
**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
Bankstown Sports Club, Monday 17 June 1996**

Meeting opened 8.00pm and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. Minutes are being taken by Maria Townsend in the absence of Club Secretary, Carina Gregory.

Apologies: Robyn Hewitt, Rebecca Davies, Michael McFadyen, Geoff Cook and Carina Gregory.

Acceptance of previous Club minutes by *Bob May* and seconded by *Craig Harwood*.

Incoming/outgoing correspondence

Other Clubs newsletters; letter from John Fardoulis; letter of thanks from Anne Latimer; Dive Australia; letter from Corporate Theatre; letter of confirmation from Belinda Kerr, South West Rocks Dive Centre regarding tonight's prize for the George Roberts Competition; letters from Ansett and High Tech Divers declining sponsorship for the AUPY.

Treasurers Report: Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of May: \$605.50 in / \$1520 out
Balance of Cheque Account: \$4489.54
Balance of Investment Account: \$11228.67

Treasurers Report accepted by *Scott Egginton* and seconded by *Debbie Egginton*.

Photographic Officers Report: Peter Flockart

Peter said that entries for the George Roberts Competition have been judged and results will be presented after the break. Peter still has leftover film and disposable cameras for sale.

Publicity Officers Report: Paul Howlett

Paul said that the Club has been getting maximum coverage in *Dive Log* and that he would like to see coverage in another magazine.

Dive Organisers Report: Scott Leimroth

June

21/22/23 Eden Weekend

July

7 Bass Point Dive and BBQ; BYO everything.
19/20/21 Jervis Bay Weekend; \$20 deposit required.

Scott mentioned that if anyone has information on wrecks that they should see Geoff Cook to coordinate a wreck hunt on Monday 24 June, if interested.

Social Organisers Report: David Bilbow

SPDC lost the Skirmish battle between URG and RUC on Sunday June 2, a very rainy and muddy day. Words used to describe the battle include "we lost", "we were beaten" and "they cheated". The superior fire power of RUC won the day. Someone was heard to say that we needed more *money* power. Another attack plan to be considered next time.

There were conflicting reports regarding the Club dinner held at Big John's Restaurant on May 30. Someone suggested that maybe Leo's food tastes need educating!! A good time had by some.

July

26

Club Dinner at Albert Restaurant in Norton Street, Leichhardt.

TBA

An Interclub Trivia Night

Members Dive Reports

Scott Leimroth dived Foggy's Cave at Terrigal and was given a hard time by a charter operator. He also dived the Catterthun, had good visibility and saw a few sharks.

Martin Atkins recently dived Drum and Drumsticks and Bowen Island at Jervis Bay.

John Beddie did a dive off North Head; had a good dive with 41 metres visibility and found an anchor.

Mark Dietz dived a wreck off South Terrigal; covered by shrimp which were very affectionate towards dive suits. Also did a twilight dive on the Birchgrove Park; setting sun on deco.

Eddy Labour dived the Tuggerah; raging current, dive aborted for the Undola; chalky visibility but lots of fish.

Suzanne Evans dived the Bombo for the second time; great conditions above but conditions below very changed.

Paul Howlett did a dive from The Leap to the Flagpole at Kumell; had a great dive on last of incoming tide.

Joe Ingegneri dived the Wanderer; a moray eel attached Joe's nosepiece and meanwhile a cuttlefish was above his head ready to attack the moray; two divers with him were nearly lost to laughter; the cuttlefish missed the moray who retreated and Joe's nose is okay.

S.C.A.N. Update: Scott Leimroth

S.C.A.N. now has a home page on the Internet.

S.C.A.N. is proposing to introduce an award called "*Scuba Diver of the Year Award*". Guidelines are yet to be decided. Nominations for the award would be made by via dive publications. SPDC agreed to go with the idea in principle.

S.C.A.N. is also proposing a champagne inter-club dive out of Port Hacking on *10 November 1996*.

Tim Anderson's proposal to create marine National Parks along the NSW Coast was also discussed.

B.S.A.C: Adrienne Hill

Adrienne Hill addressed the meeting on B.S.A.C. generally and the formation of a B.S.A.C. sub-committee. The sub-committee will report to SPDC Committee and the monthly to Club meetings. Adrienne moved that a B.S.A.C. Sub-Committee be formed. This was seconded by Martin Atkins. An article will be prepared for the *Wet Rag* with accompanying membership forms.

BJ queried the validity of Adrienne's talk because it wasn't listed on the agenda to the meeting.

General Business

Peter Flockart mentioned that there had been a break in at Pro Dive, Coogee with approximately \$20 000 in theft. He said to be aware of 'good buys'.

Peter Fields is in hospital with a broken shoulder.

It was mentioned in Dive Log that there will be a Scuba Expo Breakfast at Darling Harbour on Thursday 26 July 1996. It will be held from 8.30am to 10.30am and the cost is \$50.

On Sunday 28 July there will be a party associated with Scuba Expo at the Pump House. Cost is \$35.

Suzanne Evans mentioned that she has \$5 tickets to Scuba Expo (a saving of \$5). Contact her if interested.

BJ questioned the protest re: the vote to change Club meeting time held at the May meeting. Only a verbal protest to a Committee member had been made regarding the decision. To be followed up appropriately there needs to be something in writing.

Five Club members attended the DAN oxygen therapy course held at Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla.

Suzanne Evans mentioned that it would be advantageous for members to become members of DAN. Cost is \$45.

Russell Stoker reminded everyone they should be sending him articles etc for the *Wet Rag* to keep it full.

B R E A K

• Raffle prizes and winners

1st Prize: Mask, Snorkel and Torch courtesy of Scuba Pro (Noel Taylor)
Won by: Russell Stoker

2nd Prize: Aircard donated by Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
Won by: Mark Dietz

3rd Prize: Dinner for 2 at Bev's Restaurant, Chippendale
Won by: Rod Muir

4th Prize: Boat dive on Max Western's *Sea Tamer II*
Won by: Peter Flockart

5th Prize: 2 airfills compliments of Shiprock Dive, Lilli Pilli
Won by: John Howlett

• Results of the George Roberts Competition

Open Section

1st prize: Five nights accommodation and six boat dives at the Solitary Islands, donated by Dive Quest, Mullaway
Won by: John Blaszcak

2nd prize: Certificate
Won by: Merridy Cairn-Duff

Novice Section

1st prize: Five nights accommodation and six boat dives at South West Rocks Dive, donated by South West Rocks Dive Centre
Won by: John Szewcow

2nd prize: Certificate
Won by: Rhonda Blaszcak

3rd prize: Certificate
Won by: Robert Westerdyk

4th prize: Certificate (Encouragement award)
Won by: Leo Bergagnin

Individual Section

Best Macro

Prize: Certificate
Won by: Adrienne Hill

Best wide angle

Prize: Certificate
Won by: Scott Leimroth

Best wildlife

Prize: Certificate
Won by: Adrienne Hill

Video

1st prize: ??
Won by: Glenn Townsend

2nd prize: Certificate
Won by: Margaret Provan

Meeting Closed