- * THE FACILITIES NEEDED FOR SECRETARIAL DUTIES.(TYPING, COPING ETC)
- * TO BOOK THE VENUE FOR THE CLUBS MEETINGS(CAN BE DONE FOR THE 12MONTH PERIOD)
- * TO PREPARE THE AGENDA FOR THE CLUBS MEETINGS(CAN BE PREPARED 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE)
- * TO TAKE ACCURATE MINUTES OF ALL CLUB MEETINGS & KEEP THE MINUTES BOOK UP TO DATE.(COPIES OF MINUTES TO GO TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS)
- * TO SET UP MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CAN BE DONE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD)
- * TO TAKE MINUTES AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS(COPIES TO GO TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBE
- * TO HANDLE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE CLUB.
- * TO KEEP AN ACCURATE & UP TO DATE MEMBERSHIP BOOK(COPIES TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBE
- * TO KEEP ALL MEMBERS INFORMED OF IN COMMING & OUTGOING CORRES PONDENCE.
- * TO COMPILE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLUB, AFTER COLLECTING REPORTS FROM ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS A LOT INVOLVED IN THE SECRETARYS JOB. BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE TIME SHOULD YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS THE POSITION FOR YOU, OR BE SURE THAT THE FELLOW MEMBER THAT YOU ARE NOMINATING CAN SPARE THE TIME TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THAT IS NECESSARY..AGAIN THIS CAN BE A VERY REWARDING POSITION & ALL CLUB MEMBERS SHOULD CONSIDER HOLDING THIS POSITION AT SOME TIME WHILST CLUB MEMBE .

TREASURER:

THE TREASURE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL MATTERS OF THE CLUB.

THE TREASURES DUTIES INCLUDE:-

- * COLLECTING ALL THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES.
- * THE SALE OF THE CLUBS, T-SHIRTS, SWEAT SHIRTS, STICKERS, ETC.
- * THE PAYMENT OF ALL CLUB ACCOUNTS.
- * TO KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL THE CLUB FINANCIAL MOVEMENTS.
- * A KNOWLEDGE OF BOOK KEEPING IS ESSENTIAL
- * TO GIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS EACH MONTH AT CLUB MEETINGS
- * TO PERPARE AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT.

THE POSITION OF TREASURER IS A MOST RESPONSIBLE ONE & ALSO ENTAILS A LOT OF TIME & WORK. THE TASK OF TREASURER, IS AN ONEOUS ONE & THOSE SEEKING THE POSITI SHOULD BE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN HANDLE THE POSITION. TAKE ALL THIS INTO ACCOUNT IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND WHEN NOMINATING FOR CLUB POSITIONS.

PUBLICITY OFFICER:

THE PUBLICITY OFFICER OF THE CLUB KEEPS ALL MEMBERS, WELL INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE CLUB & NEWS WORTHY ITEMS OF INTEREST,

THE PUBLICITY OFFICERS DUTIES INCLUDE:

- * THE PRODUCTION OF A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, TO BE SENT TO ALL FINANCIAL MEMBERS, INCLUDE: THE CLUB CALENDER.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

PRESIDENTS REPORT

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT

SOCIAL ORGANIZERS REPORT

DIVE ORGANIZERS REPORT

PLUS ITEMS OF "INTEREST"

- * TO PRODUCE ITEMS FOR MAGAZINES, SHOULD THE CLUB HAVE FUNCTIONS OF INTEREST, TO THE DIVING PUBLIC.

THE PUBLICITY OFFICER SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE TO THEM, FACILITIES, TO AID, IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE ABOVE ITEMS, ALSO A FLAIR FOR THIS STYLE OF PRODUCTION, & OF COURSE LOTS OF TIME & PATIENCE, IN COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE ABOVE.

