

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 18 JULY, 1994 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Visitors: John Harlen, Peter Lasnick, Dean Lasnick, Michael Donovan, Jeff Howells, Martin James Atkins, Pauline Moore, Wendy Hedges, Bill Atherton.

OPENING:

As our Club President, Leo Bergagnin, was away overseas, Ross Hipwell (Treasurer) opened the meeting.

MINUTES FROM MEETING 21 JUNE, 1994:

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

INCOMING / OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

INCOMING: Correspondence has been received from Cathie Holloway of Australia Camera Magazine, also from Tom Byron and there has also been faxes from Angie Belcher in NZ - which Leo Mayer the Photography Officer will talk more about in his report. Letters have been received requesting tickets for the Presentation Night and also information about the Club. Twofold Dive Eden has sent us information about diving the 3 tugs at Eden. Also club newsletters have been received from Ryde Underwater Club "Surface Interval", Brisbane Waters Aqualung Club "Demand Valve Vibes", Underwater Research Group URG Bulletin and also a Marine Notice.

OUTGOING: Thank you letters to Tom Byron, Ron Taylor, Garry Bell, Cathie Holloway, Barry Andrewartha for being judges and also to Greg White from Corporate Theatre. Letter to Barry Andrewartha enclosing copies of the winning Top 5 in the Open and Novice Sections, letter to Angie Belcher enclosing copies of slides for her article, letters to dive shops asking whether they'd like to sell tickets to the Presentation Night. Letters and newsletters to people enquiring about the club. Letters to Dive Quest Mulloway and South West Rocks Dive Centre advising winners of George Roberts Comp.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ross Hipwell gave the Treasurer's Report. ACCEPTED by Rick Latimer, SECONDED by Martin Kandilas.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT:

Leo Mayer said the judging for the A'sian Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition was held over Saturday and Sunday 25/26th June. The judges were Tom Byron, Ron Taylor, Garry Bell, Cathie Holloway and Barry Andrewartha. Leo has written to them thanking them for their time over the weekend. Letters have been received from Cathie Holloway and Tom Byron. Tom Byron has written a letter about the judging day at Corporate Theatre and he has requested that it be read out at the meeting. The members were asked if they would like it read. Ross Hipwell read Tom's letter which spoke of the well organised and professional day of judging and the effort put in by Leo and Terese Mayer which contributed to a successful weekend of judging.

Leo said the judges were regularly sent letters and were given an overview beforehand of how the weekend was going to be run, combining ideas from previous Photographic Officers and members. The judging criteria was based on that suggested by Martin Kandilas for the 1992 judging; i.e. scoring was based on Impact, Composition, Technical Aspects, Lighting and Creativity. Michael McFadyen had the idea of using an Excel spreadsheet for keying in the scores. A spreadsheet was created to automatically total the scores and was then loaded onto Corporate Theatre's computer. Greg White wanted to be part of the team on the day of judging and was very helpful with arranging the food and facilities. Corporate Theatre also arranged a computer programme to synchronise 5 projectors for judging the winning portfolios.

Barry Andrewartha has been sent dupes of the Top 5 portfolios for the Open and Novice categories and there should be up to 9 pages of photographs printed in Sportdiving's October/November issue. He has also offered to print a souvenir fold-out of winning photographs to be handed out at the Presentation Night as the people leave.

The Herald's Good Weekend magazine have been approached about doing an article on underwater photography before the Presentation Night. Angie Belcher has also written an article on the competition for an in-flight magazine to be used by Qantas or Air New Zealand. She requested some slides of previous winning photographs. We sent dupes of 2 Pat Manly's and 1 Kim Kohen from the Club's records.

