

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB
ON 27TH APRIL, 1987

Meeting opened at 8.18 p.m. by the President, John Blaszczyk.

Visitors: R Marshall, M Marshall, T Pearce, Lyn Abbott.

New Members: Peter Crutch.

Apologies: Peter Stratford, Martin Kandilas, Jim Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. B.J. pointed out that in reference to Sue Armstrong speaking at the last club meeting some things to remember are:

1. Acceptance of money by divers towards the boat is fine.
2. Insurance is a necessity by boat owners for travel to and from dive sites.
3. The Letter that Sue has drafted was to be printed in the next mag.

Minutes were accepted by Larry King. Seconded by Gary Roberts.

Correspondence;

Incoming: Two news mags from Ryde Underwater Club. Estreich Jewellers. A.U.F. Two letters from Camera Craft requesting entries for the Club A.V. Letters from numerous people requesting entry forms for the competition.

Outgoing: Dema - film mailed back. Letters to all the entrants so far stating that we have received their slides. Letters to judges and participants confirming the judging particulars for the A.V.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/frd in cheque account:	\$432.60
Income:	118.00
Expenditure:	32.32
Balance in cheque account:	\$518.28
Balance in cheque account:	\$3,000.00
Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 20.00

Accepted by Rick Latimer and seconded by Miriam Roberts.

Dive Organiser's Report:

Upcoming Dives - Shoal Bay, Halifax Point - 23rd and 24th May. \$75.00 per van. This is for four adults, \$3.50 per extra for adults. Linen and pillows are needed. Two hundred yards from the dive Site. Gary wants numbers.

Past Dives: - Gary went diving on the Valiant. Ten people showed up.

After they eventually found the wreck they did their dive. 30 feet viz, and a bit cramped.

Dive Reports:

Ron and Jenny Mines went diving at Lord Howe Island and one of the most spectacular sights were two dolphins mating. They had great diving and Pat Manly made a comment that Geoff Deacon is an exceptional Dive Master.

Lyn Manly did some diving on the weekend down at J.B. Water was very cold (compared to the tropics), but Lyn feels that she had acclimatised for her dive at Stoney Creek which was an unsuccessful dive due to the current. They also dived the "plane" and were happy to report that it is still reasonably intact. Lyn dived at Point Perp and was teased by a Grey nurse, making it impossible to stay still long enough for pictures. Pat tells us that he got some photos of the Val Taylor jelly fish look-a-like in the Bay.

Larry King and Graham Wakeling have been diving at Port Stevens, water very dirty from the construction going on around the area.

Rick James sited a bleekers devil fish - no more said.

Bruce Gardiner and friends have been diving at Wedding Cake Island. Good dive, 30-60 feet drop off with lots of cuttlefish and Port Jacksons. Had a long sit in the boat as the weather was pretty spectacular - saw lots of sea slugs and white pointers?

Bruce also dived at Coffs Harbour with Gary, Miriam and B.J. Had lousy weather and choppy seas. They had a night dive in the pier - which was lousy. Bruce also had an incident with the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and got off with "heavy words" from the inspector and advised to not go out again.

Pat and Lyn Manly have been diving in New Guinea and did some spectacular diving in unchartered waters. Pat was doing an assignment for someone and he reports that he had some spectacular dives on a B17 Bomber in 150 feet of water. Also dived a mini sub near New Hannah.

Bruce told us that "Gumboots" has been diving on the Russian crew ship in New Zealand. It's open for diving - take anything down except a crow-bar.

Publicity Officer's Report:

Bruce raised the question re the minutes "Do we need them printed in the Mag?" It was decided that we keep them in the mag. as they are records.

If any members have articles to contribute get them to Bruce Gardiner please.

Social Organiser's Report:

The car Rally is on Sunday 7th June. See club mag for more details. Tony needs names for those interested in going to the Spaghetti Cellar and then to Platoon - cost is \$33.00 per head.

Photographic Officer's Report:

A.V. competition closes on midnight Friday, 1st May. No late entries will be accepted. Requests for tickets will be available at next meeting. The tickets are being printed at the moment by Fab. Distribution will be given out to entrants first and then the rest to the Club Members.

General Business:

The secretary read the statement from Sue Armstrong and B.J. suggested that it would be a good idea to incorporate this statement with our membership forms.

A motion was moved by Graham Wakeling. Seconded by Adam Hartok.

This was accepted: To incorporate the statement with our membership form.

B.J. informed us that re the Hunter Valley Bottom Time Dive Club charity he was having trouble locating Jeff Sumner. Rick suggested contacting the Dive Shop at Maitland for more information.

Terry Mansfield suggested that the club might like to donate monies to reputable places such as "House with No Steps", the "Heart Foundation", etc.. It was decided that the appropriate time to discuss this was at the General Meeting.

Adam Hartok has done some research for a "Bi-centennial Project" and he asked club members what they thought about putting down an artificail reef made from tyres.

Terry thought it was a good idea and after we have more information we will look into it.

B.J. raised the question that it would be a good idea for a "Bi-centennial Project" to approach someone to subsidise an A.V. Night. It was decided that it was a bit late to do this now.

Next Club Meeting is Monday, 18th May, and dates are back to normal now.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. and slides were shown by Pat Manly from his trip to New Guinea.

Proposed inclusion for club membership form.

DIVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I.....hereby apply to join South Pacific Divers Club. I understand the club is a non profit club not affiliated with any training organisation and is for certified divers. South Pacific Divers Club does not offer instruction, advice, or supervise its members' dives. It is a condition of club membership that members exercise their own skill and judgement, in accordance with their own skill and judgement, in accordance with their training, in deciding whether, and/or, how to participate in any particular dive, the technique used, or choice of equipment and that any clarification in regard to these matters should be referred to a qualified instructor or my certifying agency. I have read the above conditions and accept same as a condition of my membership.

FOR SALE:

Hooka : complete with 4 x 250ft. hoses and fittings \$1000.00

Camera: Miranda in Sea-Tite housing, plus assorted lenses \$500.00

OUTBOARDS : 3.5HP Mariner & 5HP long Shaft Mariner

10ft Aluminium Dinghy ; needs coat of paint.

HOUSE : complete with I/G pool & spa, party references & instant party guests if required.

For all or any of the above contact Bob hackett Ph. 53 5557