

MINUTES OF SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 1994

Apologies: Eddie Labour, Martin Kandilas, Peter Flockart, Merridy Cairn-Duff,
Geoff Cook, Robyn Hewitt, Joe Ingegneri, Russell Stoker, Scott Leimroth.

AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES OF 17 OCTOBER, 1994 CLUB MEETING:

- * Dive Organisers Report:
The matter regarding the boat owners meeting being postponed, should say Leo Mayer and not Leo Bergagnin.
- * General Business:
Australian Camera magazine published the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year photos, not Scuba Diver magazine.
- * Leo Mayer did not support Cathie Holloway's actions as the abbreviated minutes seemed to suggest.

The 17 October Club Minutes incorporating the above amendments were accepted by Leo Bergagnin and seconded by John Beddie.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Peter Cochran regarding the Provincial Trader: The M.S.B. is taking action to remove the wreck. They have selected a salvage contractor. The Trader will be dumped off the Continental Shelf.

OTHER INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

Postcard from Peter Flockart from Heron Island.

Faxes from Belinda Barnes, Cathy Holloway.

Newsletters from other dive clubs.

Michael McFadyen asked for Cathy Holloway's fax to be read. Leo Mayer read fax "To Barry Andrewartha and Belinda Barnes, CC: S.P.D.C." from Cathie Holloway.

Michael McFadyen: Suggested Judges in future to sign confidentiality clause.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Cathie Holloway and Australian Camera magazine re their use of the winning portfolio photos and South Pacific's name in magazine.

Other correspondence re guest speakers.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Figures for Committee Year have been updated. Accountant audit - not enough money made to 30 June so no tax to pay. Suggestions were made on how details of money spent/records kept. Considering profits made this financial year, club will have to pay tax.

Discussion of tax exemption re sporting club.

November bank statement \$13,535.00. \$589.00 In, \$474.00 Out for month.

Accepted by Ross Hipwell, seconded by Leo Bergagnin.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER'S REPORT:

Leo Mayer (in Peter Flockart's absence): "Think Tank" was successful.

Attendance: Leo Mayer, Peter Flockart, Merridy Cairn-Duff, Martin Kandilas, Brian Colwell, Ron and Jenny Mines, Brent Hedges, David Fagan, Mark Spencer, Kevin Deacon and Tom Byron.

Duration of 3 hours, goods points raised.

Leo Mayer: After discussions with Corporate Theatre and Bankstown Sports Club for availability:
Booked S.P.D.A.U.P.Y. for August 12th, 1995, Bankstown Sports Club.

Rules: Wording expanded, re macro, video, individual: separate section, Open, Novice.

Michael McFadyen: Can they enter the same pics in each ?

Leo Mayer: No they can't.

Craig Harwood: Entry of computer enhanced photography?

Leo Mayer: In agreeance for future "creative section".

Discussion on holding A.V. competition in Summer, for future.

DIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

John Fardoulis (in absence of Scott Leimroth and Geoff Cook): Weekend at John's parent's place, Central Coast, diving and activities.

Letter from Scott Leimroth: Dec-Jan, trip to Yongala. Jervis Bay, Jindabyne, all in the pipeline.

Leo Mayer: Reminder to call boat owners for dives.

SOCIAL ORGANISER'S REPORT:

Chaos Comedy Theatre, 6th December - tentative booking, need money tonight.

Christmas B.B.Q. Cabarita Park - need to know numbers.

Christmas Eve party - any interest ?

MEMBERS DIVE REPORTS:

Michael McFadyen: First dive on the "Kello". Found easily with Tom Byron's marks. Good dive, 51 metres. Boiler, drive shaft, prop, winches, hull - all still intact.

Leo Mayer: Dived the Tuggerah, with Ross Hipwell. Whales on surface.

Craig Harwood: Jamaica - warm water, wore only speedos. Classic comment from operator: "sometimes gets cold and have to wear T-shirt". Hurricane 3 days previous, vis not good. Reef 20 metres out from beach - jump in dive.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Leo Mayer: St. John's Ambulance First Aid Courses for divers, need 10 people, max. 24, 8:30am-4:30pm. \$115.00 p/p plus \$70.00 service fee.

