

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 18 APRIL, 1994  
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB**

Visitors: Becca Saunders, Glenn Townsend, Lyn Carter, Alison Anderson, Geoff Cook, Glen Hunt, J. Hanley, Mark Spencer (of Yagoona), Robert Mansfield, Elaine Luyt, Bill Atherton, John Sumner.

Apologies: Chris Lockwood, Ben Butcher, Ilona Kandilas, Lyn Keller.

**OPENING BY PRESIDENT:**

Leo Bergagnin opened the meeting by welcoming BECCA SAUNDERS our guest photographer/speaker for the meeting. Becca will be showing slides of Indonesia/North Sulawesi and describing the diving there.

Leo B. also mentioned that he had just returned from Norfolk Island and Jack Marges and Karlene Christian of Bounty Divers are new members of the Club as well as sponsoring a prize for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition.

Leo B. also announced that Rodney Fox will be our guest speaker at the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition.

**MINUTES FROM MEETING 21 MARCH, 1994:**

Terese said that as members have received the previous Minutes with the April newsletter, can they be taken as having been read. ACCEPTED by Gordon McDonald, SECONDED by Martin Kandilas.

**INCOMING / OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

INCOMING: Confirmation letters from some sponsors and judges for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition. Club newsletters have been received from Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval", Underwater Research Group "Bulletin", Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club "Demand Valve Vibes", UTS "No Douts".

OUTGOING: Slides returned to the 'George Roberts' entrants, letters to judges, correspondence and newsletters to new members and information and newsletters to people enquiring about the Club (through the ads in Dive Log), and letters regarding the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition. A letter has also been sent to Prime Minister Paul Keating requesting him to be a guest presenter of the major prize at the Australasian U/W Photographer of the Year presentation night.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ross Hipwell gave the Treasurer's Report. ACCEPTED by Suzanne Evans, SECONDED by Barbara Sweetman.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Leo Mayer has written letters to judges for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition. Four out of the 5 have so far agreed. Leo has also spoken to Greg White of Corporate Theatre and we are well on track for the Presentation Night.

Leo M. asked that entrants who are competing in the George Roberts Perpetual Trophy club photographic competition to submit their slides tonight. Michael Cufer will then judge the slides and the Presentation Night will be at the May meeting on Monday 16 May.

Leo M. has also written to George Moore asking him to keep in mind suggestions for suitable music for the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year competition. If any members have suggestions for the audio visual MUSIC, please let Leo know.

**PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Michael McFadyen said that Rodney Fox is confirmed as a guest speaker and also has a new documentary film to show at the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year presentation night.

Michael also detailed the confirmed sponsors so far organised for the A'sian Underwater Photographer of the Year Presentation Night who have confirmed both in writing and verbally. These are:

- Sea New Guinea, Air Niugini: Open first prize: Airfare & dive cruise package with Febrina.  
Novice first prize: Airfare & Walindi Plantation dive package.
- Destination New Caledonia, Air Caledonia: Diving, accommodation, airfare package of 1 week's diving for 1.
- Mike Ball Expeditions: 6 day Coral Sea expedition on board Spoilsport for 1.
- P & O Resorts / Heron Island: Holiday for 2 people at Heron Island Resort. 7 nights accommodation and diving meals for 2 people plus catamaran transfers.

## PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT (CONTINUED) :

- Bicheno Dive Centre Tasmania: 7 night dive package to Bicheno and airfares from Melbourne for 2 people.
- Cape Byron Imports/Mares: Mares dive equipment package worth approx. \$3,000.
- Pro Dive Travel: Trip for 2 diving & accommodation at Lord Howe Island.
- Novotel Opal Cove Resort/Ansett/Jetty Dive Coffs Harbour: Diving/accommodation/airfare package for 2 nights for 2 people.
- Bounty Divers Norfolk Island: 1 week's diving package for 2.
- Lady Elliot Island: 3 day diving/accommodation package.
- Twofold Dive Eden: 1 week's diving and accommodation package.
- Corporate Sponsor: Maritime Container Services.
- T.D. Preece: Sea Hornet Command Air Regulator.
- Airdive Equipment: Regulator.
- Aqua Sea Products: 140 Strobe and also video lights.
- Sasson Enterprises: Italian manufactured Isotta underwater strobe valued approx. \$550.
- Poraday: Nikon all weather compact camera worth \$450.
- Apollo: Diving computer.
- Wilderness Sea & Ski: \$200 open order.
- Scuba Mechanics: \$100 worth of regulator repairs.
- Scuba Warehouse: Underwater watch.
- Also: Aqualung-US Divers, CIG, Neptune Wetsuits, L.T. Guthrie.