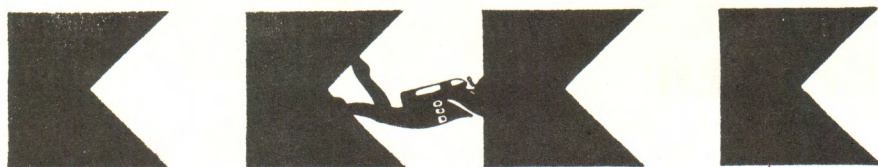
PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS THAT SURROUND THE CLUBS REGULAR PHOTOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES & COMPERTITIONS.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS DUTIES INCLUDE,

- * THE ORGANISATION & RUNNING OF THE CLUBS GEORGE ROBERTS COMPERTITION.
- * ARRANGEMENT FOR ANY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPERTITIONS BETWEEN CLUBS ETC.
- * TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED ON NEW & INTERESTING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDEAS.
- * TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN THE PERSUTE OF THEIR UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY
- * TO ARRANGE PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP ETC IF POSSIBLE.
- * TO INVITE RESPECTED UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS & SHOW SOME OF THEIR WORK, FOR ALL MEMBERS .
- * TO EACH MONTH HAVE A COLUMN IN THE NEWLETTER TO ADVISE ON NEW EQUIPMENT, TECHNIQUES, & RESULTS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPERTITIONS.

THE MOST OBVIOUS THING WITH THE POSITION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER OF COURSE IS SOMEONE WITH AN EXTENSIVE KNOWELEDGE OF UNDERWATER PHOTGRAPHY. AS THE YEARS GO ON THIS SECTION WITHIN THE CLUB GROWS & MORE & MORE MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN INCREASING THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN THIS FIELD & THIS SHOULD ALL BE KEPT IN MIND.



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DIVE ORGANIZER:

THE DIVE ORGANIZER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHOICE OF THE CLUBS DIVING CALENDAR. THE DIVE ORGANIZERS DUTIES INCLUDE:

- * A DIVE CALANDER FOR THE CLUB YEAR (CAN BE PREPARED 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE) TO INCLUDE, SHORE BASED DIVES, BOAT DIVES, WRECK DIVES, WEEK-END TRIPS, NIGHT DIVES, ETC.
- * TO KEEP MEMBERS WELL IN FORMED ABOUT THE DIVES & ABOUT THE SITES.
- * TO APPOINT A DIVE LEADER FOR ALL CLUB DIVES, TO ASSURE ALL SAFETY RULES ARE MET
- * TO ARRANGE ALL ACCOMMODATION NEEDS FOR WEEK-END TRIPS AWAY.
- * TO CO-ORDINATE ALL DIVERS , WITH BOATS AVAILABLE FOR CLUB DIVES.
- * TO ASSIST CLUB MEMBERS WANTING TO DIVE MID-WEEK, WITH OTHER MEMBERS ALSO WITH TIME OFF MID-WEEK WANTING TO GO DIVING.
- * TO CHECK OUT NEW DIVE SITES FOR CLUB DIVES.
- * TO KEEP A DIVE INFORMATION FOLDER, ON DIVES SITES LOCAL, STATEWIDE, OVERSEAS ETC, FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO PERUSE

WHEN CONSIDERING THE POSITION OF DIVE ORGANISER, YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT AT EXTENSIVE LOCAL DIVING KNOWLEDGE, & KNOWLEDGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF DIVING WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE. SOMEONE WITH A GREAT LOVE OF DIVING & THE ABILITY FOR ORGANIZATION, WOULD BE IDEAL. AS THE CLUB MEMBERS LIKE A WIDE VARIETY OF DIVING SUCH AS WRECK DIVING, & UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY, & SHALLOW DIVING, IT WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK TO ORGANIZE A CALANDER TO SUIT ALL DIVERS.

SOCIAL ORGANIZER:

THE SOCIAL ORGANIZER OF THE CLUB ARRANGES ALL THE CLUBS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. THE SOCIAL ORGANIZERS DUTY INCLUDE:

- * ARRANGING A SOCIAL ACTIVITY FOR MEMBERS EACH MONTH (THIS CAN BE DONE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD & SOME CAN CO-ORDINATE WITH THE DIVING FUNCTIONS)
- * ARRANGE THE CLUBS XMAS PARTY.
- * TO ARRANGE ANY CATERING NEEDS FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES.
- * TO ARRANGE THE CLUB RAFFEL AT THE CLUBS MEETINGS, THE SELLING OF THE TICKETS, & THE DRAWING OF THE PRIZE.

THE SOCIAL ORGANIZER, HAS A VERY HARD, BUT CHALLENGING TASK IN FRONT OF THEM, WITH IT BEING HARD TO PLEASE ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME. SHOULD YOU WISH TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE, REMEMBER THAT GOOD PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL & THAT MEMBERS SHOULD BE WELL INFORMED , BY WAY OF THE MEETINGS & SPECIAL ENTRIES IN THE NEWSLETTER, THAT ARE FLASHY & INVITING.