

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
ON 15 NOVEMBER, 1993  
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Meeting was opened by Leo Bergagnin (Club President) at 8.05 p.m.

**APOLOGIES:** John Beddie, Peter Jermyn, Peter Booth, Garry Hewitt, Ilona Kandilas.

**VISITORS:** Ann Lohse, Adam Smith and Marcus Lincoln Smith (The Ecology Lab).

**MINUTES FROM MEETING 18 OCTOBER, 1993:**

The Minutes were taken as read. All members have read minutes in last newsletter. Minutes were accepted and seconded.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval", Uni. of NSW "Devious Undercurrents", UTS "No Douts", Underwater Research Group "Bulletin", Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club "Demand Valve Vibes", Sydney University U/W Club, Australian Underwater Federation, Pr Dive Huskisson - information package.

**OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

Terese Mayer has sent correspondence and newsletters to new members.

**TREASURER's REPORT:**

Leo Mayer gave the Treasurer's Report. Accepted by Rick Latimer, Seconded by Ron Mines.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER's REPORT:**

Paul Wildish mentioned that he and Leo Bergagnin had just returned from the Heron Island dive festival week. A dive report is detailed later in newsletter.

Paul then spoke on the Club's upcoming **George Roberts Photographic Competition**. There will be a new approach this year and its envisaged that entrants will be given rolls of Kodak Ektachrome film. The rolls of slide film will be distributed at the January Club meeting with the rolls to be returned at the March Club meeting and processed by Kodak at North Ryde. The entrants can select which of their marked slides to enter and judging will be held in April. It's envisaged that judging may be held at Kodak's North Ryde facility. Kodak have offered the Club to conduct its George Roberts slide presentation night in their auditorium if required. This will be in May.

**First Prize** in the George Roberts **Open Section** will be 5 nights accommodation at Coffs Harbour with 6 boat dives at Solitary Islands sponsored by Dive Quest.

**First Prize** in the **Novice Section** will be 5 nights accommodation and 6 dives at South West Rocks sponsored by South West Rocks Dive Centre.

Leo Bergagnin then brought up the announcement regarding Scuba Diver/Sportdiving magazines. Leo B. said that the Committee, after weighing up the advantages/disadvantages of which diving magazine to have promote the Club and to also publish the Australasian U/W Photography Competition's winning photos, the Committee decided to take up Barry's Andrewartha's offer. That is, monthly articles in Dive Log and 2 page feature articles and promotion in Sportdiving magazine and \$1,000 on publication of the winning photos.

Leo B. said the final terms will be worked out with Barry shortly.

*[Please see further details under 'General Business']*.



**DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS:**

Scott Leimroth reported on his recent Honiora dive in 63 metres of water. Scott also dived the Kello a couple of weeks ago, it was filthy, no viz but he did see an inflatable sheep tied to the boiler.

Adam Smith has recently dived Seals Rocks, saw lots of fish life like tuna, 6 whales, a bronze whaler about 8-10 foot in size and a seal. There was about 10 metres viz but the water was 'green' an also with red algae.

Adam had just dived Cronulla, Mallabar areas that day. The water was warm and clear blue offshore. While on the dive he saw a flying fish and there was about 10 mtr. viz.

Michael McFadyen had a good dive on the Undola with 50-60 ft. viz. He had also dived Barons Hut on the Saturday, Cape Banks and Inscription Point.

Martin Kandilas then reported on the Club dive at Jervis Bay. About 6/7 club members had a good time even though the weather was a bit unsettled. On the Saturday Martin, Ross Hipwell, Leo and Terese Mayer dived Point Perpendicular with about 60 ft. viz. (*really about 40 ft.*) and the water was 'warm' (*14 deg. !*). On the dive they saw a blue devil fish near the anchor and heaps of nudibranchs. A Saturday afternoon BBQ extended into a evening BBQ that was quite social and Rick's chili spare ribs were appreciated.

