

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 18th November 1991
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

MEETING OPENED 8.20 pm by Peter Jermyn.

Peter thanked Martin for standing in as acting president while he was away overseas.

APOLOGIES: Martin and Ilona Kandilas, Wayne and Eyvone King, Michael McFadden (in Truk Lagoon, some have it good) and Peter O'Grady

VISITORS: Arthur Brown, a fireman from Calton.

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Read.

Accepted by Brian Colwell

Seconded by Paul Breadner

Business arising from Minutes:

Paul and Michelle Breadner observed that the advertisement was not published in Dive Log as expected. To be followed up.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

UTS Dive Club "No Douts", UnderWater Research Group "URG Bulletin", Brisbane Water Aqualung Club "Demand Value Vibes" and Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval".

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Read.

Accepted by Rick Latimer.

Seconded by Lyn Vincent.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

The Photographic Officers' report was omitted at the meeting due to Martin's absence because of his son David's illness. Hope he gets well.

An update from Martin confirms that everything is in place for the AV night. If there are any volunteers to help around next March - April, their efforts would be greatly appreciated, perhaps an understudy for next years Photographic Officer position.

Neil Vincent's proposal regarding the International Category in the AV (open letter; October Wet Rag) will be discussed in General Business.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

George reminded everyone that the Christmas Party will be held on the 23rd November at Karin Smith's place.

Arthur Brown also mentioned that down that way "Nutitacs" was a good operation, with a house plus kitchen, diving on a 35ft Bertum for \$10/person/night and \$60 double dive

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dive Courses

There was a report that a dive shop operator had objected to the courses that Steve Cross was running with the club. It was pointed out that the club had for a long time been involved with arranging courses not only for the standard diving courses but Bottle diving, wreck courses among others as well.

In an attempt to discourage people from joining the club just for the courses and possibly depriving a dive operator of business, Pennie put forward a motion that interested people must be a member for at least 3 months before they are able to participate in the courses.

The motion was voted upon 14 voted for, 8 against. The motion was carried.

International Category in AV

The proposal of introducing an International category into the South Pacific Photographic competition was discussed.

The concept was introduced by Neil Vincent, an open letter suggesting the idea was published in the October Newsletter, points of discussion from the October meeting were reviewed (refer Nov Newsletter) during that meeting it was decided that the idea would be voted upon at the November Meeting.

Rick Latimer was concerned that the lead up time was too short, 12 months was required. He also hadn't confirmed the sponsors for the prizes.

The magazine "Scuba Diver" was willing to help with the supply of bromide separates for the overseas magazines.

After discussion for and against, primarily the idea was that there would not be enough time to organise this category for next years competition. It was decided that again the idea would be considered early next year in view of organising for the 1993 competition. By that time there should be some feedback on whether sponsors would be available.

Rick suggested as an alternative that we present a guest portfolio from an overseas photographer.

On other matters:-

- Welcome back to Peter Jermyn, our absent president, who has been jet setting around the States.

He witnessed sparing bull seals near pier 39 San Fransisco, California. Seals and sea lions have taken over an entire section of the marina.

Potential divers have to face very cold waters. Mainly kelp forests dives. Divers wear thick wet suits any dive for only short periods. Dive shops had heard about our Photographic competition, mainly through travellers. Australian diving was highlighted through Skindiver magazine and the Great Barrier Reef.

- An apology to the Latimer family, especially Ann, for being excluded from the Membership list last newsletter, it wasn't personal, an updated version is available in this newsletter.

- A suggestion that we get together with other dive clubs, many of which send us their newsletters, for some joint activities.

MEETING CLOSED 10.30 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Glen Percy (Aqua Sports, 430 Hume Highway Yagoona Phone 708 2826) generously donated a tank hydrostat pressure test as the prize for the raffle

This was won by George Nichols, the second prize, a bottle of port was won by Arthur Brown (who by coincidence drew the winning tickets!)

A Christams Raffle will be run at the December meeting.

Again a list of members' contact numbers has been included in this newsletter .Please check this list and advise if any information is incorrect.
