

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 15 AUGUST, 1994 AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Visitors: Andrew Fenelly, Michele Fenelly, John Earl, John Harlen, Peter Lasnick, Michael Donovan.

OPENING:

Leo Bergagnin opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors present. Said Peter Flockart will be showing slides of his recent trip to Papua New Guinea and Russell Stoker will show his video of the Provincial Trader dive at Eden.

Leo B. mentioned that in September S-P-D has 2 important events coming up. Firstly the Photographic Presentation Night. Said in keeping with last year, the Committee has made a serious effort to make this night financially successful. Providing we can achieve the same ticket sales as last year then our raffle will achieve a profit for the Club. To do this some help is required by club members. Over the next week a book of 12 tickets will be posted to each club member. We are hopeful all club members will return the stubs to our P.O. Box before the night with a cheque for \$20. The tickets will be \$2.00 each and each member will get 2 for free. Tickets will also be on sale on the night and so ticket sellers will be needed.

Our second important event will be the A.G.M. to be held on Monday 26 September. A big roll up would be nice and don't forget all positions will be declared vacant.

MINUTES FROM MEETING 18 JULY, 1994:

Members would have received the Minutes with the August newsletter. Before being accepted Michael McFadyen said that under 'Dive Reports' the wording should read that he dived the Tugerah with Les Catison. Minutes were then ACCEPTED by Barbara Sweetman and SECONDED by Peter Flockart.

INCOMING / OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

INCOMING: Correspondence from Becca Saunders about the Ambon underwater shoot-out photographic comp. and mentioning that the Indonesian photographic trip she and Mark Spencer were organising had now been cancelled but will probably be organised for next year. Newsletters from other dive clubs like Sydney Uni. Underwater Club, Brisbane Waters "Demand Valve Vibes", URG "Bulletin", Uni. of Technology "Know Douts".

OUTGOING: Letter to Garry Garf (old member who had written into Dive Log) and correspondence to people enquiring about the club.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ross Hipwell gave the Treasurer's Report. ACCEPTED by Mike Foster, SECONDED by John Fardoulis.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT:

Leo Mayer said production is going ahead for the A'sian Photo Comp. Presentation Night and will be going back in to Corporate Theatre next Saturday to see how it's going. Greg White has introduced Leo to another person (Norbert) who does A/V's for Corporate work. Norbert has a unique proposition for the Club. With approx. 100 of our best slides he would like to make up a small A/V to be shown to companies either before their show, during their A/V break or after their corporate show. There will also be another A/V made up from workers in the Antarctic. So they have 2 shows to make up. Every time the corporations see our slides we get paid a royalty.

Leo M. thought it was a good idea as we show the South Pacific "flag" to major companies and this could lead to future sponsorship and also new members from this field. Leo asked the members to consider the proposal and "nut it out". Nothing will be done until January as Corporate Theatre are extremely busy.

A discussion amongst members took place regarding the use of competition slides for corporate A/V's. The point raised of copyright of the slides belonging to the photographers and the Club could legally then be open to problems. The use of the slides would be to promote the club only - not commercial gain. What if the Club could come to an agreement with the owners of slides. The new committee/photographic officer could pursue the proposal as we have till January to decide.

Last month Leo spoke about getting the slides back from Scuba Diver Magazine and getting them re-duped and have a permanent record for the Club's files. Scuba Diver had paid for their own dupes but apparently they're not in the best condition, dusty and mould. He would like to arrange to borrow Scuba Diver's dupes, clean them up, duplicate them and then place the new dupes on the club files. This year Leo has made a special effort of making a second duplicate and putting entrants names on all the duplicates made for the Club's permanent record.

A motion was put forward for Leo Mayer to go ahead and contact Scuba Diver Magazine on behalf of the Club to re-dupe their slides and place a permanent copy on Club records. Motion ACCEPTED by Martin Kandilas and SECONDED by John Fardoulis. Members PASSED motion by a show of hands.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued):

Leo Mayer has given his talk to UTS divers club last Wednesday night and spoke to them about what the judges look for and how the A/V is put together and he thanked Mark Spencer for letting him show a video of Mark's A/V on the Catherton. He received a bottle of "No Douts" port and will probably drink it after the A/V.

