

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS MEETING 19/10/87

Opened: By President Jim Smith 8.20pm Bankstown Sports Club

Apologies: Larry King, Ilona Kandilas, Peter Stratford, Graeme Wakeling and Lyn Vincent.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with no business arising. Accepted R.Latimer, seconded Miriam.

Correspondence: Nil due to inability to gain access to P.O box.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheque account balance brought forward: \$ 30.71

Income: \$ 898.97

Expenditure: \$ 552.82

Cheque account balance: \$ 376.86

Balance in Investment Account: \$3000.00

Petty Cash: \$ 20.00

Accepted: Bruce, Seconded: Doug Smith

+++++DIVE REPORTS+++++

1. Andy dived south of Port Hacking. They actually dived where motor stopped. [Is this how you discover new divespots?]

2. Bruce attempted to dive the plane at J.B. Had all the marks but still could not find it. Probably something to do with all the roof painting on the shore.

3. Neil Vincent tried to dive the same plane the next day. Still no luck.

4. Bruce dived the scallop beds, then had a long swim chasing the boat across the bay.

5. Jim Smith dived 'the Arch' Good visibility on bottom but murky on surface. Compliments to Captain Mcdermott for finding 'the Arch' on the first try, but even he could not find the plane in the afternoon. (Some people beginning to doubt its existence)

6. Martin Kandilas has dived on Osborne Shoals. He was not impressed.

7. Rick Latimer and friends dived 'the Bombo' He commented wreck is breaking up badly. They had a very close look at the 'Iron Pacific' as she steamed past. A very big ship!

8. Brian Colwell had a night dive at Shiprock. Good dive but still a lot of people making too much noise. No thought for residents.

9. Ron and Jennie Mines were at Narooma for one week. Only managed one dive due to weather conditions. Do you always take the bad weather away with you on holidays? Shades of Lord Howe Island.

There were 7 entrants in first category of George Roberts Trophy. Slides will be shown later in evening. Standard of slides was very high. Winners to be announced tonight. Neil also commented that Andy Belcher had done very well in the Oceans contest in Melbourne. He won category C and had 5 honourable mentions. Graeme Wakeling received 2 hon. ment. in category D and Kim Kohen 1 hon. ment. in category D. Andy also one second prize in a PADI contest that has just been judged. It seems N.Z divers do very well in photography contests. Maybe it is because sheep are good models.

*****SOCIAL ACTIVITIES*****

3. Shellharbour dive was cancelled due to weather.

1. Martin K. bought an EPIRB along to show club members. He explained its use and specifications and more importantly to some, what EPIRB stands for.

3. Slides of the George Roberts entrants were shown. The winner was: Noel Taylor, second : John Mcdermott and third was B.J. Congratulations to you all.

4. Neil Vincent showed slides of Montague Island. Some very good seal shots.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Tickets are now on sale for the Xmas party. Phone Pennie or Miriam and advise them of the number of tickets you require. It is \$15.00 per head. They must be paid for as soon as possible as we need to advise caterers on numbers. Next club meeting will be the last possible date for payment, so lets get this organised. Tickets are selling fast so do not miss out. Pennie can be contacted on 759-4176 or Miriam on 771-3459.