

MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS MEETING
HELD ON 21/5/90 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB
MEETING OPENED 8.15 P.M. BY MARTIN KANDILAS.

APOLOGIES: Wayne King, Pat & Lyn Manly, Bob Nickling, Penny Smith.

VISITORS: John Sumner, Janine Cousens, Mark Wheatley, Bob Hackett.

Minutes of last meeting read. Accepted by Peter Stratford.
Seconded Dave House.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ryde Underwater Club, Fun Dive Club, Brisbane Water Aqualung Club.

<u>TREASURERS REPORT:</u>	Balance as at	\$3392.26
	Receipts	3265.30
	Less payments	922.30
	Total	\$ 5735.36
	Petty Cash	20.00
	Investment A/C	7729.96
	Current Balance	\$13,485.22

Accepted Brian Colwell. Seconded Rick James.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT

The winner of the George Roberts Trophy for Opens section was Neil Vincent and Peter Booth won the Novice. Congratulations to both Neil and Peter. Peter should contact Ron Mines for details of his prize.

Full details of places are further on in the newsletter.

DIVE REPORTS

Rick James dived the Valiant. Could see the surface from 80'. Pleasant dive.

Rob Robinson dived Montague Island with dozens of seals. Water was cold but with good visibility.

Gerald Browne dived Foster and you guessed it, he says it was the pits. South West Rocks saw five grey nurse sharks but the vis was lousy.

Lyn Keller dived Kurnell and said it was dirty and cold.

Martin Kandilas dived the Shark Cave at Seal Rocks and reports seeing 16 Grey Nurse sharks in the cave. Also dived the Catherthun with 80' vis and 70' vis on the Sartara. Catherthun is very deep with the back lying in the sand at 220'. Martin's not crazy is he!

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was much discussion regarding the future of the A.V. Suggestion was made anyone who wants to be Photographic Officer next year to come along the next 4 weeks to learn the ropes from Martin and Graham.

Yaffa need all the format for advertising by August so we need a decision before then as to -

1. Are we to keep going in the present format and if so who will be the next photographic officer. We also must realise that with time the job can only get bigger.
2. To go back to as it was originally 10 years ago where we ran a photographic competition which was more a social event then the competitive aspect it has developed into now. This means our prizes will be very small as our sponsors will not be interested in so small an audience for their products exposure.
3. To let DITAA take over the night. This would take most of the pressure off us and we could develop the night into a more professional format. But as with all things untried, we do not know what the negative aspects of this will be i.e. will it cost us more money, will DITAA mismanage it and cause our name to be lowered to amateur status, will the night degenerate into a promotional free-for-all for DITAA and so on.

If we do give it a go with DITAA and it fails we should make it clear from the outset that we have the right to pull out at any time and go it alone as we do now.

At present the overall feeling is that most members would still like to keep the A.V. going in the present format but we have to face the reality of the situation and that is the job that is of most importance to run the A.V. will be unfilled once this years A.V. is finished and there is no one person capable of doing it next year.

The next two club meetings will be crucial to the decision of the A.V. If we cannot resolve this then we may be faced with not running the A.V. next year.

Rick Latimer suggests we sell our A.V. to DITAA after the night. Martin Kandilas says it can be shown once or twice but if shown on a regular basis we can be infringing copyright.

Rick also suggests we include a video segment into the A.V.

Neil Koos has put forward the idea of do we really need Yaffa? 63 entries for the comp was not a significant number of entries. Could this be improved upon i.e. by other means of advertising. Yaffa publish the results of the A.v. which does increase their sales but also gives us exposure and at no cost to us.

IF we cannot get someone to replace the Photographic Officer this

Meeting Closed 9:30 pm