

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes from the September meeting held at Bankstown Sports and Recreation Club on 26 September 1994.

### VISITORS:

David Burns.

### APOLOGIES:

Glenn Townsend and Robyn Hewitt.

### OPENING

Leo Bergagnin welcomed members present. The second part of the meeting will be the AGM and all positions are to be declared vacant.

### MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members have received the Minutes with their September newsletter. Members present were asked to accept these. Minutes were then ACCEPTED by Brian Colwell and SECONDED by Rick Latimer.

### INCOMING/OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

**Incoming:** Newsletters from various dive clubs: Sydney Uni. Underwater Club, Ryde Underwater "Surface Interval", Brisbane Waters "Demand Valve Vibes", URG "Bulletin", Uni. of Technology "Know Douts", Uni of NSW "Devious Undercurrents" and Terrigal Underwater Group "Scuba Scope". The NSW Fisheries Draft Management Plan for the Jervis Bay Marine Reserve and a notice about a New Guinea photo comp.

**Outgoing:** General correspondence to various sponsors and to people inquiring about the Club and other general correspondence with A/V.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Ross Hipwell read out the Treasurer's Report of total income and expenditure up to 26 September, 1994. There will be a separate report for the Presentation Night income and expenditure at the next meeting. ACCEPTED by Ron Mines, SECONDED by Craig Harwood.

Martin Kandilas asked about the \$600 video production cost for the Presentation Night - thought it was high. Leo Mayer explained that the videographer was hired at the last minute after Corporate Theatre's man had resigned. Corporate Theatre had originally quoted approx. \$450. Stefan's production involved two people and is well worth the money as Stefan taped directly off the video and sound equipment in the bio box as well as having a second man video taping from the auditorium. For \$600 we are actually getting a \$2,000 job.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT

Leo Mayer spoke about the Presentation Night and wanted to talk about its future. It seems that every time we have a new committee we have to learn how to put the A/V night together. We get help from previous photography officers and ex presidents. Leo wanted to thank Brian Colwell, Ron Mines, Rick Latimer and Martin Kandilas. However at this time Leo thinks we need to get together a sub-committee to help organise the next A/V. This sub-committee could also look at and discuss the rules and implement any changes that may be needed. We should sit down with winning photographers and have a "think tank" and listen to any feedback. Publicity is another area that worries Leo. We need more involvement from members. With two magazines we need precise information and quality control. By having this sub-committee we can then let the actual SPDC committee get on with the job of being a dive club first.

At the last meeting we voted that the show should be video taped. At the last minute Leo found out that Corporate Theatre's videographer had resigned. It was Friday night when he found out about this. He rang Michael Cufer and Wendy put him onto Stefan Wisniewski who originally quoted approx. \$450 - the same price as Corporate Theatre. Stefan didn't realise how much time the A/V was going to take and it was a two man operation. He asked for another \$150. After seeing the quality of his work Leo agreed to the price. Stefan's work impressed Corporate Theatre so much that they are now using him for their work. All sound and videos were taken straight out of the audio and



video systems so the quality is excellent. They also used VHS Super format. Leo suggested that Martin could help transfer this to VHS for anyone who wants a video of the night. There could be a price (donation) put on each tape for the service to help pay for the video's cost.

Lastly, Leo has heard that the team David Parrer/Parrer-Cook, who did the 'Wolves Of The Sea' documentary, may be interested in being a guest speaker/s at next year's Presentation Night. Leo received this information from an old member of South Pacific, Sylvia Adam. She was talking to them at a conference last week. She did say it's only a possibility. Leo thought we should probably make Sylvia an honorary member.

Leo also mentioned that Corporate Theatre will be running workshops on making A/V's. videography, putting slides onto CD and these will be run over one or two days with hands on experience. Leo thinks its worthwhile if you wish to improve in all aspects of photography.

Leo then finished by thanking everyone on the committee, saying it's been a pleasure working with such a dedicated crew. Thanks for putting up with him. It's also been a pleasure working for the members of South Pacific Divers Club.

A general discussion then took place about the video of the Presentation Night: Brian mentioned that they had looked at this when he was Photography Officer - we have to be careful as the music does not belong to us, nor the videos taped.

Martin mentioned that any copy of the tape would be purely for SPD Club's own entertainment and not for personal use.

Leo said it's also a good reference so you know where mistakes were made previously and can try and improve on them for next time.

Suzanne mentioned that she had feedback from people who objected to a shot of dead marine life in the A/V - i.e. the shark feeding slide. Leo said pictures like this will be addressed in the future.

