

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 19th October 1992
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting opened by Ron Mines at 8.10 pm in Room No. 1

APOLOGIES: Peter O'Grady, Vicki and Brian Colwell, Jenny Mines, Sue Cambourne, Ilona Kandilas and Ann Latimer

VISITORS: Welcome to Daryl Gibbs and Allan Kesler.
Also welcome to Leo and Terese Mayer, who are actually members, but haven't been able to get to the meetings.

MINUTES FROM MEETING 21st September 1992:

Read.

Accepted by Michael McFadyen

Seconded by Michelle Breadner

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

UnderWater Research Group (URG Bulletin), Ryde Underwater Club (Surface Interval), UTS (No Douts), University of NSW (Devious Undercurrents), Sydney University Underwater Club, and Australian Underwater Federation

Letter and Post Card from Pennie and Doug Smith (Fiji). Reproduced later in newsletter.

Response from Barry (Sportdiver/Dive Log) to letter sent by committee (Ron). This was read to the members present by Ron, with discussion in General Business.

Some letters regarding the recent Photographic Award night, containing critique and congratulations.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

Report was not presented due to the unavailability of a bank statement.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

Confirmation has been received from Revesby workers Club for the booking of 17th July 1993, for next years AV. The hiring fee is the same as last year.

The George Roberts Photographic Competition, will be held next February.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Joe finalised details of the trip to Montague Island. People going were to contact Joe , re; arrangements.

Joe also outlined the details of the Seal Rocks trip for the weekend 5/6 th December. Diving will be on Ron Hunter's boat, accommodation has been arranged. Cost \$169. More details later in newsletter under General Information.

George reported that the dives planned on the Sea Tamer II were cancelled due to poor weather conditions. This will be arranged for a later date.

A club dive is planned for November 1st, on the Bombo, diving with United Divers, Wollongong. 8 divers per trip, approximately \$13 per head if boat has been filled. See George for bookings on 9.00am and 11.00am dives.

Suggestions were asked for a venue for the Christmas party.

Neil Vincent offered to take us out to the "Nerong" wreck, as he knows the marks.

4WD weekend to the Shoalhaven has been planned for the 7/8th November. Tim O'Brien will guide the group. 2WD have access for some of the distance, camping gear can then be ferried in using the 4WDs. Contact Ron for details.

A Wreck diving course by Steve Cross will be scheduled in the near future. See George to put your name down on a list if interested. Limited spaces!.

Upcoming Social Events are listed in the Social Calender.

DIVE REPORTS

Martin dived the "Nerong" with Neil Vincent. They found the wreck easily, which laid on sand at 150ft. The wreck is broken up, with one large boiler and two small engines visible. Lots of wobbies on the wreck. It has been salvage extremely well. Neil is rapidly acquiring a vast knowledge of many dive sites around this area, and has a couple of other wrecks close by.

George dived the Tuggerah with Lynn and Martin. The anchor slipped off the wreck, and was dragging on sand when Lynn and George reached the bottom. They ascended and Martin reanchored, but the choppy conditions took their toll, and Lynn and George spent the rest of the dive, leaning over alternate sides of the boat. Martin was immune to the conditions and enjoyed his dive. he noticed that the Serpent eels were back on the wreck after an absence.

BJ dived Montague Island. There were a number of different charter boats out that day, and most of their diving customers didn't make it back to their boats with the current. BJ noticed that one boat identified their divers by using coloured arm bands. The conditions were pretty rough, and most of the seals were happy sitting on the rocks.

Roni Mines also dived Montague with Jenny, the Colwells, the McDermonts, the Koos and Gerald Brown. The conditions for Friday and Saturday were relatively calm and overcast, with Sunday blown out. On the island there were a lot of seals in the water, and they could get close to the seals.

GENERAL BUSINESS

SEA DESIGN JEWELLERY

Ron had details of this retail outlet. The proprietor and address were:

Jeffrey Rash
56 Voyager Crescent
Bawley Point, NSW 2539. Phone (044) 57 1467

A range of gold and silver jewellery depicting many sea and diving images. Discount available to club members.

INCORPORATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB.

A copy of the model rules for incorporation have been obtained. these will need to be amended to suit the club.

Public liability insurance is being arranged.

BJ suggested that we contact Audrey Mansfield, as she had previously prepared a constitution for the club.

Ron also read out the membership disclaimer included on the membership application form. The main consensus is that this doesn't hold much weight, and we need to incorporate the club.

A committee member from the UTS dive club has contacted us, offering help as they have incorporated their club. Much appreciated.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING BARRY'S LETTER.

Two opposing points of view were presented. The aims of the club with respect to the AV were assessed. In view of the differing opinions, the club members agreed to leave the decision to the committee.

NEW STICKERS.

Ron has been quoted \$1 each for 500 stickers or 0.70 cents for a 1000, including tax. The stickers would follow the "old" style, with the diver swimming left to right, and slightly reduced to 100mm.

A decision was made to purchase 500 stickers.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

The meeting was concluded with a talk by Ken Hammond who is a Flotilla Commander from the Solander division of the Coast Guard. Who outlined the work of the coast guard. Wayne Kemmis followed with a talk on marine radios.

Wayne's business is called "Nautilec" Nautical Electronic Specialists, 317 Forest Rd, Bexley, 2207, Phone 567 - 8111. He supplies a range of radios, radar, sounders and accessories, and also has a repair service.

Some information from this talk will be included in this and subsequent newsletters.

Thank you both for a very informative talk.

MEETING CLOSED 10.30 pm

**RAFFLE PRIZE FOR THE NOVEMBER
MEETING**

**FREE TRIP ON MAX WESTERN'S BOAT
SEA TAMEER II**