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## Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club Bankstown Sports Club, Monday 20 May, 1996

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Meeting opened 8.00pm and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. Leo advised that this meeting has been dedicated to Rick Latimer, with guest speakers present.

**Apologies:** John Beddie, Suzanne Evans, Glenn and Maria Townsend and Geoff Cook.

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

### Incoming/outgoing correspondence

Other Club's newsletters; Postcard from John Fardoulis from Stockholm; Minutes of the meeting of Scan held on 18 April 1996 and leaflet for a presentation by David Bellamy at Manly Oceanworld.

### Treasurers report: Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of April: \$1524 in / \$561.69 out

Balance of cheque account: \$5562.48

Balance of investment account: \$11228.67

Treasurers report accepted by *Michael McFadyen* and seconded by *Rebecca Davies*.

### Photographic officers report: Peter Flockart

Peter reminded everybody that all entries in the George Roberts competition are due tonight.

### Publicity officers report: Paul Howlett

Paul informed those Club members present that they can talk to him about any articles for the Club.

### Diving organisers report: Geoff Cook and Scott Leimroth

#### May

- 22 Night dive; Max Western's boat; 7pm at Dolans Bay; there are 3 spots left.
- 25 SS. Bombo (Wollongong)
- 26 Date for the casting of Rick Latimer's ashes over the Birchgrove Park. The large boat is leaving from Palm Beach; need some Club members boats as well.

### Social organisers report: David Bilbow

#### May

- 27 David Bellamy talk at Manly Oceanarium.
- 30 Club Dinner at Big John's Restaurant (Italian); \$10 deposit deposit required tonight.

#### June

- 2 Skirmish with URG and RUC; Springwood Road, Yarramundi; deposit needed tonight.
- TBA Ghost tour of the Quarantine Station at North Head.

BJ suggested that the Club should investigate getting a group together for stunt planes rides at Camden.

## Members dive reports

*Paul Howlett* recently did a dive on Max Western's boat at Osborne Shoals; had 15 metres visibility.

*Scott Egginton* did a drift dive from Fly Point to the sewer pipe at Nelson Bay..a good dive.

*Leo Bergagnin* went away on the Scan Multi Club weekend to Nelson Bay; dived at Halifax Park and Fly Point; had good visibility and lots of fish; approximately 80 divers up there on the weekend.

*Martin Kandilas* has recently dived the Dunbar.

*John Saford* recently dived the Titan and the Telegraph at North Haven; there were lots of fish; visibility was approximately 20-30 metres and the water was warm.

*Michael McFadyen* recently dived at South West Rocks; had really good weather; dived Fishrock Cave, the Pinnacle and saw Grey Nurse Sharks; did a drift dive in the Macleay River and a drift dive from the Pinnacle; visibility was very good and lots of fish.

## General Business

Voting on the proposal suggested by Rebecca Davies at the last Club meeting to start Club meetings at 7.30pm instead of 8.00pm took place. Rebecca put forward her proposal to Club members for consideration and discussion amongst Club members. A vote was taken and was almost unanimous to start Club meetings at 8.00pm.

Joe Ingegneri asked if anyone had come across an Alladin Pro Computer which was left behind at Kurnell. Leo advised that he will place this in the 'lost and found' of the next newsletter.

## Break

### Raffle

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| <b>1st Prize:</b> | Mask, Snorkel and Torch courtesy of Scuba Pro (Noel Taylor) |
| <b>Won by:</b>    | Bob May   |
| <b>2nd Prize:</b> | Aircard donated by Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla              |
| <b>Won by:</b>    | Mark Spencer  |
| <b>3rd Prize:</b> | Dinner for 2 at Bev's Restaurant, Chippendale               |
| <b>Won by:</b>    | Barbara Sweetman  |
| <b>4th Prize:</b> | Boat dive on Max Western's <i>Sea Tamer II</i>              |
| <b>Won by:</b>    | BJ  |
| <b>5th Prize:</b> | 2 airfills compliments of Shiprock Dive, Lilli Pilli        |
| <b>Won by:</b>    | Eddy Labour   |

As this meeting was dedicated to Rick Latimer, presentations were given by Martin Kandilas who showed some old slides of Club members. Noel Taylor showed a video of a trip that Rick undertook to the Solomon with some Club members. Mark Spencer and Peter Fields spoke about the Rick they knew and John Riley showed some slides of Truk Lagoon. Thank you to all these people who shared their memories of Rick with the Club.

**Meeting closed**