### **PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT**

Michael McFadyen mentioned the quality production of the souvenir booklet printed for the Presentation Night. Novice entrants slides were printed in the book. *Sportdiving* magazine have done a great job this year and also provided on the night complimentary gatefolds of the winning photos. There was also good coverage for sponsors, articles in *DIVE Log*, etc.

### **SOCIAL/DIVING ACTIVITIES**

**Montague Island** trip 29-30 October: 1 spot left. \$190.00. Bus down Friday night, double dive Saturday, tank fills, Sunday horse riding, bushwalking, canoeing or just relaxing staying on a farm. Return bus trip.

**Club Barbecue** Saturday 8 October: At Leo & Terese's place: 123 Ashby Avenue, Yagoona. Bring meat, drinks, chair, etc.

**'Live & Sweaty'** Friday 7 October. Be part of the live audience for the last show this year. Last time we had 31 people turn up and a few wore mask, snorkel, fins. Someone suggested why not tanks and BCDs this time!

**Eden Trip** 1/2/3 October long weekend. Staying with Twofold Dive Charters Eden. Dive the 3 tugs for \$75.00. There is word that the *Provincial Trader* is to be towed away at the end of November.

**Paint Ball Skirmish** - South Pacific Divers versus Ryde Underwater Club. 16 October. Joe would like to see 15 people per side and will take reserves. Joe needs a \$20 deposit from everyone as he is paying deposit tomorrow. \$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. Joe is to pay deposit tomorrow. Good to have inter club competition and meet other people.

### **Dive Reports by Members**

Carina Gregory recently returned from Mike Ball's Dive Expedition off Cairns, on *Supersport*. Dived Ribbon Reefs and up to Lizard Island. Two dives at the Cod Hole was a highlight. A day of white water rafting on the Tully River. Top fun. Did six dives on the *Yongala* off Townsville, saw leopard sharks, trevally, sea snakes, heaps of fish. No penetration of wreck because of Queensland law and the preservation order not to go in. Warm water and average viz. 20 metres.

Scott Leimroth dived the *Kelloe* in filthy water.



Martin Kandilas, John Fardoulis, Rick Latimer did a trip up the coast to dive the *Galava* in 165 feet. Arrived around 8.30 am and by 1.00 pm were still looking for wreck on depth sounder. Called up Neil Vincent on the mobile phone. Neil was able to come out with them and show exactly where it was (about where they were originally). By 3.00 pm. they dived on it but it wasn't worth the effort. John regretted leaving his video camera in the boat as they had a seal come up to them and look them in the eye a few times. Rated the dive 3 out of 10 and the seal 9 out of 10. Heard the seal do a fart while laying on its back on the surface.

John Fardoulis spoke about the *Birchgrove Park* dive he recently did with Rick Latimer, Mark Hamilton and a fourth person, taking 2 boats out. John gave his version of the story and time he and Mark had as bottom time and then on the deco stop/s. [You had to be at the meeting to hear the full details]. Rick then gave his side of the story, saying "things that you forget and things that you learn". How you can become complacent about diving and monitoring people in the water.

John Fardoulis also dived the *Birchgrove* with Rick and John Szwecow. Surface brown - 15 metres. viz.

Michael McFadyen also dived the *Birchgrove Park* with Les Caterson. 30 metres viz on top and opened up on bottom. 15 minutes. bottom time. 14 to 15 minutes. deco. A bronze whaler shark came in close about 5 metres and then swam away to about 30 metres, disappeared and then came in again a few times, doing U shape turns. Swam around them for about 12 minutes.

Michael McFadyen dived the *Undola* - filthy on surface, bottom viz good.

Geoff Cook and friends dived with Twofold Dive Charters, Eden at beginning of month. Accommodation was good and had a good time.

Suzanne dived the *Tuggerah* - 40 metres down good viz., but soup above it.

John Sumner on a recent trip to Brisbane dived the wreck *Gayundah*.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**"Achievement Awards"** Nominated By Rick Latimer

1. 'Club Member of the Year' and 2. 'Committee Member of the Year'

Rick led off discussion - SPD are one of the few clubs that do not have awards in club structure itself. Should have such a system to reward efforts of outstanding members. Clubs have honour boards. Recognition process. This is long overdue and should be done. Should be two distinct variations. Committee in a different role. Rationale between two actual awards. How to judge though: members point system, attending meetings, diving, writing articles, bringing new members, or general ballot at end of year?

Discussion: Points system hard to do. An example of the URG awards were read out. Next committee to figure out awards and hand out at Christmas party. Fun awards are good - easy to do.

Rick mentioned a plaque for deserving members over the years. Have fun awards, but have one serious award.

Michael McFadyen said there should only be one award for club member, not for committee member. A club person award.

Rick said two awards - two distinctions.

Michael McFadyen said committee are members, committee do their normal job.

