

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Held on 15.7.85 at Bankstown Sports Club

=====

Meeting Opened: At 8.10 p.m.
Visitors: Dale Neale, Brett Tattersall.
Apologies: Miriam Roberts, Flavio, Keith Ariola, Ilona Kandilas, Steve, Mark and Jane Livermore.

Minutes of the last Meeting: Published in magazine.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:
Incoming: Aquarius Travel
Newsletter
Thankyou note from Bob Smith
Scubatrek
Outgoing: Letter to A.P.D. Snack Foods

Committee's Reports

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Balance brought forward	\$ 3,072.83
	Incoming	\$ 2,145.08
	Outgoing	\$ 205.00

	Balance cheque account	\$ 5,012.91
	Building Society	\$ 128.19

	Total Balance	\$ 5,141.10
		=====

Moved Accepted: Jimmy Allen Seconded: Richard

Dive Organizers's Report

Dive Report By Peter Stratford. Dive at Kiama on 23.6. 130 ft. Heaps of fish. Very colorful dive. Also reported on dive on Marley Reef. 80 - 90 ft. Wasn't impressed as his flash didn't work.

Then Peter's hard luck really hit. Clutch gave out in truck on the Thursday. Terrible day Friday. Went out from Dolan's Bay Wharf at 8.30 with 9 people. It was blowing badly. Dived at Baron's Hut. 80 - 100 ft. Great dive. After everyone had come up it was discovered that the anchor was wedged. Peter went in to loosen anchor. Wouldn't budge so Peter unhooked the chain, then found himself being towed along the bottom at untold knots. Had to let go while the boat took off without him.

Finding they were without Peter they started to go back for him but motor conked out. So Peter set out to swim about 3/4 km. with camera. Halfway there he had to ditch weightbelt. As he got to about 10 ft. from boat another boat came up and asked him he he needed a hand. Couldn't start motor. Asked other boat if they would tow him. After umming and haaing they towed him back. Very slow trip. While trying to find out what was wrong with motor back at ramp Peter discovered that the hose on petrol tank was at fault when petrol poured out over the road.

When he got back and while unpacking the boat found that top had been left off battery and battery acid was all over the deck. I think there was a couple of other things but that's where I gave up.

Richard reported on dive at Little Gibbon. Top little dive with 100 ft. viz. and a lot of yellow tail.

Martin reported on dive on Tuggarah with a guy from Black Rock Spearfishing Club. Martin found a little something on the wreck. Also had a dive on Birchgrove. Phenomenal viz. Rough water with plenty of kingies for company.

General discussion on the blue water that had been found in and out of the Harbour recently.

Neil Vincent reported on seeing 4 whales. Swam up to 50ft away from them. Couldn't get any closer.

Jane and Mark took a day off to help the whales stranded. Spent a very interesting day in the company of the National Parks and Wildlife. Jane's Headmistriss was very interested in their picture in the paper seeing as Jane had taken a sickie.

Pat reported on dive at J.B. Little reef out from The Docks. Lynn told of a long sponge like white thing in water about 6 ft. long. (Sounds suspicious to me).

Discussion followed re the above as to what it was and its origin.

Social Secretary's Report:

Kelly requested for people to help out on A.V. night. Explained the need to write name and address on ticket for door prize, which is a trip to Lady Elliot Island.

Photographic

Officer's Report: Kim gave his apologies for being late. A.V. night is all organized. Judging went off well and the films for the night were selected. Tickets sales all sold out and would like money in for the tickets as soon as possible.

Members are reminded that nominations for the above positions are still open and will remain so until and at the A.G.M.

The committee expressed the question as to whether the Club would pay for the airfare to the Tugaroa Trip.

Rick Latimer suggested that we try to get a sponsor for it first. Rhonda Gale offered to approach TAA and Ansett on our behalf.

Motion was accepted by Martin Kandilas and seconded by Peter Stratford subject to approaching sponsor first.

Meeting closed at 9.13 p.m.

Peter Stratford showed some slides from the Tuglow Weekend and a Walt Deas movie was shown.