

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON 20 SEPTEMBER, 1993
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting was opened by Leo Bergagnin (Club President) at 8.15 p.m. with the new Committee being introduced. Terese Mayer (Secretary), Leo Mayer (Treasurer), Joe Ingegneri (Dive/Social Organiser), Paul Wildish (Photographic Officer), Michael McFadyen (Publicity Officer).

APOLOGIES: Ron & Jenny Mines, John Fowden, Lynn Keller, Rick Latimer, Michael Latimer, Ilona Kandilas, Wendy & Michael Cufer.

WELCOME TO: John Szwecow, Robyn Hewitt, Charles Hewitt, Paul Aram, R. Phillips and D. Bilbow.

MINUTES FROM MEETING 16 AUGUST, 1993:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Terese Mayer and accepted.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Leo Bergagnin (Club President) discussed the Club's Incorporation Rules under Section 12 regarding vacant Committee positions. Section 12 of the Rules state that "the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy".

In this case the Committee were approached by Paul Wildish and Michael McFadyen who both expressed an interest in the two vacant Committee positions. Therefore Paul is now Photographic Officer and Michael is Publicity Officer.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval", Uni of NSW "Devious Undercurrents", UTS "No Douts", URG Bulletin, Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club "Demand Valve Vibes", Sydney University U/W Club, Trans Nuigini Tours, Divers International Publishing, Revesby Workers Club - re 1994 Auditorium hire fee.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary's letters to Bankstown Sports Club. Newsletters to J. Szwecow & B. Hedges.

TREASURER's REPORT:

Leo Mayer gave the Treasurer's Report.
Accepted by Brian Colwell, Seconded by Martin Kandilas.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER's REPORT:

Paul Wildish introduced himself as the new Photographic Officer. Paul briefly spoke on the possibility of minor rule changes to the Photographic competition.

Leo Bergagnin briefly discussed the approach to possible A/V changes (e.g. whether a "Masters" Section is warranted). This matter is to be decided on at the next Club Meeting.

Leo B. mentioned Paul Wildish and Michael McFadyen are preparing some suggestions for minor re-wording of the rules.

DIVE / SOCIAL ORGANISER's REPORT:

Joe covered the Club's suggested diving and social dates:

- **Monthly Friday Night Shore Dive** is on this coming Friday 24 September. Divers to meet at Thompson's Bay Car Park by 7.00 p.m. Members to contact Leo Mayer (708 5742) by the Wednesday/Thursday night before.
- **Saturday's Shore Dive** is to be at Oak Park this Saturday 25 September and divers to meet up at 9.00 a.m. Again, members to call either Joe or Leo Mayer by the Thursday/Friday before if you are interested in doing the dive.
- **Club Boat Dive** on SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER will be at the DEE WHY WIDE. MEETING AT THE ROSE BAY WHARF AT 9.00 A.M. Boat owners and divers to contact Joe (018 862 328, 743 3710) or Leo Mayer (708 5742) A.S.A.P.
- **4-W-Drive Weekend** to Yerrandari. The dates suggested of 25/26 September will probably be changed. *[Later in meeting trip was postponed (again) till November]*.
- **Montague Island:** The next weekend is set for 9 & 10 October diving off Alan Hocking's boat. Contact Joe A.S.A.P. so he can confirm bookings.
- **Jervis Bay Weekend** is for 13/14 November and staying at the Huskisson Caravan Park *(the one nearest to the Pub)*. Boat owners and divers who are interested in going should contact Joe or Leo Mayer A.S.A.P. We have to make a firm booking soon. (Bookings are for the Friday/Saturday nights).

Prices for accommodation are: If 5 people share a **CABIN** its \$62.00 (i.e. \$12.40 p/p). Couples in **CABINS** are \$50.00 per night (i.e. \$25 each). Each Cabin has shower/toilet/kitchen facilities. **VANS** are \$42.00 (for 2 people), or **TENT SITES** are \$13.00 a night.

- **Club B-B-Q's:** The next B-B-Q is for SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER AT 3.00 P.M. [Our hosts will be Karin Smith & Peter Booth: 60 Fountainbleu St, Sans Souci.
- **Christmas Party - 4 December:** The Club's Christmas Party will be at the same location as last year - with everyone meeting at Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla (at the southern end of Nicholson Street).

Martin then told us a comical story about one of the Club's Xmas party's a few years ago on the Bundeena ferry and also about
"Terry missed the ferry Mansfield" !

