

**MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING
HELD ON 19 April 1993
at BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting opened by Brian Colwell at 8.15 pm.

APOLOGIES: Lynn Keller, Sue Cambourne, John Beddie, Michael and Wendy Cufer, Peter O'Grady and Ilona Kandilas .

VISITORS: Joanne Hanley.

MINUTES FROM MEETING 15th March 1992:

Read.

Accepted by Bernie Kraul

Seconded by Peter Jermyn.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

Fun Dive Folics, Ryde Underwater Club, and Newsletter of the Underwater Visual Producers Association of Australia

Entries for photographic competition.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters regarding AV promotion
Documentation and application for Incorporation

TREASURERS REPORT:

The financial status was not read in the absence of the treasurer.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICERS REPORT:

The Av presentation night will be held this year on the 17th July at 7.30 pm at Revesby Workers Club. Tickets are now available, please contact Brian Colwell or Chris Wright (825 1408 AH; 602 1529 BH). Tickets are \$22 per person.

The photographic competition will close on the 25th May 1993.

We would like to see some club support with entries from club members.

John Fowden was presented with his prize from the George Roberts Photographic competition, a sports bag courtesy of Scuba Warehouse and a video on Nikkon underwater photography.

Brian is previewing a film called "Coral Sea Dreaming" for the AV, this has just been released, however the duration of 55 minutes may be too long, an ideal length would be 30 minutes.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Seal Rocks weekend 8/9th May. diving with Ron Shack on the Shark gutters and the Sartara. Cost \$169. Details see Joe.

Joe has also provided some information on a dive trip to the Great Barrier Reef. More details are provided at the end of this newsletter.

See the Social Calender for more events.

DIVE REPORTS

Scott and Martin dived the Tuggerah, reporting that the "idol" has been moved out onto the sand. Michael McFadyen out that the object was placed there as a joke.

Michael McFadyen dived SW rocks. He did a drift dive starting near the mouth of the Macleay River and drifting around the breakwall. The dive was about a kilometre long, the first time he dived it the dive duration was 46 minutes, the second dive took 89 minutes. The depth was on average 3-5m up to 15m. The water temperature was 25°C with lots of tropical fish life, rays, turtles.

He also dived Fish Rock, the Pinnacles, and an artificial reef near Wreck Bay. It mainly consisted of tyres, buoys (and a hills hoist) with lots of fish already attracted to the site.

There were two boats for the club dive; Michael McFadyen, George Nichol and Scot Leimroth dived from Rick Latimer's boat. Trevor and Debbie Sanderson dived from John Beddie's boat. The sea condition were rough with a large swell, so the plan was the dive a "wall" at Jibbon Reef. There was debate as to weather they actually found the wall, and the visibility ranged from terrible to nothing. Dive classification: "..for the sake of getting wet dive".

Michael McFadyen and John Beddie dived JB in good conditions. They dived Smugglers Cave which had a shock wave due to the compression of air at the top of the cave. They also dived Wanderers, Drumsticks and Crocodile Head.

Michael Latimer dived his first wreck off Malabar, with Rick and Lyn and Sue (friends of Rick). The vis was around 20-30ft, however he lost his knife during the dive.

Ron and Co dived JB with flat conditions and 80-100ft visibility. They dived a spot where David House lost his torch in 1987, and actually found the very same torch, incredible but it still worked!! (NB. The batteries were "Duracells").

A commendation goes to Brain who finally sold the "Black Death".

GENERAL BUSINESS

GARAGE SALE.

The date has been put back to August. Peter Jermyn will investigate the costs of hiring a local guide hall to hold the venue.

MEETING CLOSED 9.00pm.

The meeting was ended with Brian showing some slides from his recent trip to Lord Howe Island, Ron also showed slides from the same trip and some from the last 4WD trip to the Shoalhaven.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLUB STICKERS.

These are available for \$1.00 each. See Lynn for supplies.

INCORPORATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB.

Incorporation documents finalised and sent to the Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

RAFFLE.

The raffle prize of a trip on Max western's Sea Tamer II was won by Jenny Mines. Thanks to Max for the prize.

Contact number for bookings is **567 - 2658** or **018 - 280 - 791** for the B°AT PHONE.

Bernie Kraul won a pair of divers gloves, and Sue O'Grady won the current issue of Scuba Diver Magazine.