

**South Pacific Divers Club Annual General meeting**  
**held on Monday 15th January, 1996 at Bankstown Sports Club.**

\* **Opening** Club President, Leo Bergagnin opens meeting.

\* **Apologies:** Eddy Labour, Bob May.

\* Club Secretary, Suzanne Evans - Acceptance of **previous Club minutes**, delivered to all members with this month's issue of the 'Wet Rag'.

Accepted by: Paul Howlett, Seconded by Joe Ingegneri.

\* **Correspondence**

In: Letter from Ivan Millington, Letter / application form from Clean Up Australia Day, Other Clubs newsletters: TUG, RUC, URG, DOUTS, St George Scuba Club.

Out: Letter to Corporate Theatre, Letter to Allways Dive Travel.

\* **Photographic Officer Report:** Peter Flockart

George Roberts Photographic comp. opens this month. All details are in the current issue of the 'Wet Rag'. Discussion on rules re disposable cameras may be entered into the Novice Section, although must not own a camera.

Peter needs to know the number of entrants so as to purchase the disposable cameras. Entry Fee of \$20 applies.

\* **Treasurer Report:** Barbara Sweetman

Income for December: \$684.55.

December Expenses: \$4167.80 - including the Magnetometer purchase.

Bank Balance: \$11,250.10. Investment A/C: \$11,062.68.

Accepted by Gordon McDonald. Seconded by John Fardoulis.

\* **Dive Organisers' Report:** Geoff Cook & Scott Leimroth

Scott L discussed the Eden dive trip this coming weekend. John Beddie is organising the trip and will be diving wrecks and reefs for a week. There are 3 spots left for the weekend stay only. All 3 boats are filled at present.

Nightdive set for Tuesday 30 January. Location to be decided.

Nelson Bay Dive Trip planned for the 1st weekend in March.

Michael McFadyen has a nightdive planned for 22 January at Nth Bondi.

Leo Bergagnin spoke of the good night had by all recently at the Clifton Gardens nightdive combined with a sausage sizzle.

Geoff Cook spoke of Bob Ramsay, supplier of the Magnetometer, who will meet with the Club at the Gladstone Hotel this Saturday to discuss the use of the equipment and afterwards give a demonstration on the Harbour. Time to be set for the meeting. Les Cattersun will bring his boat.

**\* Members' Dive Reports:**

Geoff Cook and Scott Leimroth dived 'The Tuggerah' in 23 degrees. So many fish made it difficult to see the wreckage. They both worked really hard to get back on the boat due to a raging current.

Peter Flockart dived 'The Tuggerah' in 30m vis and again lots of fish.

Michael McFadyen kept getting separated from his buddy due to so many fish over 'The Tuggerah'.

Geoff Cook saw a pod of 250 dolphins off Cronulla. They were riding the bough wave and Geoff could hear their fins hitting the side of the boat.

Paul Howlett dived at Fish Rock Cave, SW Rocks and Coffs Harbour.

Malcolm Vantiel dived 'The Kello'. There was a heavy current and a diver who encountered heart problems whilst under water.

John Szewcow dived Jervis Bay in 30-40m vis. Dived Stoney Creek and the wreck of a fishing trawler.

Scott Leimroth dived on wrecks in Honiara, Solomon Islands. Had clear water, lots of fish. Rebecca Davis went to Gizo for more diving.

Leo Bergagnin has information on 'the Bilikiki' liveaboard, Solomon Islands for a trip planned in September 1996. \$2500 per person, 7 days.

Scott Leimroth said the operators in The Solomons were good. They did some good diving at Telagi, 1.5 hours day trip from Honiara. Scott came back and dived 'The Myola', which was a shock after the overseas trip.

Adrienne Hill dived down in Tasmania in a dry suit. Dived at Eaglehawk Neck with vis averaging 10m. Also dived at the great Kelp Forests. Adrienne will submit an article for reading in the Wet Rag. Will check up all details and prices for organising a Club trip to Tassie in the future.

Joe Ingegneri dived South West Rocks in 30m+ vis. Also dived in the Nth Solitary Islands in 24 degree currents.

Wayne Bawden dived Queenscliffe, Melbourne in 12 degrees. Driftdives in Port Phillip Bay. Saw massive Lobsters, wrecks and a Submarine. Also dived the Tugs in Eden and said the Jewel Anemones were great.

Peter Flockart spoke of the Club nightdive at Clifton Gardens. Vis was atrocious under the pier. Seahorses, crabs etc. Numbray hit David Bilbow.

Michael McFadyen and David Bilbow on the same nightdive at Clifton Gardens, swam through a huge hole in the 'shark net'. Carina Gregory told of getting tangled in all of the fishing line that lays around under the pier.