There are some other sponsors yet to confirm but we still have time to finalise these and are well on track.

## DIVE / SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT :

- Joe said that the **NIGHT BOAT DIVE** on Max Western's Sea Tamer II is scheduled for this coming Wednesday 20 April. Meet at 7.00 p.m. Dolans Bay Wharf. Joe asked for people to raise their hands but if there wasn't enough numbers then the night dive will be cancelled.
- **SATURDAY SHORE DIVES** – if you are interested in shore dives just call either Joe on (018) 862 328 or Leo Mayer on 708 5742 (ah).
- **CLUB BOAT DIVE** will be held this coming Sunday 24th April. Joe mentioned that some club members boats were out of action and asked what other boat owners will be going. Martin Kandilas and Rick Latimer will launch from Water Street ramp at 7.30 a.m. John Fardoulos will have his boat down at Jervis Bay. Jeff Harper and Scott Leimroth also put their hands up for the dive.
- Regular **SUNDAY BOAT DIVES** – Call any of the club's boat owners for diving any weekend. Their phone numbers are listed in the newsletter.
- Saturday 30 April - **HALIFAX PARK Nelson Bay SHORE DIVE**. Meeting at Action Divers or be at the dive site 11.00-11.30 a.m. at the latest as parking spots disappear about 5 minutes before the high tide. Contact Joe if you intend going (PH: 018-862 328 or 798 6936).
- **CLUB WEEKENDS AWAY:**
  - **HALIFAX PARK, NELSON BAY** shore dive Saturday/Sunday 14-15 May. Meet at Action Divers around 10.30 a.m. Double boat diving Sat. & Sun. (If there are a lot of people going one lot can shore dive while the other lot boat dive and then swap over the next day. Double Dive \$60, accommodation \$30 for the weekend.
- **SOCIAL EVENTS**
  - Friday 29 April - **THEATRE SHOW** at Bankstown Sports Club: 'Fat Out of Hell' Meatloaf send up. Tickets are only \$8.00. Terese needs to have the money from members before buying tickets.
  - **CLUB BAR-B-Q** Saturday 7 May at Ann and Rick Latimer's place. Address: 105A Robertson Road, Bass Hill, anytime after 4.00 p.m. Rick has been thinking of a "theme" for the day and after a few suggestions David Bilbow said why not come along with or wearing something that starts with "R" ! Rick will give a bottle of scotch for the best "R" on the day.

## DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS:

Robyn Hewitt and a group from Ship Rock Dive have just returned from a weekend on a new live-aboard boat at Jervis Bay. Boarded 6.00 p.m. Friday and anchored between Creswell and Bowen. Saturday night at 'boat harbour'. Moored outside the Husky pub Sunday night. Disembarked off the boat 3.30 a.m. Monday morning. As well as night dives, the group did 3 dives on the Saturday and the Sunday, about 7 dives in all. \$250 full cost.

Rick spoke about the Jervis Bay club weekend away Sat/Sunday 26-27 March. There were 4 club boats but only enough divers for 3 boats. Rick commented on the great house the club group stayed at and that it's well worth keeping in mind for any future weekend stays there. Heaps of room to park boats in the back yard and heaps of room and beds for about 11 people. The Saturday morning dive was at Stoney Creek, afternoon dive at Pyramid Rock inside from Point Perp. Had a great time Saturday afternoon and evening at the Husky pub. On the Sunday morning Rick tried to dive Stoney Creek again but because of the current and sloppy seas decided to move to the southern end of Bowen Island. Overall Rick said it was superb diving over the weekend.

John Fardoulos has just returned from Nelson Bay diving the Saturday, Sunday and that day. Had only about 5 metre viz. It was a bit rough on the Thursday/Friday but the highlight was seeing the dolphins. There had also been a fishing competition run over these days but hardly anyone caught anything.

Michael McFadyen has done a dive out from the Long Bay rifle range. He saw thousands of ludericks swirling in and around, there was stunted growth as it was about 150 metres from the old sewerage outlet. His second dive was at Malabar - a good dive and the growth has come back a lot in the last 3 years. Nice sponges and anemones and a lot of fish around wreck. Suzanne Evans asked if you could do Malabar as a shore dive and Michael said its a rugged long walk, much easier as a boat dive.