There is little record of previous years' slides - we have last year's slides but they are the duped down versions used in the audio visual production and the rest on file are only copies from the early 1980's and most don't have names on them of who the photographer was. For Angie Belcher's article Scuba Diver magazine were approached and they have loaned out 2 Garry Bells ('Cerberus' and 'Sunrays' and Graham Wright's 'Clownfish'. Angie faxed back that the slides from Scuba Diver were not the cleanest and one had mould on it.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT:

Scuba Diver magazine have offered to loan out their dupes if we need them at any time or if we decide to copy them for Club records. Rather than "burning our bridges" with Scuba Diver magazine (in case the Club may eventually use them again as a sponsor), it is suggested we keep a permanent record and take up Scuba Diver's offer and duplicate their slides of the previous years' competitions.

Regarding Cathie Holloway's letter. As editor of Australian Camera magazine Cathie would like to print the winning Open category photos from this year's competition. We have written to her offering last year's photos but Cathie has declined these. She was also offered use of the 1994 slides but only after January next year. This offer was also declined. Cathie's Australian Camera magazine doesn't really need this year's winning photos when doing a general article on underwater photography and it's felt that Cathie is trying to 'gazump' Barry Andrewartha by trying to print this year's winning photos ahead of him. The Committee believe that since Barry has paid for the right to print these and since he's done so much for the Club this year, that he has first rights to use them.

Ross later said Tom Byron's comments were appreciated and that this year's effort has been built on the previous years' experience of past Photographic Officers and club members who have worked on the photography competition in the past and their efforts over the years are also appreciated.

SOCIAL / DIVING ACTIVITIES:

- **CLUB BAR-B-Q on Saturday 2nd JULY** was held at Suzanne's house. Considering the weather about 20 people turned up and had a good time.
- **10-PIN BOWLING on Saturday evening 30 July** - Check with Suzanne for details if interested (Ph: 891 1964).
- **DIVE THE TITANIC: 13-14 AUGUST** - 3 day excursion to Dreamworld Gold Coast, including airfares, just \$265 per person. Dreamworld's I-MAX Theatre has the film on Ballard's exploration of the Titanic. Over the weekend you can also get a dive in as well. Call Rick for details (ph: 645 4405 a/h).
- **GLIDING, Camden Airport - SATURDAY 23 July** - There are 5 places to fill. Call Rick for details (ph: 645 4405).

DIVING

- **NIGHT DIVE held on FRIDAY 15 JULY** - Suzanne reported the night dive went ahead on Max Western's Sea Tamer II. There was a SE swell, difficult to anchor. All divers had a good dive even though the water was only about 12.5 deg.
- **DIVE EDEN's 3 TUGS FOR JUST \$75 WITH TWOFOLD DIVE EDEN**
Accommodation at Peter Hall's guest house for \$15.00 per night.
A suggestion was to dive the weekend of Sat/Sun 30/31 July - Mon. 1 August (Bank Holiday).
Another weekend will be planned for later in August/September.
- **MONTAGUE ISLAND / NAROOMA WEEKEND** - \$190. Drive down Friday. Diving and accommodation included in price. Accommodation for up to 21 people in 3 cottages - staying on a beef cattle farm.
Dive Montague Island Saturday - 2 dives plus lunch. Sunday - spend lazing around the farm, canoeing or bushwalking.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT:

Michael McFadyen said the tickets for the Presentation Night had been printed but due to a misprint they weren't ready in time for tonight's meeting. They should be available next week. Members were reminded to pay for their tickets by tonight as most of the seats on the South Pacific tables are quickly going. 34 tables have already gone and the dive shops approached are keen.

DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS:

Leo Mayer dived the 'Provincial Trader' on Saturday with Twofold Dive Eden. About 37 mtrs to the deck, the tug was sunk about 1 & half months ago. There's also a car on the deck. There was only about 10-15 ft. viz and the water temperature was about 11 degrees. Still a good dive, went into the bridge and saw the radar and sonar, but the wheel's gone, lots of portholes. The Harbour Master wants to have it blown up or there's talk of getting a semi submersible barge to float the wreck out to the continental shelf and drop it off. The 'Provincial Trader' had a leaking stern gland and a hatch had been left open. Before it sank the crew tried to use compressed air to start the engine and later Peter Hall's 3 scuba tanks were stolen off the wreck.