Martin asked if a video will be taken of the Presentation Night A/V by Corporate Theatre. Leo Bergagnin said the Committee had every intention of having a professional video taken as a permanent record of the night, either through Corporate Theatre or a private source.

Leo Bergagnin said the present Committee would appreciate seeing previous years' video footage of Presentation Nights. There is only one on Club record and its of 1992. Previous years videos taken are not on file. The Club would of paid for these copies but there is nothing prior to 1992 and last year's video was apparently only amateur footage.

Martin said he and Rick had copies on video they had paid for of previous years. Leo Bergagnin said he would like to view the videos to see how previous years Presentation Nights were run and thinks a copy of Martin's tapes should be made and placed on file for club records.

Discussion took place. Leo Mayer has seen a master on one year at Corporate Theatre. John Fardoulis asked if the club could copy off the master. Leo Mayer said Corporate Theatre are extremely busy doing their own corporate work and wouldn't have the time.

It would probably save time (and money) and be easier to copy the tapes that Martin has.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT:

Michael McFadyen spoke about the ticket sales for the Photographic Presentation Night. Joe has the tickets for Club members so please see him to collect them. Michael said sales are going well with a lot of enthusiasm from the shops. If you need more tickets please see Joe or Michael.

SOCIAL / DIVING ACTIVITIES:

- Dry suit orientation this Wednesday night. \$35 - see Joe about sizes for suits.
- **EDEN TRIP Saturday/Sun. 3/4 September** Joe asked for names of people interested in going.
- **WEE JASPER WEEKEND 10-11 September** - Call Peter Booth for details.
- **PAINT BALL SKIRMISH** - South Pacific Divers versus Ryde Underwater Club. Joe would like to see more combined activities between diving clubs. If we have 30 people we can get the "run of the field" and a free trophy. He would like to see some very competitive people. Would like to have 15 people. \$55 gives you 200 rounds of ammo, overalls, mask, hats, guns, lunch, coffee. The venue is at Helensburgh and is fully outdoor, like an imitation army field, trenches, fields, etc. You could have 40-50 games in one day. It's great going back with each new game and getting shot again. Joe said he'd like to see a "multi coloured Ryde U'water Group".
- **MONTAGUE ISLAND TRIP - Late October** - See Suzanne for details - \$190.00. Bus down Friday night, double dive Saturday, tank fills, Sunday horse riding, bushwalking, canoeing or just relaxing staying on a farm.

DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS:

Last Saturday Scott Leimroth dive the Undola - current running. Warm in and out of the water, but no sharks.

Michael McFadyen, Eddy Labour, John Gordon dived Undola 2 weeks ago - no current but strong westerly winds. Anchor wrapped up and tangled in net. John grabbed the anchor, tried to pull chain down but had to fight because of the strong wind, couldn't cut it free. 9 minute bottom time, good viz, no current, good dive but strong wind.

Chris Lockwood has recently dived Montague Island. Saw about 50 timid NZ fur seals sunbaking on the rocks on the first day. Second day did a drift dive on northern side. 60-70 ft. viz and saw Australian fur seals. Water was about 11-12 deg. and worth diving.

Jeff Harper has just returned from 10 day Solomon Islands trip. Land temp. 35 degrees, 28 deg. in water, saw plenty of fish, good wrecks and plenty of sharks. Highly recommends the trip. Leo B. asked Jeff (Qantas staff) how much he paid for his ticket - Jeff said \$160 return !

Leo Mayer said he and Brian Colwell night dived Ship Rock a couple of weeks ago. About 30 divers in the water (mostly from Snorkel Inn). 12 deg. in the water. Snorkel Inn had a hot water camp shower using a 20 litre drum and put on soup and ~~BBQ sausage and water~~ who had a sausage BBQ after the dive. Good night dive.

Eddy Labour dived Jervis Bay last weekend. Dived The Arch and Docks on Saturday, dived Labrynth (or "Whorehouse") on Sunday, water temp. 12 deg. Had 3 good dives and was a good weekend away. Bob Smith's plaque is dirty, covered in growth and needs cleaning.

John Fardoulis dived the Tugerah, bumpy 2 metre swell, saw Port Jacksons, no wobby's and saw seal swimming around wreck and feasting on the fish.

