

## MINUTES OF MEETING

of SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB held at Bankstown Sports Club, 16.3.87

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

**Visitors:** E. Bonanno, Sue Armstrong and Gary Collins were welcomed.

**Apologies:** Cindy Belveal, Pat and Lyn Manly, Alona Kandilas, and Lyn and Neil Vincent.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were read and accepted by Jim Smith and seconded by Gary Roberts.

**Correspondence:** Incoming

Allways Travel - confirming 3rd prize for comp.  
Yaffa Publications, L.T. & R.D. Guthrie and  
Ketch International, all confirming prizes.  
Applications for entries for competition, and  
circular re. Fun Dive Treasure Hunt.

Outgoing

Entries for competition.  
Letters to judges.  
Letter to Deep 6, Wilderness Sea and Ski, and  
In Depth.

### Committee Reports

**Treasurer:**

Balance B/F	\$ 438.54
Incoming	\$ 379.50
Expenditure	\$ 385.44
Balance	\$ 432.60
+	\$3000.00
+	\$ 20.00 cash in hand

Ross reminded members that there are still club T Shirts and sloppy joes available.

Accepted Gary Roberts, seconded Martin Kandilas.

### Dive Organiser:

Sunday, 5th April - Valiant. Pittwater.  
Sunday, 26th April - Swansea.  
23rd/24th May - Port Stevens. At the moment we are looking at booking caravans.

### Dive Reports

Bristol Point - Rained and rained and rained. Larry went home and it fined up. According to Gary, the trip home was a lot of fun. As he had borrowed a boat he had to tow it. He decided to leave Bristol Point early around 2.30 p.m. as he had a few things to do when he got home. On the way something went wrong with one of the wheels (bearing I think) and there was no spare wheel. The adventure began there and did not finish till they finally arrived home around midnight. Ask Gary all about it.

Seal Rocks - Well at least it didn't rain. Viz was R.S. but the weather and the accommodation was good. As there was no 4wd it was very difficult getting boats in and out over the sand.

Larry King reported on a dive on the Tuggerah. There was no wind and no sea and he wasn't narked. Viz was crook until you reached the bottom when it gave way to about 40 plus. Larry also reported that there was this person on the wreck standing there just tapping his gauge while a wobby kept bumping into him. Martin said that he had borrowed a contents gauge which screwed up. (Their words not mine).

Bruce reported on a dive with various other divers at Tumbledown after partying all night. Bruce says he went to bed at 9.30 p.m. Apparently all the other divers who attended the party didn't. One threw up on the anchor chain, one on the mermaid line, and one handed over his buddy to Bruce as his stomach was rolling.

A few members also reported a peculiar bush fire with funny white smoke at Bristol Point. Eye witness reports say it was started by a substance wrapped in newspaper. Investigations are still being carried out by interested parties.

### Social Organiser:

"Comedy Store", 28th March, 1987. Anyone wishing to go please see Tony tonight.

Theatre party to see "Platoon" a real blood and guts picture, with dinner after the show. Someone suggested a Vietnamese restaurant. Date to be arranged if enough people are interested.

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**Publicity Officer:**

Apologies were given to those who had not received a copy of Wet Rag as not all names and addresses are in book. Please ensure that you are financial. Membership forms on back of Wetrage and a questionnaire. Bruce thanked Wendy for doing the cover on very short notice.

**Photographic Officer:**

Neil is away so B.J. gave the report.

Results of George Roberts Memorial Comp. Neil was very impressed with the quality of slides received. He decided that as there were only a few entries to make only one award. Entries will be shown at the end of the meeting. Results and judges comments have been put in this month's mag.

**General Business:**

Miriam had again taken home some things not belonging to her from the Bristol Point weekend. Plate and mask. Anyone missing these items please see Miriam.

Sue Armstrong had been invited along to the meeting to shed some light on the question of diver related accidents from boats and whether or not the club can be held liable.

Sue stated that as we are a un-incorporated club, the club as a whole could not be held liable for any boating accidents occurring whilst on a club outing, but the boat owner or any individuals found to have caused the accident through negligence on their part could be held liable. It is always a good idea to make sure that the person diving is a certified diver.

The injured party would have to prove that there was a breach of duty, that no reasonable person would have done it and that it was out of line with normal diving practise.

You can only sue the person who was actually negligent. The action in this case would be against boat captain.

There was a suggestion that members should sign a declaration that they are responsible for themselves as certified divers. Another suggestion was to put C Card No. of member on membership form and incorporate this signed declaration. Sue offered to draft something up for us along these lines.

Boat owners should carry comprehensive insurance (3rd party).

The question was raised: "Are boat owners liable if they accept money for dives?"

Sue answered: "Accepting money to cover costs is not a problem."

B.J. thanked Sue Armstrong for attending and giving us her time and advice.

As the next club meeting would fall on Easter Monday, a suggestion to change to the following Monday 27th April, was made by the president. Passed by majority B.J. requested permission from club members to spend money to entertain the judges on the judging day as is the normal procedure. Passed by the majority.

A donation of \$50.00 to the Hunter Valley Bottom Time dive club was suggested as we could not attend its fund raising activity. Passed by majority.

The meeting was closed and the George Roberts Comp. entries were shown.

Larry King was awarded 1st. prize and the trophy.

Terry Mansfield showed some slides taken after Cyclone Uma, during his last visit to Vanuatu in February.

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FOR SALE: Hooka : B.J. is still trying to flog that old hooker of his

Club t-shirts & Sloppy Joes: see Ross at the next meeting

BOAT DIVES: Contact Glen Percy at AQUA SPORTS,

Club Dives; PORT STEPHENS Weekend 23 - 24th May, Money and names needed by 27th April

B.J. is always looking for someone to dive with, ph 7095535

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS:

MOVIE NIGHT AND/OR SUPPER Sat 2nd May "platoon", supper at the "SPAGETTI CELLAR", see Tony at the next meeting for your tickets.

CAR RALLEY: another car ralley is planned for ??/87, date to be advised.

HEARD TO HAVE HAPPENED

WHICH CLUB MEMBER , on a recent trip to Macdonalds, got confused with the hand basin, and one of those new urinals ?

WHICH CLUB MEMBER, on the Valiant dive locked his keys, not once but TWICE IN HIS CAR ?

Did you know that Gary Roberts was born during a torrential downpour, this may explain his organised rainy weekends.

Confirmed Rumour: That the recipe for Lyn Pudding has been Stretched.

NEXT CLUB MEETING : MONDAY 27th APRIL If you are not there we may nominate, or talk about you.