

MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB HELD
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB ON 17.8.87.

Meeting opened at 8.10 by the President, John Blaszcak.

Apologies: Lyn and Pat Manly, Neil Koos, Keith and Lyn Ariolas, Peter Strathford, Peter Crutch, Ilona Kandilas, Larry King, Fab.

Visitors: Andrew?

Correspondence:

Incoming: Educational Media + Australia, Oceans 87, Mark Goyen, Scuba Divers Federation of New South Wales, Norfolk Diving, Pacific Paradise, Staging Connections, Dive Quest.

Outgoing: Letter to Mark Goyen, Letters to Sponsors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.
Accepted by Rick Latimer seconded by Tony Martin.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Martin Kandilas informed us that Peter Strathford is declining as Dive Organiser due to his shifts at work over the next twelve months.

It was suggested that Yaffa Publishing publish the "Thank you" note from Andy Belcher in their magazine.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance brought forward in cheque account	\$ 3078.22
Income	1684.00
Expenditure	1019.24
Balance in Cheque account	3742.98

Balance in Savings account:	3415.96
Plus Cash in Hand	20.00

Accepted by Jim Smith. Seconded by Martin Kandilas.

Balance will be presented at the next meeting.

Dive Organiser's Report:

Gary pointed out about the "bottle collecting" weekend at Port Hacking run by Steve Cross. Monies have to be in. Have room for four more people. Saturday morning lectures at Miriams and Gary's place, then off for a dive. Sunday - collect more bottles then back to Miriams and Gary's place for a B.B.Q. and a bottle clean-up.

Dive Reports:

Penny and Doug Smith, Wendy and Jim have been diving on a barge on the outer reefs at Gladstone. Good diving - organised through the man at "Aqua Photo". Total cost on barge + \$395.00. Viz was 40-50 feet. Lots of coral diving. Dived Lewelyn Reef just down from Fitzroy - Llewelyn has just been opened to the Sports Diver after seven years. Heaps of good fish life. Dived Heron Bommie and there was a "garden gnome".

Andy and Bruce have been diving off South Head - 20 meters. 30-40 feet viz. Water temp. good, saw lots of rays, moray, groper and a nice sponge garden. Found a weedy sea dragon.

Bruce had an eventful dive at Broughton Island off Hawks Nest. Pretty basic dive with heaps of surge and current. Had a 1.1/2 hour paddle and got towed into waves - not impressed.

Kathy McDermott had a good dive at the Birchgrove with John and Rick. Kathy got a souvenir - a ring off the porthole. Also has done some diving down at J.B. with six other people - very dir with awful weather.

Rick Latimer had a dive with "Brisbane Underwater Club" on the "Kiama".

B.J. has been up at Shoal Bay - saw Quote "Enormous huge, bloody big Sea Hare". Lots of other good life.

Graham Wakeling has been diving in Sydney - Marley Reef with cold water but clear water.

Publicity Officers Report:

Bruce apologised about the lateness of the magazine.

Photographic Officers Reportu:

1. \$3984.00 - Staging Connections bills - Total.
All of the bills are now in and can be finalised.
There were six hundred paying seats.

Scuba Diver confirmed that they could give all the publicity we want, and in addition, will donate a prize of their own for the "highest scoring slide".

Andy moved a motion that we accept this "as in the format". Seconded by Rick Latimer. Accepted.

2. Staging Connections - are club members willing to supply their own slides? If all goes ahead we would like credit off our bills. Discuss at next meeting.
Neil to write a letter in the next mag.

3. George Roberts Memorial Trophy:

Neil has been talking to Lyn Manly and she is interested in obtaining a trip diving in N.S.W. as the major prize Neil is trying to use a handicapped system. Information and rules to be published in the magazine.

General Business:

Bob Smith is back in hospital. Rick is going to arrange an "Australian Native" arrangement.

Terry Mansfield has a duping kit for Nikon - for sale.

If members are interested in "Vanuatu" see Audrey Mansfield.

Lets have a bit of interaction with Brisbane Underwater Club.

Rick Latimer has offered his house for this years Christmas Party.

Martin Kandilas suggested a night dive on New Years Eve. Not too much interest.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1987 - 1988 COMMITTEE.

Returning Officer,	Martin Kandilas.
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	JIM SMITH. Ph:570-4283
<u>SECRETARY</u>	GRAHAM WAKELING. Ph:603-4224
<u>TREASURER</u>	KATHY MCDERMOTT. Ph:726-0982
<u>DIVE ORGANISER</u>	SOMEONE APPOINTED FOR EACH MONTH.
<u>PUBLICITY OFFICER</u>	NEIL KOOS. Ph:705-5981
<u>PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER</u>	NEIL VINCENT. Ph:624-1287

SUPPLYING OF MATERIAL TO STAGING CONNECTIONS

Staging connections offer is:-

-S.P.D supply original slides to be programmed into an A.V by Staging Connections with music by Staging Connections.

-The A.V is envisioned to be a three screen, 9 projector using a 2 on 1 lap panorama type of format (ie. similar to Bob Smith's original presentation)

-There would be no cost direct to S.P.D except the loan of the original slides.

-S.P.D would use this presentation at the 1988 awards.

-The type of presentation is such that we do not have the facilities to arrange such a show without spending many hours (at \$100 per hour) in the studios of Staging Connections or a similar organisation.

-The saving to the club cannot be estimated, however an A.V. we can do ourselves would cost approximately \$700 so that amount is a starting point.

-Channel Nine will, if they think it is suitable, use the program on their Wide World of Sports show. The T.V. station is in fact paying all costs.

-At a later date, if and when the situation arises Staging Connections may hire out the program. If this occurs S.P.D. will be paid a fee.

-Rather than accept cash it is suggested that credit should be transferred to our account.

WHAT WILL BE THE COST TO S.P.D

-If individual members supply slides on behalf of the club the only cost that could be envisaged would be in the case of lost or misplaced slides. As the company specialises in handling slides this would seem to be a very improbable occurrence but certainly should not be ignored.

-Additional projectors on the night may be a possibility to cover the special lapping system.

GAINS TO BE MADE BY STAGING CONNECTIONS

-The company paying will be Channel Nine. The idea is an experiment to use A.V's on T.V, thought up by Greg White who works for Staging Connections but is sub contracted to Channel Nine. If we proceed they will have to access to slides at low cost. If we do not they will use another event for which they will use in house photographers so the cost to them will still be negligible.

Therefore would the members think of any questions they wish to raise concerning the above matter and discuss them at the September meeting. A decision of yes or no should be made on this matter at the meeting as this issue is dragging on and wasting time at our meetings and elsewhere.

The Photographic Officer.

*****DIVING AND SOCIAL NEWS*****

1. Bristol Point Weekend -9th and 10th October

Cost will be \$7.00 per person for the weekend.
Contact Penny or Miriam for further details. Members and friends welcome. Phone either 759-4176 or 771-3459 with enquiries.

2. Club B.B.Q. 26th September 3.00pm or thereabouts

Cost will be \$5.00 and the address is Lot 3, Greenacre Rd, Sth Hurstville telephone :546-2022 if you require any further details. Again all club members and friends invited.

3. Night dive at Shiprock date will be advised at club meeting

Contact Neil Koos 705 5981 if your interested.

4. Underwater photography course: commences Tuesday 6th October 1987

Will be held at Aquasports Yagoona. For further information contact Pat Manly on 728-6808.

*****FOR SALE*****

7mm wetsuit with hood and kneepads -Tusa fins, tank, B.C reg and guages. Also knife and weightbelt. Used once \$900.00 ono
Contact Gerry Martin 601-3661