Martin Kandilas recommended the good service he encountered from Aqua Sparx in Bass Hill. Martin called Aqua Sparx and they repaired and returned his boat's starter motor in the same day. Open 24 hours each day.

**\* Social Organiser Report:** Carina Gregory

BBQ at Russell Stoker's house 24 February. There will be a prize for the best nose worn.

Skirmish set for 28 April. Match between RUC, URG & SPDC. To be played at Yarramundi. Need Deposit now.

Kings Cross Bed Race set for 10 March. Need 9 runners. Entrants fee \$10 each. Prize of 10 free tickets to Hawaii.

Clean Up Australia Day set for 3 March. Sight to decide upon.

**\* General Business:**

Suzanne Evans brought up discussion of the 2 x regulators needed to be purchased by the Club for the Oxygen Equipment setup.

Martin Kandilas spoke of the modifications needed for second hand regs.

Leo Bergagnin suggested we buy them new from Airdive; 'above water' setup for emergency only. Will put to a Club vote at the next meeting.

Leo B. announced the magnetometer is available for inspection tonight.

Scott Leimroth mentioned Hellfire Club night this coming Thursday, 9pm.

\* Break.

**\*Raffle**

**1st Prize:** A dive on Max Western's boat 'Sea Tamer II'.  
Won by Peter Flockart.

**2nd Prize:** 2 Airfills compliments of Leo & Leslie Hillyer of  
'Shiprock' Dive Shop. Won by Paul Angwin.

**3rd Prize:** 2 Airfills compliments of Sub Aquatics Dive Shop,  
Beverley Hills. Won by Adrienne Hill.

**Proposed amendments to change of Club Incorporation Rules,**

proposed by Club member Michael McFadyen. Formal notice and details were supplied in the December Wet Rag.

The detailed proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Change Rule 5a as follows:

Membership shall cease upon registration, expulsion or failure to pay outstanding fees within *one* month of due date, defined as *31 January* of Membership year.

Members voted unanimously for change to Rule 5a as per above wording.

2. Insert Rule 3 (c) (iv) as follows:  
Where an application for membership is received after 1 October, the membership will be valid till 31 December of the year after the current year.  
Members voted unanimously for insertion of Rule 3 (c) (iv) as per above wording.
3. Rule 21 (g) delete "20" and insert "28".  
Members voted unanimously for deletion of Rule 21 (g) "20" and new insertion as per above.
4. Rule 21 (h) delete "34" and insert "35".  
Members voted unanimously for deletion of Rule 21 (h) "34" and new insertion as per above.
5. Rule 22 (d) delete "34" and insert "35".  
Members voted unanimously for deletion of Rule 22 (d) "34" and new insertion as per above.

**\* Nominations and voting for 1996 - 97 SPDC Committee positions.**

All committee members were presented with a certificate on behalf of the Club, by Rick Latimer. All committee members stepped down.

Rick Latimer, Returning Officer, opened nominations and accepted positions filled for the following in order:

**President**

Nominee: Leo Bergagnin

Nominator: Russell Stoker

Nominator: Paul Angwin

**Position accepted by Leo Bergagnin.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Treasurer**

Nominee: Barbara Sweetman

Nominator: John Fardoulis

Nominator: Suzanne Evans

**Position accepted by Barbara Sweetman.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Secretary**

Nominee: Carina Gregory

Nominator: Suzanne Evans

Nominator: Barbara Sweetman

**Position accepted by Carina Gregory.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Newsletter Editor**

Nominee: Russell Stoker

Nominator: Leo Bergagnin

Nominator: Joe Ingegneri



**Position accepted by Russell Stoker.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Publicity Officer**

Nominee: Paul Howlett

Nominator: Rebecca Davis

Nominator: Gordon McDonald

**Position accepted by Paul Howlett.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Photographic Officer**

Nominee: Peter Flockart

Nominator: Gordon McDonald

Nominator: Suzanne Evans

**Position accepted by Peter Flockart.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Dive Organisers**

Nominee: Michael McFadyen

Nominator: Scott Leimroth

Nominator: Suzanne Evans

**Position accepted by Michael McFadyen (nightdives only).**

Nominee: Malcolm Vantiel

Nominator: Wayne Bawden

Nominator: Joe Ingegneri

**Position accepted by Malcolm Vantiel.**

Nominee: Geoff Cook

Nominator: Michael McFadyen

Nominator: Barbara Sweetman

**Position accepted by Geoff Cook.**

Nominee: Scott Leimroth

Nominator: Geoff Cook

Nominator: John Fardoulis

**Position accepted by Scott Leimroth.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

**Social Organiser**

Nominee: David Bilbow

Nominator: Barbara Sweetman

Nominator: Roslyn Phillips

**Position accepted by David Bilbow.**

No other acceptances of nominations.

Rick Latimer, Returning Officer declared all Committee positions filled.

**Meeting Closed.**