Michael McFadyen dive the 'Tugerah' on Saturday with Max Western. The water was choppy but they did a slow trip to the dive site. Max anchored straight on the wreck.

DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS (CONTINUED):

Strong SW wind, little current, blue water all the way down. About 80 ft. viz on bottom. Saw the usual fish but no cuttle fish or wobbys. Good dive with about a 12 minute bottom time.

Scott Leimroth dived the weekend after the last meeting with BJ. Dived one of BJ's 'secret reefs' off the National Park. Saw some nice sponges, Port Jackson shark. Scott said the 2 ships mentioned at the last meeting were the 'Kurrajong' and 'Wyreema'. Dived the 'Centennial' wreck in the harbour - good 20 mtr viz. Last Saturday he dived the 'Undola' - choppy and windy but good viz.

Discussion took place about John Riley's discovery of the wreck 'Myola' off Long Reef. (It sank about 6 weeks before the 'Tugurah'). Leo Mayer mentioned that Richard Swansborough is currently finishing a video on the 'Myola' and has offered to show it at the Presentation Night.

John Fardoulis dived the 'Tugurah' 3-4 weeks ago and it was a perfect dive. Sitting on the boiler he could see the funnel through the fish. Also dived the 'Birchgrove Park' on Saturday - no current. He went out again on Sunday.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Members gave good reports on the restaurant prizes in our raffle. The Selera is reported as being excellent, good food and friendly. Barbara dined at the Metro Motor Inn and the Thurles is always good.

Michael spoke on the 'Rock and Roll Night' at the Thurles Castle. Several South Pacific members partied with the St. George Scuba Club members. Excellent food and a good DJ kept everyone entertained.

John Fardoulis spoke about the Department of Planning Wreck Project. John is interested in doing a wreck survey and a general discussion took place. John Sumner mentioned the 'HMAS Swan' near Brooklyn, a pre WWI destroyer (in 5 mtr depth, 25 knot current). John Fardoulis spoke about 'The Nemesis' in 315 ft. or the Birchgrove Park. Contact John if any members are interested in the project.

Geoff Cook spoke about the 'USS Goldsbrough' destroyer in Sydney Harbour which was bought by the government for \$6M. and is being stripped for metal.

John Sumner has some new wreck books for sale, one is the 'Wrecks in Darwin Waters' for \$16.00.

Merridy Cairn-Duff spoke about a NZ photo comp. and had a photocopy of the details and entry form.

Peter Flockart mentioned the book 'Field Guide to Australian Crustaceans' is in the book shops for \$35.00.

Suzanne Evans mentioned the dates and details for the Coral Sea and Yongala trips with the Undersea Explorer. Uni. of Technology Dive Club have a group booking (19 - 26 November, 1994 & 9 - 13 June 1995) and have a few spots available.

RAFFLE:

There are 3 FIRST PRIZES in the Club's monthly raffle. These are dinner for 2 people, each with a complimentary bottle of wine from the following restaurants:

- Selera Malaysian Restaurant, Newtown - Won by George Nichols.
- The Thurles Castle Hotel, Chippendale - Won by BJ.
- Beverley's Restaurant, Metro Motor Inn, Chippendale - Won by Ross Hipwell.

Congratulations to the 3 First Prize winners and also thank you to each of the Restaurants for their support of the Club raffle.

SECOND PRIZE of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was won by Paul Moore. 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**.

THIRD PRIZE of 2 airfills was won by Scott Leimroth. Thank you to Leo and Leslie Hillyer of Ship Rock Dive for the prize.

GUEST / PHOTOGRAPHER:

Fellow club member BRENT HEDGES then showed us a selection of his photos of dives with the great white sharks off South Australia. We also saw some great photos taken at Sting Ray City in the Cayman Islands.

The Committee and members would like to thank Brent for showing us his great shark photos, interesting photography and the great dive sites.

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