On the Sunday Martin, Leo and Terese drove the boat to Murrays Beach but because there was a howling southerly they decided not to do a dive. (Leo and Terese were suffering from the after effects of the previous night).

Rick Latimer then reported on his dive on the Sunday with Ross Hipwell. They launched from Huskisson and dived east of Bowen Island. They did 2 very good dives, had about 40 ft. viz and it was clear on the bottom, but it was blowing a strong south-westerly wind. For the second dive Rick just drifted the boat a bit further south of the first dive. The second dive's viz was only about 20 ft. but still a good dive. The pies from the Husky cake shop were enjoyed after the dive. Rick reckons Martin didn't dive on the Sunday because he'd already washed and polished his boat on the Saturday afternoon !

Martin then said how 'accurate' the weather forecast can be. When he arrived Friday afternoon there was a howling 35 knot NE. On the Saturday he called up Sydney weather on the VHF and the forecast a 30-35 knot NE in the morning. This didn't eventuate and after the dive around 11.00 a.m. there was only about a 4 knot wind from the west. On the Sunday there was at least a 20-25 knot southerly but this dropped by the afternoon.

Joe briefly reported on his recent Coral Sea dive holiday on the Undersea Explorer. What could he say, the weather was great (really perfect) and viz was at 100 ft. plus. Over the first few days they saw a lot of sharks, about 25 white tips, bronze whalers, black tips. Heaps of potato cod and also 1 manta ray on the surface. By the end of the trip the viz got down to about 15 mtr. The weather, crew, food, the boat and dives were excellent. The \$1,200 live-aboard trip was well worth it.

Paul Wildish and Leo Bergagnin have just returned from Heron Island. They had about 15 dives in 7 days, the weather and diving were excellent. They dived about 10 different dive sites and did 1 night dive. On one dive Paul saw a dolphin come up to the boat and the divers had about 10-15 minutes snorkelling in the water with it. Apparently Neville Colman had run out of film by this time.



**DIVE / SOCIAL ORGANISER's REPORT:**

- **4-W-Drive Weekend** to Yerrandari. Saturday & Sunday 27 and 28 November.  
Joe would like some firm numbers for this trip. He asked Ron to see if he knew of anyone interested in going. For information, call Joe on **018-862 328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h.**
- **Christmas Party B-B-Q** is on Saturday 4 December at Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla.
- **Club Boat Dives:**
  1. **Sunday 21 November** at Osborne Shoals, boat owners to contact Joe on 018-862 328.
  2. - **Sunday 26 December** is scheduled for December's boat dive.
  3. - **Monday 27 December** at Barrons Hut.  
People interested are to contact Joe on **018-862 328 b/h, 743 3710 a/h.**

Rick's suggests not bothering going out of Sydney Harbour because of the crowds at this time of the year.

- **Lady Elliot Island:** February 1994. 6 Days, 5 Nights.  
The dates for the trip are 21 - 26 February. There are at least 5 people interested in going. and with 5 or more people the airfares are only \$347 return Sydney/Brisbane/Bundaberg. Please contact Leo Mayer A.S.A.P. on **708 5742** for further information / brochures.  
  
Cost is \$555.00 for the island's "free diving" package in February staying in the Tent/Cabin accommodation. This price includes 2 FREE shore dives per day, all food and return flight from Bundaberg. Children under 7 are half price.
- Joe reminded Club Members about calling himself or Leo for **ANY DIVING**. There are always people interested in night dives, daytime dives, etc. (Some people even do shore dives !).
- A **NIGHT DIVE** on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was organised at the meeting. Joe took down the names of everyone interested. Those going please note that the dive is scheduled for Wednesday 1 December, at 7.00 p.m. Dolans Bay Wharf.

THIS WILL BE A REGULAR DIVE ORGANISED AT EACH CLUB MEETING.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Dive Log/Sportdiving Magazines

BJ asked the question of what Leo Bergagnin meant by "sorting out the terms and conditions with Barry Andrewartha" ?