DIVE REPORTS BY MEMBERS (CONTINUED):

Joe and friends have returned from north coast dive trip. Dived out from Cairns - Hastings Reef 10 mtr. viz. Townsville was blown out. Dived Byron Bay 3-4 mtr. viz., deep dives, saw sharks (fishing boats like "meat works"). Had a great dive at Julian Rocks. Saw black shape but it was only a turtle. Coffs Harbour worst diving - had 2 mtr. viz at North Solitary. South West Rocks - water cleaner, nothing out of the ordinary, dived Agnes Irving paddle steamer in 12 mtr. and you could see wreck from surface (it sank 1879). Highly recommendS this dive. Had a "hell of a trip and hoped everyone were jealous".

Michael McFadyen also said the Agnes Irving was a good wreck dive even in 5 mtr. viz. Michael McFadyen was in Melbourne for Scuba Expo and saw some SPD Club members like Peter Flockart, Glen Townsend. Products at Expo like twin hose reg - Nimrod, Beckman Electra mixed gas rebreather.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Paul Aram mentioned ad in Herald's employment section re standardising training, Frog Dive traineeship.

Geoff Cook advised he will have his boat up at South West Rocks on the week of 11-18 February staying in Trial Bay Caravan Park if anyone was interested in going up. Details should be placed in later newsletters.

Martin brought up a proposal by Rick Latimer (who was unable to be at the meeting) suggestion to institute 2 Club achievement awards: Club Member of the Year, Committee Member of the Year (*See Annexure to these Minutes*).

Discussion then took place amongst members. Leo Bergagnin personally feels awards are fine and quite numerous awards could be given. Rick had spoken to him about it last Friday. Leo B. said it he's surprised no awards are given for Club members. A more specific criteria could be developed - so it can run for a full season. Leo B. suggested it should be done at a Christmas Party as opposed to an A.G.M.

Discussion: It's a good concept - recognition and some way of saying thanks. Should be judged by members not just by committee. Maybe only "Club member of the Year" and no separate award for Committee member. Ordinary members should nut it out. Motion for future discussion.

Paul Aram suggested that Rick's submission should be included on Agenda and tabled at AGM for further discussion/debate by members. Paul Aram put forward motion, AGREED by various members present, SECONDED by Scott Leimroth. Motion CARRIED by majority of members present.

BJ gave a restaurant report on the Thurles Castle - excellent food, surprised so crowded, well hidden, good Irish pub.

Joe Ingegneri has sold 35 tickets on the club tables for presentation night. There are a total of 44 seats with 9 spots still available at time of meeting.

Cousteau "Night to Remember" tickets: Leo Bergagnin said Club has paid for 40 tickets with another 30 to be ordered.

Presentation Night on 24th September, Leo B. would like to push SPD hosting if members could wear their Club shirts.

Terese Mayer suggested name tags with the South Pacific Club logo.

Chris Lockwood asked about future South Pacific T-Shirts, baseball jackets and emblems. Chris to find out prices.

Terese mentioned information on Wee Jasper, copies of newsletters and membership forms were on the side bench.

RAFFLE:

We have 3 restaurant dinners and a complimentary bottle of wine for 2 people as FIRST PRIZES in the raffle:

- Selera Malaysian Restaurant, Newtown - Won by Daryl Gibbs.
- The Thurles Castle Hotel, Chippendale - Won by John Szwecow.
- Beverley's Restaurant, Metro Motor Inn, Chippendale - Won by Mark Spencer.

Congratulations to the 3 first prize winners and also thank you to each of the Restaurants for supporting the Club raffle.

SECOND PRIZE of a trip on Max Western's Sea Tamer II was won by Barbara Sweetman. 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 Russell Stoker. Thank you to Leo & Leslie Hillyer of Ship Rock Dive for the prize.

GUEST / PHOTOGRAPHER:

Russell then showed video of 'Live and Sweaty' promo for show with Elle McFeast sitting next to Russell and then footage of the Provincial Trader at Eden.

Peter Flockart then showed us slides of his recent trip to New Guinea on the live aboard 'Tiata'. They were great photos and we all enjoyed seeing them.

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