- **Undersea Explorer:** 9 - 16 October. \$1,150 ex Cairns. Visit the Cod Hole/Coral Sea. There were only 2 spots left at the time of the meeting for this Barrier Reef trip. Please call Joe A.S.A.P. if you are interested.
- **Lady Elliot Island:** February 1994. 6 Days, 5 Nights. Cost is \$555.00 for the island's "free diving" package in February staying in the Tent/Cabin accommodation. This price includes all food and return flight from Bundaberg. Children under 7 are half price.

Please contact Leo Mayer on **708 5742** for further information / brochures.

WRECK DIVE COURSE:

All 3 Wreck Diving courses are now fully booked. The dates are:

- October: 14, 16 & 17;
- October: 28, 30 & 31; and
- November: 18, 20 & 21.

Venues for the Theory part of the Wreck Course will be at:

- Martin's house for the first course: at 1 Jade Court, Georges Hall.
- Leo Mayer's house for the second course: at 123 Ashby Avenue, Yagoona.
- Joe Ingegneri's house for the third course: at 7 Alfred Street, Concord West.

Arrangements for boats are to be co-ordinated with Joe.

All those people listed for the course are to call Joe for further details.

DIVE REPORTS:

Michael McFadyen and John Fowden were recently up at the North Solitary Islands and did 4 dives over a Saturday/Sunday. There was about 15-20 mtr. viz and they had excellent diving. They saw grey nurse sharks and could hear hump back whales. They also saw a hump back whale about 10 ft. away from their boat.

Leo Mayer reported on a recent dive on the Tuggerah with Rick Latimer, George Nichols and Lynn Keller. There was about 20 ft. visibility. Besides the usual wobbys, apparently Rick saw a seal swim by.

John Beddie dived Jervis Bay last weekend. At Wreck Bay there was about 15 mtr. viz. John also told us about a dive site south of The Arch about 40 mtr. off shore. It's a flat rock about 8 ft. across with tunnels going through it. (*Did someone say it was called 'the brothel' ?*).

D. Bilbow spoke about his recent trip to the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta and Byron Bay areas. They saw whales, turtles, etc., and the water temp. was about 20 deg. plus.

DIVING THROUGH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

John Beddie is looking for a dive buddy through the school holidays over September/October. If you're interested, please call him on **603 7584**.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Some points about the Wreck Dive course were discussed.

John Beddie asked if an Equipment Servicing Course could possibly be arranged.

Leo Bergagnin mentioned that Rob Palmer will be giving a talk on CAVE DIVING at Sydney University on 9th November. Please contact Leo B. for information.

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

Brian Colwell made a suggestion of putting something in the newsletter about members voting at the next meeting on whether to have the AV. He believes that although the Club has enthusiasm, he asked whether the Club gets enough out of it.

Leo Bergagnin stated that the new Committee have not considered cancelling the AV Night. As far as the Committee is concerned we are unanimous that the A/V will still go ahead and we believe that most members don't want to see it go. However, it may possibly be held at a different venue and there may be minor changes to the wording of the photo comp. rules.

Terese Mayer mentioned that other venues are being looked at and their costs compared. There is the possibility of saving \$1,000 by changing venues.

Martin mentioned how a few years back the entertainment officer of Bankstown Sports Club would not turn off the 'footlights'. This point is to be followed up.

Leo B. brought up a point about the present competition. At the moment (without a 'Masters'), there is no restricted access to sections of the competition. A newcomer can strive hard to try and beat the better known underwater photographers and that this can make their win more meaningful to someone coming up the ranks.

Martin mentioned that ROBERT BALLARD (discoverer of the Bismark and Titanic) is having a lunchtime talk at the Hotel Nikko on Monday 27/9/93. Apparently it's already sold out.

If anyone is interested, Martin can arrange to buy Robert Ballard's book 'Ghost Ships of Guadacanal' at a 25% discount. Call Martin on **725 7808** if you are interested.

It was pointed out that there was a misprint with the date of the AGM meeting in the September Newsletter. Please note that it is meant to read as *16 August, 1993*.

RAFFLE:

First prize of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was won by Paul Breadner. Thanks to Max for the prize. Contact numbers for bookings on the Sea Tamer II are **567 2658** or **018 280 791** for the **B^oAT PHONE**.

Second prize of a bottle of grog was won by Robyn Hewitt.

GENERAL:

Leo Mayer showed an edited collection of slides covering Lady Elliot Island, Cairns, the Bunker Group while on the Undersea Explorer, Morton Island and Sydney diving. Leo's 'flat fish' got better reviews this time around ! *[Remember the George Roberts comp. ?]*.

Paul Wildish then showed us his 'unedited' slides of his recent trip to Eden diving the tugs. There was some good coral growth and the vertical shots of the tug were quite interesting.

MEETING CLOSED at around 10.30 p.m.