After discussion - agreement in concept by members of Rick's proposal.

Rick PROPOSED motion to institute two club achievement awards.

SECONDED by Gordon McDonald. Motion PASSED almost unanimously (33 members present with two people against).

## **General Business**

Geoff Cook asked about a wreck survey - for the club to create some history. Geoff mentioned the *Nemesis* which he didn't realise several members have already been researching. Talk about using a magnetometer. John Fardoulis said there are two schools of thought, some say its out deep or they know where it is in 100 + metres. water.



A suggestion of access to a 'ROV' (i.e. a camcorder on a rope) to identify it.

Discussion took place about a magnetometer: Cost \$4,000-\$6,000. Can hire on a short term basis. John Riley rents his own out, plus himself. If in deep water, find out where it is, and have a search area using a magnetometer.

Michael McFadyen said club funds could be used to hire it. John Fardoulis suggested that a magnetometer could cost \$400 deposit and \$40 per day. Could be good publicity for the club.

Leo Bergagnin made it clear that before any magnetometer were to be hired by individual club members they must first put the proposal to the future committee before it is hired. It should be a planned activity of the whole club, detailing when, where and why and not a use for just a select few and club funds not used only for a select few. Members AGREED.

John Sumner was present and said if they were patient he knows where it is and it's been found by other people in the past. In 300 feet. who's going to dive on it? Found out about it through "an official government document when he opened the wrong drawer one day".

Someone suggested the club could produce a report on the wreck.

John Beddie brought to the attention of members the Draft Plan for Jervis Bay by the Fisheries Dept.

Merridy mentioned that Ryde Underwater's dive boat is for sale at around \$9,000-\$9,500 and is a 5.4 metres. Savage.

John Sumner has a couple of new books to sell: *The Centaur*, *Creta*. Don't forget *Wreck Diving in Rabaul*!

John Fardoulis brought up about the boat owners and the rules. This matter will be put over to the next meeting.

Leo Bergagnin declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

#### **RAFFLE**

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

**Selera Malaysian Restaurant, Newtown** - Barbara Sweetman has won this prize and also a club shirt for selling the most tickets in the Presentation Night Raffle - a total of nine books. Well done Barb!

**The Thurles Castle Hotel, Chippendale** - Won by Sue O'Grady.

**Beverley's Restaurant, Metro Motor Inn, Chippendale** - Won by Russell Stoker.

Congratulations to the three 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 Gordon McDonald.

Third prize of two airfills was won by Peter Flockart. Thank you to **Leo & Leslie Hillyer of Shiprock Dive** for the prize.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER/PHOTOGRAPHER**

Due to time constraints, Michael McFadyen's photographs from Chuuk Lagoon will be shown at the October meeting.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB INC.**

Held Monday 26 September, 1994 at the Bankstown Sports and Recreation Club

**RETURNING OFFICER:**

Rick Latimer.

**NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Leo Bergagnin	(Declined)
	Gordon McDonald	(Declined)
	Carina Gregory	(Declined)
As no-one wanted the job a volunteer was called :		
	Leo Mayer	(Accepted)
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Ross Hipwell	(Declined)
	Leo Bergagnin	(Declined)
	Suzanne Evans	(Accepted - First)
	John Fardoulis	(Accepted - Second)
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Martin Kandilas	(Declined)
	John Fardoulis	(Declined)
	Suzanne Evans	(Accepted - after declining Treasurer)
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</b>	Michael McFadyen	(Declined)
	Merridy Cairn-Duff	(Accepted)
<b>PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:</b>	Peter Flockart	(Accepted)
<b>DIVE ORGANISERS:</b>	Joe Ingegneri	(Declined)
	Russell Stoker	(Declined)
	Chris Lockwood	(Declined)
	Scott Leimroth	(Accepted)
	Geoff Cook	(Accepted)
<b>SOCIAL ORGANISERS:</b>	Barbara Sweetman	(Accepted)
	Carina Gregory	(Accepted)
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR:</b>	Michael McFadyen	(Accepted)

**ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 1994/95**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	LEO MAYER.
<b>TREASURER:</b>	JOHN FARDOULIS.
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	SUZANNE EVANS.
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</b>	MERRIDY CAIRN-DUFF.
<b>PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER:</b>	PETER FLOCKART.
<b>DIVE ORGANISERS (2):</b>	SCOTT LEIMROTH & GEOFF COOK.
<b>SOCIAL ORGANISERS (2):</b>	BARBARA SWEETMAN & CARINA GREGORY.
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR:</b>	MICHAEL MCFADYEN.

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*RICK LATIMER THEN THANKED THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE SAYING THAT IT HAS DONE ONE OF THE BEST JOBS IN QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS. MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE BY A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.*