

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB 20 MARCH 1995.

Meeting opened and members and guests welcomed by Suzanne Evans; Chairperson in Club President's absence.

Apologies: Scott Leimroth, John Betty.

Previous Minutes delivered verbally to all members and guests present. Michael McFadyen requested a change in previous minutes wording within Treasurer's Report: Michael will use the help of club sponsors in regards to printing the Club Newsletter at no charge. Previous Minutes accepted by: Joe Ingegneri, Seconded by Geoff Cook.

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence: Other clubs' newsletters, Competitions' sponsors confirmation/decline letters. Consumer Affairs Certificate of Registration of Business Name; confirmation of change in public officer. RAN letter. Jervis Bay weekend 'honorary membership' letter.

Treasurer's Report: John Fardoulis;
Bank Statement for month of January: \$272.00 In / \$0.00 Out.
Processing of members fees paid has been updated.
Report accepted by Gordon McDonald, seconded by Craig Harwood.

Photographic Officer's Report: Peter Flockart;
George Roberts comp. closing date extended to Fri 24 March.
4 prizes include Mullaway and South West Rocks dive trips.
Judges all confirmed for AUPY comp.

Publicity Officer's Report: Merridy Cairn-Duff;
Entry forms for AUPY comp. not in current issue of Dive Log?
Letter sent to Undersea Explorer in regards to comp. sponsor.
Michael Aw a keen contender for Guest Speaker at AUPY comp.

Dive Organiser's Report: Geoff Cook;
Seal Rocks dive weekend 25-26 March: 2 boats organised to depart from beach charging \$25.00 per dive. Includes diving The Catterthun (190ft depth), Sharks dives etc.
Easter weekend 14-17 April, diving at Nelson Bay.
Nelson Bay trip 27-28 May, Wreck diving including SS McCleay (140ft depth), The Oakland, Fly Point nightdive, Swansea.
BBQ at Geoff Cook's house early April, date to be fixed.

Social Organiser's Report: Carina Gregory;
Chaos Theatre Restaurant- \$34.00 Fri/Sat, \$30.00 Weekdays, includes show and dinner, need numbers and deposit.
Skirmish rematch to be organised for later in year.

Member's Dive Reports:

Joe Ingegneri "Official Sleazemaster" at Shelley Beach, working for Dive 2000.
John Fardoulis at Jervis Bay weekend, 4 dives including The Docks, Pyramid Rock, Reef and Spider Cave; immaculate vis.
Ben Butcher double dived Dragons Alley and Portuguese Beach. Following the dives his eyesight was not good. Eye Specialist at Prince Henry Hospital referred Ben to HMAS Penguin recompression chamber. (Prince Henry closing down) for 8 hours over 3 days. Ben's eyesight and balance much better one week later.

General Business:

John Fardoulis outlined changes to be voted on in regards to Rules of Incorporation, Rule 29B; Boat Owners Insurance clause, noting 21 days notice had been given, taken as of previous club meeting and February newsletter.

Proposal is for deletion of current wording of Rule 29B and new wording to be implemented as follows:

"Members who are boat owners are entirely responsible for all statutory requirements, insurances, maintenance and condition of their boats, and that the Club or it's committee members shall not be responsible for statutory requirements, insurances, maintenance and condition of boats, or for any loss, damage or injury resulting from the boats or use of them." John Fardoulis proposed the vote, Rick Latimer seconded and a show of hands from members present showed a majority were for the change. One member voted against the proposal, although declined a retraction when offered. **Vote for change approved.**

When questioned on how secure the newly worded clause will be John explained that it is the individual's insurance that will be sued in such a case. The Aust. U/Water Federation makes a "Floating Policy" available although the main impression is on the boat owner's insurance.

John read Rule 30A & 30B as a request.

Michael McFadyen suggested that Rule 31B be looked at in regards to the Kings Cross Bed Race donation.

Joe Ingegneri commented that it was the best idea the club has had for a while, considering the charity was the Deaf & Blind Institute. Joe outlined the results of the day; \$40,000.00 raised from 55 competitive teams and described the win by SPDC of the "Best Dressed Bed" trophy.

Merridy advertised Michael Aw's "Bunaken" and "Reef Fishes" books and a "Coral Reef Field Guide" by Gerard Allen & Roger Steene books available for sale.

Info on new strobe arms by "Assoc. Design Manuf. Division".

John Fardoulis discussed combining an Advanced Resusc. Course with other clubs.

Michael McFadyen suggested an Oxy Reg. \$235.00, Oxy bottle can be rented from "Airdive".

Joe Ingegneri has just finished a course with Steve Cross and will check out his setups.

Martin Kandilas may know where to get gas for free.

Raffle:

4th Prize of Kodak disposable camera and film won by: Barbara Sweetman

3rd Prize of Kodak disposable camera and film won by: Jeff Harper

2nd prize of 2 free air fills donated by Leo and Lesley Hillyer of Shiprock Dive won by: Rico Garcia

1st prize of free boat dive on Sea Tamer 11 donated by Max Western won by: Russell Stoker

Thankyou to all our Club Sponsors for their generous support.

Guest Speaker: Peter Norris, Club Member.

Peter has been filming for 15 years including 6 years of underwater filming. He has 170 films to his credit which include 35 diving films. His outstanding footage has continuously won and is still to this day winning him awards and glorious trophies, giving him National and International recognition as a talented filmmaker. Peter presented 5 films:

Lady Elliott Island - Reef Walking, Wonder Down Under, Kurnell-A case for a Marine Reserve, Fujikawa Maru, He's A Worry. Thankyou for your wonderful presentation Peter, we were all extremely entertained and informed.