

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS

Held 21.4.86 at Bankstown Sports Club

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Meeting Opened: at 8.10 p.m. by the President.

Visitors: Peter Smith, Peter Collins, Neil Koos and Paul Jordan were welcomed.

Apologies: From Lynn and Neil Vincent, Peter and Leslie Stratford, Miriam Roberts and Peter Jermyn.

New Members: Paul Jordan

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Were read and accepted by Gary Roberts and seconded by Kelly Smith.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Richard Taylor's prize of a trip on the Takaroa has been organised and he and Brenda will now go on the trip arranged by some S.P.D. members 16.9.86 to 26.9.86.

The President, John Blaszczyk put it to the members that it would assist all concerned if problems like that arising with Richard's trip was brought to the attention of the committee as soon as it is known so that action can be taken by the committee as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance B/F in chq. a/c	\$ 992.83
Income	370.30
Expenditure	83.75
Balance as at 21.4.86	\$ 1279.38
Term deposit	\$ 3000.00

Accepted by Jim Smith seconded by Martin Kandilas.

Kym Kohen asked whether this balance was before or after the \$500 towards Brenda's passage on the Takaroa. He was informed that the \$500 has not yet been deducted. The president informed members that the \$500 will be paid straight to Alan Johnson of the Takaroa.

Dive Organiser's Report:

Re; 11.5.86 - Bass Point, B.B.Q. and dive. Gary mentioned that he had said to meet at the "gutter". Cindy, correcting Gary's grammar of course, wrote in the newsletter that all to meet at the "kerb".

Dive weekend being organised at Huskisson. See mag. for more details.

Dive Reports:

Bruce reported on dive on "Valiant" with 20' viz. Plenty of slop out of Pittwater.

Reports on the Jervis Bay Dive weekend were given by Larry King, and Peter Flockhart, helped out by other members.

Larry's Suzuki motor on his boat apparently gave up the boat whilst out on a dive and they had to be towed back by an enormous police boat. Larry says that they were bailing out the boat with their mask and flippers on, whilst Graham Wakling took one look at their situation and broke down.

Peter Flockhart dived Bowen with Martin (ignoring Larry's cries for assistance) so says Larry. Current was running, with a very cold layer on the bottom. Saw weedy sea dragon, cuttle fish and plenty of bottom life. Very pleasant dive. Peter also dived point Perp. with B.J. where nearly all divers were heartily sea sick. Very cold on the bottom here also.

Brenda Parks reported on dive at Seal Rocks with rough seas and dirty water. Saw plenty of grey nurse sharks and will show slides after the meeting.

Kym Kohen reported on trip to the Solomons. Not as good as New Guinea but excellent for Novice divers. 80 to 100' viz with big gorgonias, sharks and turtles. Good for persons who like protective diving.

Bruce Meyer reported on Friday night dive at Camp Cove. Brilliant dive with plenty of Octopi and sea horses. Also saw lion fish, plenty of flatworms and wobbies. All in 15' of water.

Terry Mansfield reported on dive on Dunbar with Robert and B.J. Found plenty of nails. Big surge running.

Larry King also reported on dive at Shell Harbour in 15' ducky with a chrysler motor on a reef 28 to 30 m off gutter "the kerb". Good dive with 30 to 40' viz.

B.J. reported on his dive on the Dunbar - weird undertow - took him all his time to find the crowbars and other gear he had thrown overboard before his dive. He will be going out again at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow and is looking for company. Contact him if you are interested in going for a dive.

Social Organiser's Report

3.5.86 - La Champagne Restaurant at Fairfield. \$5.00 per person deposit required A.S.A.P.

5.7.86 - Bush dance and dinner at Wilton. Club to look into hiring a mini bus or coach for this night.

Coming social activities - car rally, ski weekend in August. Names required now for this ski weekend.

A room has been booked for the club Xmas party on the 5.12.86 at the Bankstown Sports Club.

Photographic Officer's Report

George Roberts Trophy has now been returned.

There was a bit of confusion regarding closing date for the 2nd stage of the George Robert's Trophy - entries due by May meeting. Presentation at June Meeting.

Entry forms for the "Man and the Sea" photographic comp. available from Terry.

Terry asked again if anyone had given any more thought to nominations for Photographic Officer. Not one person was brought forward.

General Business

In Peter Jermyn's absence, Gary told members that Peter has now almost finished setting up his mini-bus for trips to the snowy. Anyone interested should contact Peter.

Arrangements were on the way for our display stand at the Man and the Sea Seminar on 16th/17th/18th May, 1986. Volunteers were called for to man the stand on a rotating shift basis. We will use stand to promote our Australasian Underwater Photographer comp. and to display marine artifacts from club members. Peter Fields has organised security arrangements for the duration of the seminar.

Members were informed that what we thought had been passes to the Zoo, were only tickets for use one time only. Anyone wishing to use tickets to contact committee.

Members were informed re. films obtained in 1984 from Bill Lovin of Marine Graphics U.S.A. by Penny Sullivan which have not been returned. Please see enclosed file note. Committee to report back to members at next club meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Smith that all correspondence go through club P.O. Box No. and not to any private address. Seconded Rick Latimer. Passed.

Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Slides were shown by Martin Kandilas, Brenda Park and Kym Kohen.