Leo Bergagnin then outlined that Barry has offered to pay \$1,000 on publication of the winning photographs. It is proposed there will be 1 full page each month in **Dive Log** magazine. The monthly articles will promote both the Club and the Australasian U/W Photographic Competition.

Barry has also offered to do a 2 page colour spread in each bi-monthly issue of **Sportdiving** magazine leading up to the competition. After the competition Barry will publish the competition's winning slides in the next 2 issues in the six page gatefold layout.



**GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

Dive Log/Sportdiving Magazines (Continued)

BJ mentioned that many years ago there had been some problems with Barry and that slides had gone astray and ended up in magazines under someone else's name. Is there to be an understanding about ownership of slides and to make sure there is proper recognition of the photographer. BJ asked for an official report of the discussions.

Leo B. said that it had been a very hard decision to make and that the Committee did actually have a tied vote of 3 to 3 with his casting vote as President. The lean was initially towards Scuba Diver but a decision was made to go with Dive Log / Sportdiving to better promote the Club and the presentation night. The decision was not solely made for financial reasons, but also to have the added benefit of access to a diving magazine with monthly circulation; i.e. Dive Log. Articles in Sportdiving magazine are bi-monthly.

Cathy Holloway (Scuba Diver) did have her advantages of both her past experience and also being located here in Sydney.

Barry has offered a further dive industry sponsorship package of a \$10,000 package by bringing out an overseas guest speaker; similar to the present Bob Talbot promotion. But this offer didn't come into the decision at all. There has been no commitment as yet to take up this offer. Barry fully understands that we have chosen him for 1 year to start with.

Leo Bergagnin stressed that in order to make a timely decision that this was a Committee decision. A decision had to be made now to allow for the lead in time for the publication dates of the magazines. For example just when speaking to Barry in late October he already had his December-January issue ready for publication. Sportdiving magazine's February-March issue is soon to go to print. There are 2 bi-monthly issues left for Sportdiving magazine before the competition closes, but we also have the monthly Dive Log magazines.

Last year the members had left the same decision up to the previous Committee. At that time they had decided to stay with Cathy Holloway and Scuba Diver magazine.

Brian Colwell then spoke saying he can back up what Leo Bergagnin was explaining. Brian said that last year the same issue was thrown around and in the end the decision was left up to Ron and Brian. There had been discussions over 2 - 3 meetings that didn't go anywhere and in the end Ron made a decision to stay with Scuba Diver last year.

Club Shirts

BJ asked about the money spent on the Club shirts. It was brought to his attention that the Rules of Incorporation allow a Committee to make certain decisions on behalf of the Club. Leo Bergagnin said that he had paid for the shirts out of his own pocket and after the positive reaction when members were buying the shirts at the last Club meeting, Leo B. then asked to be reimbursed. There is a \$7.00 profit on each shirt that goes back into the Club's account. BJ asked if there should be a ceiling on how much a Committee can spend ?

Incorporation

BJ then brought up the issue of Club incorporation. BJ said he had raised the question last month of not knowing about the decision to incorporate the Club.

Since the incorporation had been in place before the present Committee, Leo Bergagnin then threw the question over to Ron Mines as it had been finalised during his term as President. Ron said that it had taken something like 10 - 11 months to get the incorporation through and it had been mentioned in every Newsletter. Ron stated that there had been a vote for it.



**GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

Incorporation (Continued)

Sue O'Grady said she had brought the Draft Rules to at least 2 meetings and had requested any comments by members. The process of incorporation and finalising the Rules did not happen overnight. Sue brought up the point that the Club members generally won't make decisions and all had been left up to the last Committee. The Rules of Incorporation were in place by July this year. The members didn't seem to have any input or suggestions.

Michael McFadyen said to BJ that there had been plenty of opportunity in the past for members to object or suggest changes.

The benefits of incorporation are for legal reasons. Rick Latimer then said he's been against incorporating the Club.