Surf Lifesaving / Westpac Helicopter Rep. will speak at future club meet.
Donation of \$100.00 for the speaker.

Leo said Geoff Cook had spoken to Steve Cross re Oxy Therapy Unit, cost will be about \$600.00.
Steve offers an Equipment Speciality Course, which could be run through the club for \$120.00 p/p.

Leo Mayer: Diver First Aid Course \$170.00 p/p or if have current course in hand already, \$120.00.
Oxy equipment regulator fits into mouth as per normal.

Michael McFadyen: Worry with oxy reviver equipment getting stuck at "one person's house".

Gordon McDonald: Suggested use on club deep dives.

John Fardoulis: Price too high, Scott Leimroth has equipment at much less cost.

Gordon McDonald: Advertise equipment in "Wet Rag".

Leo Bergagnin: Suggested box trailer including 1st Aid gear and B.B.Q. to be used on club dives.

John Fardoulis read out letter from Scott Leimroth:

"Recommend Rule 29(b) be deleted from Rules of Incorporation. 16 boat owners cannot be expected to be checked. Club cannot be a 'government authority'".

Gordon McDonald raised litigation issue re 'club accident'.

John Fardoulis: Club has public liability insurance to cover.

John Fardoulis reading Scott's letter: "Negligence by not checking all boats - take clause out".

Michael McFadyen: Special general meeting - amending rules, mention in "Wet Rag" addition.

John Fardoulis read Scott Leimroth's letter discussing 'non involvement of committee' re changes to 1995 A.V. comp. date.

Leo Mayer: Photographic Officer, Publicity Officer and President were involved and with Sportdiving magazine's deadline to have information finalised to meet their deadline for the February-March issue there was not enough time to take any further. Needed to make a decision to meet their publication deadline.

Rick Latimer: Discussion on date of A.V. comp. in relation to Dive Show.

Leo Mayer: July to July committee year, Corporate Theatre said they cannot run in September as previous. Dates were co-ordinated to fit in with availability of Corporate Theatre and Bankstown Sports Club.

Leo Bergagnin: September is a better month to hold A.V. comp. as it is a summer sport.

Michael McFadyen raised Leo Mayer's "Provincial Trader" wreck article in 'Dive Log'. Michael thought Leo had criticised a Merimbula dive shop. Suggested that the mention of S.P.D.C. within the article was an incorrect approach.

Leo asked Michael to read out relevant part of article - Not read out.

Rick Latimer: Abovementioned dive shop has been a previous sponsor.

John Fardoulis: Motion forwarded for Honorary club membership to be given to Reg Lipson, Rodney Fox and Jean Michel Cousteau.

Motion passed by Leo Bergagnin, seconded by Gordon McDonald.

Leo Bergagnin: Re Rick Latimer's proposal for 'Member of the year award'.
Leo B. has all previous committee votes and will advise.

RAFFLE:

1st Prize of dinner & drinks for 2 people, value \$80.00 compliments of "Platform One" Restaurant, Bankstown Sports Club.

AND Kodak disposable Telephoto camera with film donated by Kodak. **WON BY:** Ross Hipwell.

2nd Prize of boat dive on "Sea Tamer II" donated by Max Western.

AND Kodak disposable Telephoto camera with film donated by Kodak. **WON BY:** Leo Bergagnin.

3rd Prize of 2 airfills donated by Leo and Lesley Hillyer of "Shiprock Dive".

AND Kodak disposable Telephoto camera with film donated by Kodak. **WON BY:** Leo Bergagnin.

Thank you to Bankstown Sports Club, Kodak, Max Western, Leo and Lesley Hillyer.
Congratulations to the winners.

GUEST SPEAKER — MAX GLEESON:

Max presented a fascinating slide presentation together with interesting commentary, focusing attention on his interest in wreck diving and research. Amongst the slides were "The Caterthun", Seal Rocks, Truk Lagoon, Solomon Islands, "The Yongala", Heron Island, "The Satara", Sydney Wrecks, "The Undola", "The Tuggerah" and many more.

Thank you Max, we all enjoyed your presentation immensely.