

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
HELD AT 16.2.87 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

Meeting opened at 8.10p.m. by the President John Blaszczak.

Visitors: Eve & Liz.

Apologies: Brenda Park, Kelly Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Martin Kandilas raised the question of whether we were sponsoring the snake as well as the spotted eel - the answer was "yes". Minutes accepted by Jim Smith, seconded by Larry King.

Correspondence:

Incoming: Tabata - confirming a prize, Neptune Aquasuits confirming a prize, A.U.F. letter on a "Sea Safety" issue outlining Marine Radio for small craft and flare sightings at sea, Reliance Marine Charter & Oceans '87.

Outgoing: Posters and entries to dive shops and dive clubs. A letter to Fun Dive Centre pointing out to let us know of special functions in advance.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/frd in cheque account:	\$ 237.68
Income:	281.50
	519.18
Expenditure:	80.64
Balance in Cheque Account:	\$ 438.54
Balance in Savings Account:	\$3,000.00
Cash:	\$ 20.00

It was brought to our attention that we had approximately \$359.00 in stock at hand with our t-shirts and sloppy-joes.

Accepted by G. Wakeling and seconded by Martin Kandilas.

Dive Organiser's Report:

Up-coming dives - Bristol Point weekend (21st & 22nd Feb). \$1.50 per night for campsite. There is a b-b-que put on by the club. Five boats will be going.

- Seal Rocks weekend (7th & 8th March). Self contained units for accomodation \$16.50 per person.

Gary Roberts mentioned that there is a diving group going to New Guinea in October/November and if anyone else is interested have a talk to him.

Dive Reports:

Gary reported on the club dive held a couple of weeks ago down at Shellharbour. Got to the "arch". Anchored in flat water and went for a dive. Whilst diving a Southerly hit and when everyone had surfaced Gary's boat was washed onto the rocks. The prop. and motor were in pretty bad shape and after some time and the help of the Miranda Dive Shop Boat, Gary and everyone got safely back to Shellharbour Bay. (There was a lengthy discussion about this incident - more about that later).

Grahame Wakeling had a dive at Barrens Hut with fellow divers.

Bruce Gardiner, B.J., Wendy and others have been diving at Halifax Park. Apparently B.J. had raved about the place but when they got in the water on the low tide they were disappointed with the viz. - they had forgotten that they were dredging around the corner causing dirty water!

Lyn Manly, Pat Manly, Kathy and John McDermott had a dive at the "plane" down at Jervis Bay. Diving was good but Lyn was very disappointed with the fact that people are pulling it apart and leaving the debris lying around. Very Sad.

Peter Flockart has been diving at "Wedding Cake" at Cogee. Flat water but very dirty, good spot for photographing Nudibranks. There are some good caves there that are worthwhile if the viz. is good.

Cindy, Andy and friends have been diving at Avalon - at the "hole in the wall". Very nice dive. Andy surfaced approx. fifty metres away, it was suggested that he needs a "child harness".

Lea Hackett and family had a dive on Lady Elliot Island. Fantastic diving and Lea commented that she never wants to dive Sydney again.

Social Organiser's Report:

Tony Martin mentioned that there were a few places where we could have a "social night". Places mentioned were:

1. Bankstown Theatre Restaurant. \$30.00 per head which includes meal and show.
2. The Comedy Store. \$30.00 per head which includes meal and show.
3. Knight Rider. \$25.00 per head on Fridays and \$28.00 per Head on Saturdays. This includes meal and show.

Everyone seemed interested in the Comedy Store, so Tony will organise a future date and let us know.

The Bristol Point Weekend - the fruit has been organised by Bruce Gardiner, and the meat by Tony Martin. It was suggested that Peter Flockart should pay more for his camp-site as he seems to like a "water frontage".

Publicity Officer's Report:

Cindy is standing down as our publicity officer as she has other commitments. B.J. thanked Cindy on the great job that she has done and that it is greatly appreciated.

A new publicity officer to be elected.

Photographic Officer's Report:

Tonight is the closing of the entries for the George Roberts Perpetual trophy. Winners will be announced in the March Club Meeting.

Neil pointed out that you should start seeing the posters in the dive shops now for our A.V. Competition. Entries have been sent to the people whom entered last year.

General Business:

Lyn Manly pointed out that Ilona Kandilas is now a certified diver.

In reference to the incident that took place at the Shellharbour club dive, club members got into a lengthy discussion about safety in boats and people liable to sue persons in the event of an accident.

Peter Harper pointed out to us that any boat owner who accepts money is liable by the regulations of the Sporting Bodies Association. Bruce Gardiner pointed out a few incidents where people had left divers stranded in the water and this was caused by a lack of awareness towards fellow divers.

Martin Kandilas mentioned that boat owners could take out comprehensive insurance, and should check if this covers "third party". Martin also pointed out that there is a device known as E PIRB available on the market retailing at approx. \$200.00 which acts as a portable beacon that covers a radius of 200 km. and lasts for five days.

B.J. pointed out that firstly it is strongly advisable to have a boatman aboard who knows how to operate the boat, and secondly that a good anchor is very important.

Lyn Manly suggested that there should always be a "Dive Master" on the club dives and that anyone without a sea-card does not dive.

Lyn Vincent is to get a list from the Maritime Services Board stating the safety requirements and get them printed in the club magazine.

Nominations for a new publicity officer:

Bruce Gardiner - accepted.

Bruce Gardiner is the new publicity officer.

We had a Surprise visitor tonight - Mr Dennis Robertson who is the original starter of our Club. Dennis gave a speech on how he remembers meetings starting in his back shed in Kingsgrove and that he is very happy to see our club still around with new members and new ideas. He mentioned that he is recently here in

Sydney to help co-ordinate with the Maritime Services Board a Tall Ships Race which will be happening on the 26th January, 1988. There will be approx. twenty six ships entering and Dennis said it will be a big day.

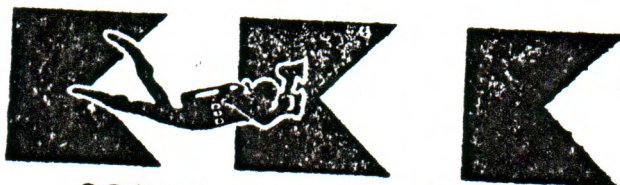
Dennis regretted that he could not go down to Bristol Point due to other commitments.

B.J. thanked Dennis Robertson for attending our meeting and B.J. asked him if he would consider being our guest at our Audio Visual night. This matter will be discussed at a later time.

Dennis also mentioned that Bob Smith and himself have a 16mm footage of the first ten years and this is available if the club requires to see it. B.J. thanked him once again.

B.J. mentioned that if anyone is still not receiving their club magazine to let us know.

Meeting closed at 9.35p.m. No slides were shown.



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Above is an example of our new stamps kindly donated by Mr Ron Mines. Now we will be able to send letters with our new stamp showing on all the envelopes, and most important - our Club Address. Thank You Ron.

Secretary.