

Meeting of South Pacific Divers

was held on the 20th April

Meeting began at 8.35 P.M. with 45 present.

Apologies from Michael Caplachor & Lloyd Large
Dennis introduced Mr Curthoys the Manager of
Nemrod and also Ray Bastion and Evan Rocchi.
Mr Curthoys said it does the Club credit the
amount of members present and also their reason
for displaying the Nemrod rubber boat and life
vest was that they are interested in safety in
diving. Ray Bastion said that the boat will take
up to 10 H.P. motor. The price for boat only is \$299.
He also mentioned safety features on the boat.
The boat also folds up into suitcase size
and at the moment there will be three months wait
for delivery.

Next was the buoyancy vest that Evan Rocchi
modelled which is excellent for deep diving.
It has its own bottle and is also very strong.
Price is \$64. John Summerson said that it
was a good idea with the yolk attached to the
cylinder for filling purposes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and
received. Moved they be accepted by Lindsay
Ditchburn and seconded by Less Kennessy.

Correspondence.

Minutes of the State Committee of the U.S.F.A.
were received.

Letter received Mr Curthoys of Nemrod
thanking us for the invitation to the Club Meeting.

Letter from Scuba Divers Association informing
us of their Annual Meeting when they elected
their Committee and Executives for the next 12 months.

Letter received from Peter Harper, which Dennis read out to the Club, saying that Sue and Art Mayer had returned to Australia and that just recently three divers had died in America whilst attempting a record dive.

John Luton gave his resignation because of dives over 300 feet by Club members - his resignation was accepted.

Report on Club Dives.

Dennis gave a report on the Peak dive where a depth of 340 feet was reached. Also most of the club reached 240 feet. There were 27 present on the dive and which everyone enjoyed.

Birchgrove Dive, not enough interest shown by South Pacific Divers only four divers present.

General Business

An offer to John Summner to have a stand at the Boat Show was made, who in turn offered the Club a chance to go 50/50. Dennis suggested a shell collection, rocks, relics, diving scooper, salt water tank and also to run film at the stand.

Ron Smith and Dennis Robertson's cousin was stung by a sea wasp for which there is no antidote and has not worked for three months.

The Club now have T-shirts available at \$2.50 each with the club emblem on the back.

Bob Scott is down from Rabaul with his wife. He mentioned disaster in harbour where two divers went to 300 feet and proved to be fatal for one diver.

On 29th April, boats for the Bi-Centenary will be visiting Sydney. Grant Bathurst suggested contacting Dial a sailor to see if there were any persons interested in diving.

Barry Lions said his attitude has changed towards deep diving, because of the excellent safety precautions taken and because it gives him more confidence being with experienced divers on a deep dive, Barry was applauded.

Club Outings

Very few suggestions forwarded apparently not enough interest shown which Dennis is very disappointed in therefore there will be no Club dives this month.

Photo Committee

Photo Competition has been postponed to the 15th February allowing competitors to enter their annual holiday photos. John Gillies and Wade Cabel have been informed of the change.

Meeting closed 10.30 P.M.