
Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Diver's Club

Bankstown Sports Club, Monday 19 February 1996

Meeting opened and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. A welcome also to our guest speakers tonight, John Riley and Peter Fields.

Apologies: Ross Hipwell, Ilona Kandilas

Acceptance of previous Club minutes by *Rick Latimer* and seconded by *Paul Howlett*.

Incoming/outgoing correspondence

Other Clubs newsletters; information from Dive Mullaway - Dive Solitary Islands; brochures about Reg Lipson's Marine Life 1 and 3 Courses and Whale Shark trips with Sirius Encounters; and a letter requesting further information about the Club.

Treasurers Report: Barbara Sweetman

Bank statement for January: \$742 in / \$1509.15 out.

Balance of cheque account: \$7601.65

Balance of investment account: \$11062.68

Treasurers report accepted by *Eddy Labour* and seconded by *Michael McFadyen*.

Photographic officer's report: Peter Flockart

Tonight is the opening of the George Roberts Competition; rolls of film and disposable cameras both land and underwater are available; \$20 entry fee. The Nelson Bay weekend on 2/3 March is a shootout weekend for the Competition.

The sub-committee has had its first meeting and a database system has been set up with sponsor details.

S C A N S: Scott Leimroth

The annual general meeting was held on 5 February 1996.

The Committee elected follows:

Michael Mc Fayden	President
John Chadd	Vice President
Les Catterson	Treasurer
Julie Duncan	Secretary

Scans have organised a tour of the Hyperbaric Chamber at the Prince of Wales Hospital on 3rd May 1996; Guest speakers include John Lippman and the Westpac Helicopter Service; a minor cost is involved.

Dive organisers report: Scott Leimroth and Geoff Cook

Geoff has prepared a dive calendar for this year and stressed the importance of booking for boat dives.

Upcoming dives include:

February

26 Night dive with Michael McFadyen

March

2/3 Nelson Bay; boat/shore dives; wreck/reef dives. Accommodation is \$20/night.

20 Night dive on Max Western's boat.

24 Breakfast dive; Jibbon Beach; chicken and champagne; cost is \$5 for Club members and \$10 for non members.

April

19/20/21 Weekend diving the Catterthun/Sharks; staying at Pacific Palms Resort.

25/26/27/28 South West Rocks weekend; diving Fish Rock Cave.

Social organisers report: David Bilbow

February

24 BBQ at Russell Stokers place; 'prize' for the best nose; 36 Hanks St, Ashbury.

March

5 Surf the Internet at Glebe; Beer and steak sandwiches available; see David if you are interested.

10 Kings Cross Bed Race; last year the Club won the prize for the 'best dressed bed'; see Leo if interested.

May

3 Scans tour of Hyperbaric Chamber.

12 Multi club Skirmish Challenge; URG, RUC and SPDC.

Suggestions made for possible social events include: wine tasting, Comedy Store night out, Go Kart racing.

Publicity officers report: Paul Howlett

Paul introduced himself as the new publicity officer for the Club and said he was looking for ideas to promote the Club, especially in magazines outside of "Dive Log".

Members dive reports

Michael McFadyen and *Eddy Labour* dived the Undola recently; had 20m vis and no wind; saw heaps of fish and a huge snapper.

Eddy Labour also dived Shiprock; heaps of sealife and warm water; a good dive.

Peter Flockart dived Fish Reef with Max Western; had warm water 22°C and about 15 metres vis.

John Beddie recently dived in Eden with Peter Hall, a Club sponsor. Dived the wrecks of Green Cape including the New Guinea and the City of Sydney; had 30 metres plus vis on both wrecks. John also dived the Tugs, the Empire Gladstone and Jacko's Cave.

In Sydney, John dived the Bucket Dredge at Long Reef with good vis.

Paul Howlett dived Fish Rock Cave recently; has good vis and a good time.

Rebecca Davies dived Halifax Park, Fly Point and the Pipeline at Port Stephens recently; had poor vis at Halifax Park (about 3m) and saw a huge Silver Drummer; had very good vis on a night dive at Fly Point and the Pipeline had heaps of fish and soft corals.

General Business

Mark Spencer raised the issue of oxygen equipment for the Club. Leo advised that the Club has recently purchased one set of oxygen gear (excluding cylinder), and needs two other sets for boats. The recent death of a diver at Thompsons Bay has driven home the importance of oxygen. Oxygen should be available on both boat and shore dives.

It is proposed to put some members through a St. John Ambulance First Aid Course shortly. However, a prerequisite to doing the Oxygen course is the Senior First Aid Course.

Steve Grow, a Club member and co-owner of Aquatic Explorers, Miranda runs a DAN Oxygen course over 2/3 nights. Numbers for the course are restricted to a maximum of 6-8 people and the cost is to be advised. Steve will take names tonight.

Steve also mentioned that Ron Peardon, a local aquarist, will be giving a talk at the dive shop on 28 February about breeding and caring for seahorses, fish etc.

Peter has brochures for Reg Lipson's Marine Life 1 and 3 Courses @ \$295 per course to be held at St. George Underwater Centre and Sirius Encounters trips to Whale Sharks in W.A. at \$2195 ex. Exmouth if anyone is interested. Peter also has Myola Books for sale.

Scott mentioned that he has 3 BC's for sale @ \$100 each.

Ian Lockwood from Allways Dive in Melbourne will be giving a presentation on 29 February at Bankstown Sports Club on diving in the Solomons.

The newly purchased magnetometer needs battery and battery charger.

A thank you is extended to Noel Taylor from Scuba Pro who is present tonight and has donated to the Club 2 snorkels, masks and torches.

Break

Raffle: Drawn by new Club members, Scott and Debbie Egginton

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| 1st prize: | Nitrox Course donated by Manly Dive Centre |
| Won by : | Russell Stoker |
| 2nd prize: | Tank test and fill donated by Aquatic Explorers, Miranda |
| Won by: | Michael Foster |
| 3rd prize: | Dinner for 2 at Bev's Restaurant, Chippendale |
| Won by: | Michael Foster |
| 4th prize: | Boat dive on 'Sea Tamer II' donated by Max Western |
| Won by: | Mark Spencer |
| 5th prize: | 2 airfills donated by Shiprock Dive |
| Won by: | Anna Sedlak |
| 6th prize: | 2 airfills donated by Sub Aquatics, Beverly Hills |
| Won by: | Russell Stoker |

Guest speakers John Riley and Peter Fields gave an interesting insight into the discovery of the Myola. Two segments from the TV show "11am" were shown after which John and Peter answered many questions from Club members about the wreck and the Historic Shipwrecks legislation. Thankyou John and Peter for your time and for bringing along the Myola's bell and model which engaged much interest from Club members.

Meeting closed.