# MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 1989 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB MEETING OPENED 8.15 P.M. BY MARTIN KANDILAS.

Apologies: Lyn & Pat Manly, Noel Taylor, Jim Smith, Ilona Kandilas.

Minutes of previous meeting read. Accepted by Lloyd Tape. Seconded Doug Smith.

Visitor: Leland McCurley - now a member.

<u>Correspondence:</u> Sea Sports Jervis Bay, Federal Sea Safety Centre, Brisbane Water Aqualung Club, Ryde Underwater Club, Illawarra Sports Diving.

Treasurers Report: Balance in cheque account at 1/9/89 - \$904.91
Petty Cash 20.00
Investment Account 7401.37

Credit Balance \$8326.28

Accepted - Penny Smith Seconded - Kathy McDermott

#### DIVE REPORTS

Bob & Vinnie Nickling & Doug Smith dived Marley reef. 30-40' vis. Saw Port Jacksons, dark blue shrimp??? Doug found his camera was set on manual when he thought it was on auto so all his prized pics of weedies, jackos etc., did'nt turn out. Vinnie had a horrible dive. Actually touched a Port Jackson SHARK.

Neil Vincent and Kim Kohen have been diving at Micronesia. Dived Truk Lagoon. Many wartime wrecks some in 3' water. Most wrecks are still intact with portholes, medicine bottles, telegraphs - basically as they were when they sunk. Not much else to do at Truk if your not a diver, just a small shanty town. Best place dived was Palau with reef diving, some wrecks. Most dive sites 30 km away. Found Blue Corner and Blue Hole best spots. 150' vis. Neil feels the best place in Saipan and Guam was the transit lounge.

Tony Karasonyi dived the Skillion at Terrigal. Rock hopped the Haven. Found kelp areas, mowies, slipper lobster red anemones. 50' vis. Very enjoyable.

Lyn Keller dived J.B. Clear, cold and windy later on. Had 2 dives at Ulladulla later in week. Nice and clear. Impressed with dive shop.

Ron & Jenny Mines spent 5 days diving Byron Bay. Stayed in the bunkhouse attached to the dive shop. Unfortunately the southerly winds blew for four days and stirred up the water, with vis going from 40' to 10' on the last day. There were many wobbegongs lying on the sand and as Julian Rocks is a sanctuary, there was a large number of fish. The Cod Hole was full of fish, mostly nannygies and red mowies. Very friendly morays.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT

A booking has been confirmed for the 23/6/90 for the A.V. night at Revesby Workers Club.

There is to be a revamping of the rules with four new rules to be added to the existing ones.

These rules are printed further on in the newsletter.

The rules were put to the meeting and asked they be voted on.

Motion was carried unanimously. Seconded by Rick Latimer.

#### SOCIAL ORGANISERS REPORT

Christmas Party for next year. Suggestions were asked for from club members.

- 1. It was suggested we go to the vineyards in the Hunter or Barossa??
- 2. Charter boat around Harbour.

More suggestions required.

## DIVE NEWS

Penny Smith suggested we can't limit the weekend at Greenpatch to 20 people. Currarong caravan park was suggested for the plaque laying weekend. Everyone seemed to be in favour of this move for early next year.

Dive booked for the 8th October - Undola wreck. \$18.00 each club members.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Martin Kandilas asked everyone to read Rick Latimers letter in the last newsletter.

A decision is to be made in the next 12 months with which way we are to go with the A.V.

Martin spoke to Owen Coney, Sea New Guinea, about his letter. Owen was considering opting out as sponsor. But after talking to Martin, Owen has now suggested that he could do some promotion for us. He would like to suggest some marketing ways to promote the club. South Pacific Divers will still retain identity at least this year. What was originally thought to be a negative response from Owen has now turned to our advantage.

Club members are asked to look at what we want in the future.

MEETING FINISHED AT 9.10 P.M.

Neil Vincent showed some very good slides of Micronesia.