

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON 28 FEBRUARY, 1994
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

APOLOGIES: Ron Mines, Peter O'Grady, Craig Harwood, Suzanne Evans,
Martin & Ilona Kandilas.

VISITORS: Ian Heldt, Leo Hillyer, Mark Bolt, Maria Townsend, Glen Townsend.

OPENING BY PRESIDENT:

Welcome to both Senior Constable Ian Heldt from the Police Diving Unit and also Leo Hillyer. Leo and Leslie Hillyer are the new owners of Ship Rock Dive and they are donating 2 free airfills to each Club Raffle.

Congratulations to Ilona and Martin Kandilas on the birth of their baby daughter Natalie Louise. Ilona and Martin would like to thank the members for their cards and also thanked the Club for the basket of flowers. Unfortunately Martin was unable to personally give their thanks as he was away on business.

COMMITTEE POSITION CHANGES:

As mentioned in the February newsletter, Paul Wildish has resigned as Photographic Officer. The Committee then approached certain club members to fill the vacancy. Leo Mayer offered to change committee positions and take on the duties of Photographic Officer. Ross Hipwell agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

A MOTION was moved to accept these Committee position nominations. ACCEPTED by Rick Latimer, SECONDED by Brian Colwell. Members present then voted by a show of hands for acceptance of committee appointments. Motion was ACCEPTED by majority vote.

MINUTES FROM MEETING 17 JANUARY, 1994:

There was an inadvertent error in the wording of Martin's dive report in the January Minutes. Part of the incorrect sentence reads "*Martin descended from 10 mtr to 35 mtr*" whereas it should read "**Martin descended from 10 feet to 35 feet**".

A MOTION was moved to accept these Minutes with this change. ACCEPTED by Sue O'Grady, SECONDED by Brian Colwell.

RULES OF INCORPORATION:

Leo Bergagnin then introduced Brent Hedges, a fellow club member and litigation lawyer, who has been looking at the suggested amendments to the Rules of Incorporation.

Brent discussed points raised in the submissions from BJ and Terese Mayer. Rather than detail everything here, a summary of suggested amendments will be sent to all Club Members A.S.A.P.

A late submission was received on the night [via proxy] from Ron Mines.

Special Note from Committee:

The Committee will be calling a Special General Meeting on Tuesday 26 April at Bankstown Sports Club [for Members only]. Notices and copies of suggested amendments to the Rules of Incorporation will issue to Members by 25 March at the latest.

Members will have at least 21 days notice and are requested to attend the Special General Meeting to discuss the suggested amendments that were presented to the Committee last month.

It is envisaged that the Rules of Incorporation documentation will have a corresponding voting column for a YES / NO vote of acceptance by the Members. Members will be requested to either return their voting sheets to the 26 April meeting or mail it to the Club by that date.

INCOMING / OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

INCOMING: 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 Uni. U/W Club, NSW Fisheries, Cool-D Dive Shop, Save Our Beaches COmmittee and reply from Govt. department re sand mining issue.

OUTGOING: Terese Mayer has sent correspondence and newsletters to new members, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ross Hipwell gave the Treasurer's Report.

ACCEPTED by Rick Latimer, SECONDED by Paul Breadner.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT:

Leo Mayer mentioned he has received a set of slides for the A'sian U/W Photographer of the Year Competition from a photographer on the research island One Tree Island on the Barrier Reef. There has also been a few enquiries about the competition, rules and entry requirements and letters of reply to these enquiries have been posted to these people. We are starting to get a lot of interest in the competition.

Barry Andrewartha requested some slides to advertise the competition and 8 slides have been sent. Some of the slides were from club members who had won prizes in last year's competition: John Gordon, Mark Welsh and Margaret Proven.

The George Roberts competition is underway and club members should return their marked film by the March meeting for processing by Kodak. Late entrants can still enter tonight.

DIVE / SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT:

- The NIGHT BOAT DIVE on Max Western's Sea Tamer II is scheduled for this Wednesday **2nd March**. Meet at 7.00 p.m. Dolans Bay Wharf. If there are not enough people then another night will be selected: **Wednesday 16 March**.

PLEASE CONTACT JOE ON (018) 862 328 OR 743 3710 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO ON THE WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHT DIVES.

- The CLUB BAR-B-Q is being held this Saturday 5 March at Russell Stoker's house: 36 Hanks Street, Ashbury anytime after 3.00-4.00 p.m. Please bring your own meat, grog, etc.

Also Debbie Finlay and other club members will be down at Twofold Dive Eden Sat/Sunday 5-6 March, if anyone else is interested in going.

- CLUB WEEKENDS AWAY:

- SOUTH WEST ROCKS is scheduled for Saturday/Sunday 12-13 March. There is only one spot left.
- MULLOWAY (COFFS HARBOUR) is scheduled for Saturday/Sunday 19-20 February and is already booked up.
- JERVIS BAY WEEKEND: Sat./Sunday 26-27 March.
Can DIVERS AND BOAT OWNERS PLEASE CONTACT JOE on (018) 862 328. A few club members will be taking their boats down. Accommodation is being finalised.

Please Note: The Club Boat Dive will be at Jervis Bay on Sunday 27 March.

- **EASTER WEEKEND: FRIDAY - MONDAY 1 - 4 APRIL, 1994:**
The club has a group booking with Twofold Dive for the Easter long weekend and spots are still available. \$15 per night, \$25 per dive.
Please contact Joe on (018) 862 328.

DIVE / SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT (Continued):

- SEALS ROCKS trip Sat/Sunday 9-10 April diving with Ron Hunter off his 28 ft. sharkcat. Accommodation and diving will cost \$169 - 4 dives. (Ron's accommodation now has security screens/mesh on the windows).

DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS:

Our apologies, but members' dive reports were brief tonight because of time constraints. The March meeting will more than likely have 2 months worth of dive reports from members.

John Beddie spoke briefly on his recent dive on the Undola. There was about 5 mtr viz on top but at the bottom it increased to about 20 mtr. visibility. It was a good dive.

John has also recently been diving around Port Macquarie and dived the Titan Crane. The currents were strong, about 3 knots. The new dive operator up there was very co-operative in giving him the markers for the crane.

John also dived Bass Point on Saturday 13 February with Joe's group and club members. They did 2 shore dives but arrived late in the afternoon for the Bar-B-Q.

Rick, Debbie Sanderson, Sue Armstrong, etc. did a boat dive on a reef at Bass Point the same day. There was good visibility on the day.

Eddy Labour, John Fowden, Michael McFadyen and Leo Bergagnin have just returned from Truk Lagoon. They had a great time of diving during their stay there. More details at next meeting.

RAFFLE:

First prize of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was won by Ross Hipwell. 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 2 airfills was won by John Szwecow. Thank you to Leo & Leslie Hillyer of Ship Rock Dive for the prize. Third prize was won by Scott Leimroth.

Thank you also to Kodak for the raffle prizes of slide film for each winner.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Senior Constable Ian Heldt from the Police Diving Unit then showed a video on the unit's diving and rescue activities. Photographs were also passed around the room and Ian then spent time answering the many varied questions raised by members. It was a very interesting presentation and the Club would like to thank Ian for taking the time to talk at our meeting.

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**GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER AT
THE MARCH MEETING
WILL BE MARK SPENCER !**

