

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC
DIVERS HELD 16.11.87. AT BANKSTOWN
SPORTS CLUB.

Meeting opened at 8.10 p.m. by the President, Jim Smith.

Two visitors were welcomed, Michael Cuffer and Wendy Stariha, both of whom became club members. Also it should be noted that Tony Martin is alive and well - and was even in attendance at the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The previous month's minutes were read and accepted. (Accepted Larry King, seconded Martin Kandelas).

CORRESPONDENCE.

Incoming correspondence was received from the following:

- . Maritime Services Board:
 - i. Waterways Program.
 - ii. Sea Safety Posters.
 - iii. Details of Sea Safety Week.
- . Taronga Park. Details of Australia Day activities for sponsors.
- . Details of monogrammed clothing.
- . Lyn Manly. AquaSea endorsement of 1988 competition.
- . Yaffa Publications. Magazine to Neil Vincent.

No outgoing correspondence necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report noted a balance in our current account of \$376.86. The report was accepted by Martin Kandelas, and seconded by Doug. Smith.

SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT.

Penny had organised the following pre-Christmas dives:

- . Thursday, 19th November. Night dive at Shiprock.
- . Thursday, 3rd December. Night dive at Camp Cove.
- . Saturday, 12th December. Boat dives at Port Hacking.

The Christmas party is to be held at Rick Latimer's new house at Bass Hill, on the 21st November.

Lastly, a weekend at Bristol Point, Jervis Bay, has been arranged, for the 12th, 13th and 14th February, 1988. Please let Penny know if you wish to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT.

Neil, in his report as Photographic Officer, requested that the slides promised for the Stage Connections audio-visual, be given to him for duplicating as soon as possible. The slide entries in the October round of the George Roberts Trophy were to be shown at the end of the Club meeting. (This was again won by Noel Taylor).

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Publicity Officer, Neil Koos, requested that members contribute articles for use in the Wet Rag. Also, the December and January issues would be combined, with this magazine being posted in January.

DIVE REPORT AND GENERAL BUSINESS.

Numerous dives had taken place during the month, including:-

- . Larry King and Graham Wakeling spent a week at Fitzroy Island. This was the trip Larry won for Novice Photographer of the Year. The diving was disappointing, mainly due to the windy weather on the Island and the lack of fast transport to the outer reef. However, Peter Bounty and the others at Fitzroy Island Dive Shop went out of their way to ensure both had a good time and the best possible diving under the conditions.
- . Brian and Vicki Colwell dived on Mike Ball's new boat, "Supersport" (Brian's prize for second place in the Novice Section). Reported some very good diving with over 80 ft. visibility but a few disappointing dives occurred in areas denuded of good coral growth by the Crown of Thorns.
- . Jim Smith went with Port Hacking Divers to Montague Island. With 23 divers, each dive was a "shit fight" (the President's own description). Conditions were made worse by the strong N.E. wind and silty water. Also, a few paper nautilus' were seen.
- . Martin Kandelas dived the Tuggerah. An exceptionally strong current was encountered and with difficulty Martin finally reached the wreck. On the wreck he found some gauges connected to a 4 ft. pipe, but this was "torn" from his grasp as he surfaced. Must have been a bloody strong current for Martin to lose part of a wreck - especially the Tuggerah!

Lyn and Pat have experienced some good diving at Jervis Bay. One one dive they saw a sunfish and were able to get very close. (However, Pat was set up for macro!) Lyn did not quote Pat's comments on his choice of photographic equipment.

Entries in the second round of the George Roberts Memorial Trophy were shown and slides by Graham Wakeling of his recent trip to Fitzroy Island.

THE GEORGE ROBERTS MEMORIAL TROPHY.

In the final round, the winners were:

- i. Graham Wakeling.
- ii. Ron Mines.
- iii. Larry King.

Once the points for the previous months were added, the final points score for the top three entrants were[

20 Noel Taylor.
16 Ron Mines
15 Graham Wakeling

The judges, Lyn and Pat Manly, commented that the technical aspects of most entrants were good, with the most obvious area of improvement being COMPOSITION. Overall, they regarded the entrants as having a very high standard.

The slides submitted in the final round will be shown at the January meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.45 p.m.

A TRIBUTE TO DARREN PRACY.

by Graham Wakeling.

Recently, while sorting through my school files, I discovered three cartoons. These cartoons were created by Darren Pracy, one of my former students.

Darren had viewed many of my underwater slide shows and, before he left Hurlstone Agricultural High School, he presented me with these cartoons portraying the humorous side of my favourite past-time, underwater photography.

Unfortunately, Darren passed away at twenty-two years of age. However, at this early age he had achieved international recognition of his talent and was a prominent cartoonist for a leading Sydney newspaper, "The Sun".

The cartoons are a tribute to a most creative cartoonist and I hope everyone can laugh at the "lighter" side of underwater photography.