
Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club Bankstown Sports Club, Monday 19 August 1996

Meeting opened 8.05pm and members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. Leo mentioned that Club member Max Gleeson will be giving a presentation tonight. Max has a new book out called *Shipwrecks, Storms and Seamen of the NSW Coast*.

Apologies: Lee and Steve Grow, Peter Flockart and Peter Foster.

Acceptance of previous Club minutes by *Mark Dietz* and seconded by *Mark Spencer*.

Incoming/outgoing correspondence

Other Clubs newsletters from URG, Terrigal Underwater Group, RUC, Douts and Brisbane Water Aqualung Club.

Dive Organisers Report: Scott Leimroth/Geoff Cook

August

24 Bombo Dive, Boat leaves from Wollongong Harbour at 8.30am.

31/1 Sept. Norah Head weekend; diving with C-Breeze dive; accomod. is \$15/night; boat and shore dives available; \$10 deposit required.

Geoff mentioned the upcoming dive weekends at Eden with Peter Hall and at Narooma diving with the seals. See Geoff if you are interested.

Martin Atkins mentioned he will be diving the *Catterthun* and the *Satara* between the 24-31 August. See Martin if you are interested.

Scott Leimroth mentioned that a combined Club weekend at Ulladulla is being planned with St. George on 29 November/1 December 1996.

Treasurers Report: Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of ~~June~~ *July CG.* \$455.50 in / \$1953.13 out

Balance of Cheque Account: \$3572.75

Balance of Investment Account: \$11228.67

Treasurers Report accepted by *Craig Harwood* and seconded by *Gordon McDonald*.

Presentation by Max Gleeson

Max Gleeson gave a presentation of the many places and wrecks he has dived in the Pacific and Asia regions such as the Solomon Islands, PNG, Truk Lagoon and Sipidan. Also included were winning slides from previous AUPY's. Thank you Max for a very interesting and entertaining talk.

B R E A K

Raffle prizes and winners

1st Prize: Aircard donated by Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
Won by: Suzanne Evans

2nd Prize: Dinner for 2 at Anna and Aldo's Trattoria, Leichhardt
Won by: Russell Stoker

3rd Prize: Boat dive on Max Western's *Sea Tamer II*
Won by: Scott Egginton

4th Prize: 2 airfills compliments of *Shiprock Dive*, Lilli Pilli
Won by: Craig Harwood

After these prizes were drawn, all tickets went back into the draw for a copy of Max Gleeson's new book, *Shipwrecks, Storms and Seamen of the NSW Coast*. This prize was won by Suzanne Evans.

Photographic Officers Report: Peter Flockart

There is no photographic officers report as Peter Flockart is on holidays.

Publicity Officers Report: Paul Howlett

Paul said that the Club has 2 articles in the next edition of *Dive Log*.

Members Dive Reports

Debbie Egginton dived the *Narong* with C-Breeze Dive; had flat seas and approx. 20 metres vis.

Scott Leimroth dived the *Birchgrove Park* with Tom Byron and John Sumner. Scott also dived the *Koolooly* with 4 tanks and his new drysuit.

Craig Harwood recently spent a weekend on the *Victory*, a liveaboard at Jervis Bay; they were pampered on board; dived with the seals, The Arch, Spider Cave, The Whorehouse; Witnessed a shark attack; a diver disturbed an Angel shark which was buried in the sand and the shark ended up biting a hole in his wetsuit.

Michael McFadyen dived the *Himma* with Eddy Labour, John Beddie and Mark. Their second dive was at North Head - Bluefish Point, where the old sewerage outlet was. They swam 50 metres up the old pipe. Had a good dive and saw a seal on the surface.

Paul Howlett has been doing some exploratory dives in Sydney Harbour; Also dived Obelisk Beach and Bottle and Glass Reef; had 5 metres visibility.

General Business

Michael McFayden congratulated Paul Howlett for the publicity the Club has been receiving in *Dive Log*. He also congratulated Russell Stoker on a job well done with the newsletter.

Maria Townsend congratulated the Club on the brochure the Club prepared for Scuba Expo.

Suzanne Evans spoke about the weekend she recently spent at JB on the *Victory*. She has invited the owners, Annie and Adrian to make a presentation about the liveaboard at a Club meeting. The tentative month set for this presentation is November.

Suzanne said that she also has a tank to sell for \$120 ono.

Suzanne mentioned that she was recently speaking to Sylvia Adam, an early member of the Club. She said that the former Committee had discussed Sylvia becoming a life member of the Club and that she would like to receive the Wet Rag. It was resolved at the meeting for Sylvia to become an "honourary" member: this was accepted by Craig Harwood and

seconded by Gordon McDonald. It was also suggested that the Club invite its early members to make a presentation showing old slides etc. at a Club meeting. Michael McFadyen said that this matter should be considered by the Committee.

Meeting closed 10.15pm