BJ then repeated that he hadn't seen the Rules circulated. Sue O'Grady said that they had been available. It had been a big exercise in their preparation and in submitting drafts. The Committee could not sit around and talk each point through a meeting. During Club Meetings there were 6 versions of the Rules available for comment by members.

Sue said the offer was made at meetings for anyone to come up and look at them and to make any suggestions/changes. Martin K. had had a quick glance. The opportunity was given to members to say they wanted a copy. The Rules were left up to the previous Committee and the incorporation of the Club was finalised in July and it had been an 11 month process. The final version of the Rules were then sent out to each member.

Michael McF. said that if people have suggestions the Rules can be amended.

Gordon McDonald said there should be a move to substantiate that a vote had actually been taken.

Karin Smith then suggested that the guest speaker still had to give his talk and that most people had come to hear him speak on the sand mining issue.

Other Matters Raised

- Jervis Bay

Robert Rubesa asked about the JB issue mentioned in the last Newsletter. He asked if there was to be any form of petition or letter from the Club against the proposed Navy plans for Jervis Bay. Terese Mayer said she had placed the story in the last Newsletter because she felt strongly on the subject. It had been placed there for club members' information to possibly stimulate some into writing to protest on the issue. To try and get signatures on a petition from 'slack' members would be pretty hard to do. The Committee could certainly draft up a letter on behalf of the Club Members stating its opposition to the Navy proposal. This is to be followed up.

- Christmas B-B-Q: BJ asked why the Club is providing beer, wine and soft drinks and a hamper at the Christmas BBQ and why not meat? Joe Ingegneri said that if the members gave him definite numbers of attendance it would be easier to work out how much to provide at functions.

- Club BBQ Hosted by Karin Smith & Peter Booth: Leo Mayer thanked Karin for providing the venue for the last Club BBQ. Everyone who attended had a good time.

MEETING CLOSED at around 9.10 p.m.



**RAFFLE:**

First prize of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II and Kodak film was won by Robyn Hewitt. 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°AT PHONE**.

Second prize of 3 rolls of Kodak film was won by Ian Farrelly and third prize of more Kodak film was won by Bob White.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Marcus Lincoln Smith then gave a presentation of The Ecology Lab's findings and also discussed the Environmental Impact Statement. After his talk members then asked him questions. Max Western, Michael McFadyen, Martin Kandilas were some of the members who asked questions and were very concerned with the possible effects of the proposed extraction process, and the fine sediments that may settle on the southern dive sites, the possible impact on wave action and the destruction of sea life in its path.

Copies of the E-I-S were made available on the night for members information.

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The Club also regrets the recent death of Club Member **TREVOR SANDERSON**.

Trevor's passing was a shock to his friends and family.

The Club expresses its sincere regrets to his wife Debbie and to their 2 children.

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**VALE PAT MANLY**



Around 15 months ago Lyn and Pat Manly, two of Australia's best-known and most popular photojournalists were both stricken with Malaria after a 6 week stay in Papua New Guinea and the Solomons.

Due to inaccurate diagnosis Lyn and Pat were belatedly hospitalised and Lyn died. Pat's recovery was slow but he was eventually confirmed as out of danger and was released from hospital.

But a near-lifetime marriage to a childhood sweetheart had ended. Pat had lost a wonderful partner, one who not only sustained their family, but also worked with him to achieve international recognition for them both as photojournalists.

For Pat, recovering from Malaria proved to be easier than recovering from the loss of his wife. He was always a superb photographer and technician, but he struggled to establish new direction. He had continued and loving support from his close friends throughout these difficult times and appeared to us all to have re-built his life.

But despite appearances all wasn't well — on Sunday 21 November Pat Manly took his own life and we were devastated at the news. We can only hope and pray Pat has at last again found the happiness and contentment he and Lyn shared for so many years.

The Australian dive industry has now lost two of it's finest achievers and we are all the poorer.

Our sincerest sympathy to all Pat and Lyn's family and friends.