

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB MEETING AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 1995.

Meeting opened and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin.

Apologies: Ilona Kandilas, Peter Flockart, John Betty, Rebecca Davis, Glenn Townsend. Rick Latimer is again in hospital.

Club Secretary, Suzanne Evans read the October Club minutes in full to members present. Previous Minutes accepted at this meeting by Paul Aram and seconded by Craig Harwood.

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence: All notification letters in regards to AUPY sponsors and winners were sent out. Other clubs' newsletters came in as well as the Constitution and minutes of 26 September meeting of the Scuba Clubs Association of NSW Incorporated (SCAN), a Fax from Club member John Fardoulis in Turkey, brochures from Lady Elliot Island, Ocean Care Day letter from the Aust. Marine Conservation Society and sales list, copy of letter from Club member Mark Spencer to Water Wonderland Holiday Village, letter from Scuba Diver magazine re AUPY results, and an application for a free publication of 'tauchen'- a European underwater magazine.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Sweetman;
Bank Statement for month: \$4974.15 In / \$2588.90 Out.
Bank Balance for month: \$10466.44 Invest A/C: \$11062.68.
Report accepted by Michael McFadyen, seconded by Eddie Labour.

Photographic Officer's Report: Leo Bergagnin;
Organisation of a sub-committee to work with the Photographic Officer on the 1996 AV night.

Critique letters were received re the 1995 AV night from:
Rick Latimer, Martin Kandilas, Always Dive Expeditions, an entrant from Cairns who had returned slides damaged and a letter from Randy Knipsell which was read in full.

\$1000.00 cheque was received from Sportdiving magazine for AV.

Martin Kandilas requested info on 'Waterboard' sponsorship.
Leo discussed \$5000.00 spent on printing the AV programme.

Gordon McDonald suggested a letter be sent to Corporate Theatre, debating further payment and outlining problems which occurred on the night of the Presentation.

A breakdown of the profit from AV night was given to all members in attendance: \$1800.00 profit is net, regardless of paying the Corporate Theatre balance.

Martin Kandilas suggested that the association with Corporate Theatre has been held for many years and other quotes received for producing the show have been much higher.

Gordon McDonald suggested that Corporate Theatre put in an amateur effort and did not get the job done properly.

Leo outlined the problems outstanding before the show went to production and promises that were not kept by Corporate Theatre which lead to the 'fall down' of the night.

Member's Dive Reports:

Craig Harwood had a week at the Heron Island Dive Festival. Vis was 20m on most dives. Highlight was the social aspect including 150 divers in attendance and guest speakers. Trying to keep up with the schedule was all too hard in the end. Fantastic diving. Festival is being put back to a bi-annual event, being held next in 1997. Suggestion of a letter from the club expressing disappointment from a previously well run annual event. 2 members from SPDC won sections in the Heron Photographic competition. Also saw Coral and Worms spawning.

Eddie Labour and Michael McFadyen dived The Pinnacles at Ulladulla. Alot of sponges and colours. They dived Brampton Island in 18m depth, Swimthroughs, PJs, Wobbys, Fishlife and Sinkholes. The water at North East Bommie was freezing cold. They dived the wreck of 'The Tuggerah' and saw a dead Wobbly caught in a net on the prop. Also dived the wreck of 'The Myola' in 48m depth, had clear blue water. Eddie got heavily 'narced', probably due to strong currents and a lack of sleep.

Mark Spencer took his prize won in the Club raffle at Water Wonderland, Soldiers Point. Diving with Pro Dive, they did a drift dive along Cabbage Tree Island and saw a Humpback Whale mother and calf. Thanks to Noeline from Deanes Management.

Scott Leimroth spoke of the Club dives at Nelson Bay. The wreck of 'The Macleay' and reef dives. Scott dived 'The Undola' and saw Dolphins and a Shark, as well as on the way back saw Humpback Whales slapping the water with fins. Also dived the wreck of 'The Currajong' last night.

Paul Howlett dived Jervis Bay with Martin Atkins, good vis.

BJ and Rhonda dived with Uepi Island Resort in the 'Solomon Islands'. They were disappointed with the diving; milky vis, alot of sediment and dirty water. Also disappointed with the operators, will write a letter to the Resort.

Wayne Bowdin dived in Uepi a few weeks ago and also had bad vis, operators were waiting for currents to clean up water.

Guest Speaker: Barry Hallett from Southern Cross Divers advised members about the advantages of joining with BSAC. Barry discussed the criteria to follow to achieve qualifications, the Insurance policy which covers all Club activities: diving, training, boats, Club events etc. Must join as individuals not as a Club. Monthly subscription to members. Paul Aram suggested Club members digest the proposal and discuss further at next meeting.

Break.

Raffle:

1st Prize of Dinner for 2 at Bev's Restaurant, Chippendale won by: Paul Howlett.

1st prize of Dinner for 2 at Thurles Castle Hotel, Chippendale won by: Adrienne Hill.

1st prize of Dinner for 2 at Selera Malaysian Restaurant, Newtown won by: Carina Gregory.

2nd prize of a boat dive on Sea Tamer II donated by Max Western won by: Martin Kandilas.

3rd prize of a tank test and fill donated by Steve and Lee of Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla won by: Russell Stoker.

4th prize of 2 x airfills from Shiprock Dive donated by Leo & Lesley Hillier won by: BJ.

5th prize of 2 x airfills from Sub Aquatics Dive, Beverley Hills won by: Russell Stoker.

6th prize of 2 x airfills from Southern Cross Divers, Mosman donated by Barry Hallett won by: Martin Kandilas and sold to Adrienne Hill.

Guest Speaker: Yves Martin from 'Subatec' showing a variety of underwater torches, strobe and video lights. Yves described the advantages and good quality of the products, handed out price lists and passed the equipment around for the members to handle.

General Business:

Carina Gregory gave all details of the Club Xmas party to be held on Sunday 10 December at Picnic Point in the National Park. Start 11am. Park user fee applies.

Leo Bergagnin's 45th Birthday this Wednesday night to be held at the Oxford Tavern amongst the 'Jelly wrestling' events.

Scott Leimroth suggested the Club invest in a small boat.

Craig Harwood enquired about the previously requested recommendations by members in relation to 'conditions of use' of the Club's purchase of a magnetometer, which have to date not been drawn up or passed as motion by Club members.

Dive Organiser's Report: Scott Leimroth;

This coming Wednesday nightdive at Shiprock Marine Reserve.

This coming Sunday dive the wreck of 'The Bombo', Wollongong.

A shoredive on the wreck of 'The Currajong'.

Eden dive trip weekend 2nd-3rd December organised by Robyn Hewitt.

Eden dive trip for 1 week commencing 20 January, 1996 organised by John Betty.

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