
Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club Bankstown Sports Club, Tuesday 23 April, 1996

Meeting opened 8.00pm and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin.

Before going into the general business of the meeting, Leo Bergagnin gave Martin Kandilas a few moments to inform the Club that Rick Latimer passed away. His funeral was held on 24 March 1996 at Rookwood Crematorium. Anne Latimer thanks the Club for the support given to Rick and the rest of the family during his illness.

Apologies: Ross Hipwell, Lee Harvey

Acceptance of previous Club minutes by *Joe Ingegneri* and seconded by *Suzanne Evans*.

Incoming/outgoing correspondence

Other Club's newsletters; information from the Boating Industry Association; Lady Elliot Island; letter from John Fardoulis; letter from Anne Latimer.

Treasurers report: Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of March: \$161 in / \$2724.68 out

Balance of cheque account:	\$5587.89
Balance of investment account:	\$11228.67

Expenses encountered by the Club for the month of March include the Kings Cross Bed Race, Russell's BBQ and the Chicken and Champagne dive.

Treasurers report accepted by *Martin Kandilas* and seconded by *Rebecca Davies*.

Photographic officers report: Peter Flockart

Peter reminded everybody that all entries in the George Roberts competition are due at the May Club meeting.

Peter and the photographic sub-committee are hard at work on the AUPY.

SCANS:

SCANS are hoping to set up a meeting with Dive Australia in the near future.

The SCANS tour of the Hyperbaric Chamber is being held on 3 May 1996. Tickets are on sale tonight for \$5 or \$7 on the night at the door. Scott Leimroth said that he has booked a tour of the Chamber between 5-5.30pm for SPDC. The talks start at 7.30pm.

Adrienne Hill told the Club about a recent Introductory Dive Day she as part of the Dive Leader Course she is doing through BSAC. Lectures are held at Southern Cross Divers at The Spit.

Social organisers report: David Bilbow

May

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Club Dinner at Big John's Restaurant (Italian); \$10 deposit required at next meeting if you want to go.

June

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Skirmish with URG and RUC.

Social events to be organised include an evening at the Quarantine Station and Go- Kart Racing at Wollongong.

Diving organisers report: Geoff Cook and Scott Leimroth

April

25/28

South West Rocks weekend

May

- 5 Breakfast Dive; Jibbon Beach; Beef and Burgundy; \$8 for Club members.
- 22 Night dive; Max Western's boat; 7pm at Dolans Bay.
- 17/18 Scans Multi Club weekend at Nelson Bay; staying at "Water Wonderland"; good wreck, shore and reef diving.
- 25 Bombo (Wollongong)
- 26 Date proposed for the spreading of Rick Latimer's ashes over the Birchgrove Park; numbers are needed if we are to get a commercial operator.

Members dive reports

Geoff Cook dived the Satara (Seal Rocks) and had warm water and great visibility; saw bronze whalers on deco; *Scott Leimroth* was on a scooter during the dive.

Scott Leimroth also went away on the Seal Rocks weekend ; saw a turtle, Grey Nurse Sharks; dived Big Seal Rock and saw a Black Marlin.
Scott also dived the Macleay at Nelson Bay and the Kurrajong.

Adrienne Hill went on a BSAC dive to Julian Reef outside South Head; had 20 metres vis and saw lots of fish.

Margaret Provan has been diving at Great Keppel Island; had good vis; saw huge moray eels, sea snakes.

Bob May has been diving down at Jervis Bay including Drum and Drumsticks, Cathedral Cave, Labrinyth and Crocodile Head Gorge.

Martin Kandilas went on the Chicken and Champagne dive; dived the Kelloe and saw a school of jewfish and has also recently dived the Tuggerah and the Dunbar.

Michael McFadyen dived the Kelloe on Easter Saturday. The bottom was a bit murkie; did a second dive at Betty's Bounce - a nice sponge wall; also dived the Tuggerah and had 45 metres vertical visibility and heaps of fish.
Michael also did a drift dive along north Wattomolla with *Eddy Labour*; heaps of fish and caves.

Rebecca Davies had 5 days diving at Mullaway; good diving.

Geoff Cook went on Club dive in Botany Bay, sponge gardens; lots of tropical fish around.

Suzanne Evans recently dived at Forster; lots of Grey Nurse Sharks in gutter and had 20 metres vis.

Joe Ingegneri recently dived at Mount Gambier; he found it very hard work to get down; water was muddy at first and then clear as ever; amazing rock formations; very silty on the bottom.

Scott Egginton did his first deep dive on the Koolooly and got really narked.

Robyn Hewitt recently dived at Oak Park and Shiprock. Also did a double dive with Aquatic Explorers: a drift dive from the Leap to the Monument and a dive at Gorgeous Reef.

General Business

Geoff Cook reminded Club members that from now on, deposits will be required up front for any dives that people want to go on. He said that the dive organisers **should not** have to ring everybody who has put their name down on the list to see if they're still going.

Adrienne Hill asked the Committee why partners don't pay when they come along to our Breakfast Dives? Leo Bergagnin advised that he would look into this.

Rebecca Davies put forward a proposal to start the Club meetings at 7.30pm instead of 8.00pm. Leo advised that the written proposal would need to be put to all members through the *Wet Rag* first and then a vote at a Club Meeting.

BJ enquired asked how flexible are times for the Hyperbaric Tour. Scott Leimroth advised that if you want to go on a tour outside of the time that the Club has organised, then you need to make your own arrangements.

David Bilbow asked about SCANS involvement in the proposed NSW Marine Parks legislation. Michael McFadyen advised that SCANS have been approached by the NPWS regarding liaison for the legislation.

Break

Raffle

1st Prize: 5 days accommodation for 2 staying at the Siesta Villa Motor Inn, Jindabyne, including breakfast, dinner and ski hire. Courtesy of Ron and Noelene Deane of Deane's Management.

Won by: Scott Simmonds

2nd Prize: One dozen bottle of white wine. Courtesy of Lo-tech Divers.

Won by: Scott Leimroth

3rd Prize: Five \$25 vouchers to dine at Selera's Malayasian Restaurant, Newtown

Won by: Alan Everton, Mark Dietz, John Saford, Paul Howlett and Russell Stoker.

Michael McFadyen showed some of his own video of the Kelloe and Tuggerah in Sydney and also Million Dollar Point and the Shark feed in Vanuatu. Thank you Michael.

John Fardoulis' video of the London Dive Show was also shown.

Meeting closed