Over the last 2 weeks he's also dived on the Tugurah - good dives.

Scott Leimroth has dived the Woniora on the weekend. There was a raging current up off the bottom and they were dragged by the current. While on the deco line it was clear and he saw something like a big eel or ribbon fish in the distance. It was suggested it might have been a Haretail that Scott saw.

Martin mentioned that on Tuesday 19 May the Tugurah becomes a 'Historic Shipwreck'. Martin suggested a 75th birthday dive.

Leo Mayer spoke about the Club weekend away to Eden over Easter. The group did a total of about 7 dives, mainly on the Hauler and the Bolte. The viz wasn't good but it was certainly interesting. Leo enjoyed it and said it was the best diving he's done in a while, the tugs are easily accessible, good diving and good for photography.

Leo Bergagnin has just returned from Norfolk Island and dived on the Friday and Saturday. He had some nice dives and its highly recommended. The island is saturated with history, the temperature was about 22 degrees, viz clear and it was like diving in a swimming pool.

Joe spoke about the Club weekend away to Seals Rocks/Foster that didn't happen. It was cancelled at about 3.30 p.m. on the Friday afternoon. But some of the members were already on the road and Joe managed to contact all who were going. Apparently Ron Hunter's old boat was out of action and his new boat was not in MSB survey yet. Joe arranged with South West Rocks who could fit the divers in and the group ended up having a good weekend diving Fish Rock Cave and Black Rock.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

Terese Mayer reminded members that the meeting to discuss the suggested amendments to the Rules of Incorporation will be next Tuesday 26 April. If some people can't attend, then please fill in your voting forms and return them to the P.O. box address or members could act as proxies if required. If you object to something or would like to suggest new wording, please put it in writing or come along to the meeting.

Membership forms, newsletters and copies of Dive Log were available on the table for anyone interested. Club shirts are also available for sale at \$35.00 each, also sew-on decals and club stickers. There is also Kodak film available for sale.

John Sumner said he now has a book on the shipwrecks of Tasmania's coast for sale.

Leo Bergagnin mentioned John Fardoulos has supplied some information regarding the possibility of a Club tie. With the quantities involved you'd have to pre-sell 50 ties before buying anything. A few people made some jokes about what should go on the ties.

George Nichols (a Federal Police Officer) has his photo in the Sunday Telegraph with an article on brothels ! A copy of the article was available for anyone to read if they were interested. [A few jokes followed re George changing positions and becoming chief brothel keeper !].

Rick Latimer said there was a story in the Sun-Herald about Rory McMahon winning his case on the Catherton.

Michael McFadyen mentioned that Shek Exley had apparently died 2 weeks ago around 7/8 April while doing a deep dive in a 900 ft. + cave in Florida.

Martin said there was a saying: "There are bold divers and there are old divers, but there are very few old bold divers".

### GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED) :

Paul Breadner brought to the members attention that congratulations were due to George Nichols and Lyn Keller who are now officially engaged. Everyone congratulated George and Lyn and said the engagement was overdue.

Joe Ingegneri brought to the Club's attention that he was becoming more tied up with work. Members will remember that since no-one filled the position of Social Co-ordinator at the last AGM he had taken on both Dive Co-ordinator and Social Organiser's positions. Now that he is becoming too busy, Suzanne Evans has volunteered to help. Joe asked if anyone had any objections to Suzanne taking on the role of Social Secretary.

Leo Bergagnin put forward a motion asking the members if they agreed to Suzanne taking on this role. Motion was ACCEPTED by Paul Breadner, SECONDED by Gordon McDonald. Majority of those present AGREED. Suzanne stood up and introduced herself and received a round of applause.

### RAFFLE:

First prize of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was won by new member Geoffrey Cook. 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 Robyn Hewitt. Thank you to Leo & Leslie Hillyer of Ship Rock Dive for the prize. Third prize was won by Terese Mayer.

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

### GUEST SPEAKER / PHOTOGRAPHER:

Becca Saunders then gave a very interesting presentation of the wide variety of sea life you can expect to see while diving around Indonesia/North Sulawesi. The attendance numbers on the evening showed how interested many of us are about this relatively 'untouched' diving location. If you check the May newsletter and future newsletters you will see information regarding the underwater photographic expedition Becca and Mark Spencer are promoting. This year's dates are 6 August - 19 August, 1994. Total cost \$3,200 (ex Sydney).

Becca's presentation was much appreciated and we thank her for taking the time to come to our meeting.

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