

MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 16th March 1992
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

MEETING OPENED 8.20 pm by Peter Jermyn.

APOLOGIES: Ilona Kandilas, Peter Booth, Andy Galloway and George Nichol

VISITORS: Richard Thwaites, Kris Mobberley and Frank Raciti.

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Read.

Accepted by Ron Mines

Seconded by Rick Latimer

Business arising from Minutes:

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

UnderWater Research Group "URG Bulletin", and Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval".

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

Read.

Accepted by Ron Mines .

Seconded by Rick Latimer

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

A request for slides to be shown at club meeting nights was made. The subject content doesn't have to be diving, they could be holidays or anything of interest.

Winners were announced, with a viewing of all slides entered for the George Roberts memorial Photographic Competition.

Congratulations to Neil Vincent -
John Gordon -

Winner of the Open Category and
Winner of the Novice Category.

AV entry forms available. Entries open 30th March 1992, close 25th May 1992.

Tickets are in the process of being printed by Flav.

Ticket Sales will be handled by Graham Wakeling (Phone 603-4224)

Please indicate your ticket requirements at the next club meeting (3.5.92). The cost will be the same as last year \$18.00 per ticket. The date is the 25th July 1992 at Revesby Workers Club.

Everything reported to be Ok for the organisational side of the AV. Judges have been arranged.

Sponser arrangements OK.

Volunteers will be required on the night, see Martin.

Organising a stand at Scuba Expo is being investigated. Volunteers will be required to help. Perhaps a brief AV or video will be organised.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

BBQ and Wine tasting night at Ricks 4th April. BYO meat, salad provided. See the Social Calender for upcoming social events.

Ron Mines reported on the 4 wheel drive trip to Wiseman Ferry and St Albans. The rain had taken out a few bridges, altering the planned arrangements for the camp site. An alternative was found at "leach hollow". A highlight was Nugget's (Sue/Peter's dog) way of waking Peter Booth up Sunday morning. On the Sunday we had to leave Ross MacKay's car behind while negotiating a steep 4 wheel drive track, due to problems with the front end.

We also visited some historical graveyards and an abandon church. It was a good trip, with many thanks to Ron for organising the weekend.

DIVE ORGANISER'S REPORT:

Arthur Brown is our new dive organiser. See Social Calender for more details.

DIVE REPORTS:

Max Western reported a good dive on the Tuggarah. A current (1.7knot) was evident to about 60ft. The visibility on the wreck was about 40-50 ft, the water was cool at 14 -15°C. Martin did the same dive last Sunday (15.3.92) with no current.

Ron Mines reported on the bottle dive at Woolloomooloo Bay. There were two boats and 7 divers. Brian had some "atypical" problems with the Black Death. Brian claimed he towed a boat with a broken down Evenrude motor back to the ramp recently, so his boat isn't the only one.

Ron dug away down to the end of his probe (15ft?) to find a coke bottle and a 1958 beer bottle. Brian found an earthenware ginger-beer bottle. At another dive site a cod bottle embossed with "Tooheys" and a 1940s Reschs beer bottle were found.

Rick Latimer dived the Centurion and the Annie M Miller with Mark Spenser. Rick found Mark's new Austrian housed camera set up easy to use. Does this mean he is becoming interested in photography?

DIVE COURSES:

Dive boats for the March Deep Diver Course were arranged.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

- The date for the April meeting has been changed to 3rd May due to Easter and School holidays.

MEETING CLOSED 10.30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS.

Welcome to Richard Thwaites, Kris Mobberley and Frank Raciti.
