
Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club Bankstown Sports Club, Monday 21 October 1996

Meeting opened 8.10pm and members and guests welcomed by Club Secretary Carina Gregory, in the absence of Club President, Leo Bergagnin.

Apologies: Suzanne Evans, Ilona Kandilas, Vera Mnuk and Rod Muir.

Acceptance of previous Club minutes:

The previous minutes were accepted by *Bob May* and seconded by *Scott Egginton*.

Incoming/outgoing correspondence:

Other dive Clubs newsletters, Commercial Divers Magazine, letter from Warren and Frances Harding from NZ. Outgoing correspondence includes a letter to the Premier, Bob Carr regarding spearfishing competitions at Fish Rock Cave, South West Rocks.

Photographic Officers Report: Peter Flockart

Peter said that the response of sponsors to the AUPY so far has been slow. He has received 2 entries so far, expecting more over the next few weeks.

Peter has received a letter from Judith McDonald, Scuba Warehouse, Parramatta who is looking to produce a newsletter for their Dive Team. They are looking for someone with good photographic/graphic skills. See Peter if interested.

Publicity Officers Report: Paul Howlett

Paul said that the Club currently has 2 articles in *Dive Log* and will have 2 in the next edition. Paul showed a copy of the home page on the Internet that Michael McFadyen put together for the Club.

In the absence of other Committee members, a short video of the wreck of the *Lady Darling* was shown before the break.

B R E A K

Raffle prizes and winners:

1st Prize: Dinner for 2 at Bev's Restaurant, Chippendale

Won by: Gary McInnes

2nd Prize: T-shirt donated from Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla

Won by: Ben Butcher

3rd Prize: Boat dive on Max Western's *Sea Tamer II*

Won by: Peter Flockart

3rd Prize: 2 airfills compliments of Shiprock Dive, Lilli Pilli

Won by: Barbara Sweetman

Treasurers Report: Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of September: \$357 in / \$108.83 out

Balance of Cheque Account: \$3404

Balance of Investment Account: \$11228.67

Ian ? mentioned that the BSAC branch which as now been annexed to SPDC has \$700/\$800 to transfer over to SPDC accounts.

Treasurers Report accepted by *Noel Taylor* and seconded by *Penny Smith*.

Social Organisers report: Peta Williamson

Peta mentioned that there will be a wine tasting night in February, \$10/head at Chippendale Cellars. The cost is refundable on purchases. See Peta if interested.

The Club Xmas Party will be on 8 December 1996 at Clovelly Bay.

The *Night to Remember* is on 15 November 1996. Tickets are \$10/head and available through SSI.

Dive Organisers Report: Geoff Cook/Scott Leimroth

Upcoming dives include:

- 2 Helmet Fetish Hard Hat dive, Manly; 2 more people needed; see Geoff Cook.
- 10 S C A N S Port Hacking breakfast dive, departing from Dolans Bay.
- 11 6 day liveaboard trip diving the wrecks of the *Yongala* and the *Gothenburg*,
Townsville; cost is \$750; 1 spot left; see Scott Leimroth.
- 22/24 Norah Head weekend diving with C -Breeze Dive; reef/wreck diving; see Scott Leimroth.
- 29/1Dec. Combined Clubs weekend with St George Scuba Club at Ulladulla.

Leo Bergagnin mentioned that John Sumner is diving the wreck of the *Lady Darling* on 11 November: the 1st anniversary since they found the wreck. There are 8 spots left so call John if interested.

Scott Leimroth mentioned that he has brochures on the liveaboard at Jervis Bay, *Oceantrek*. Costs are \$295 for a weekend and \$370 for a long weekend.

Members Dive Reports:

Paul Howlett did a drift dive at Skeleton Cave Point on the incoming tide.

Geoff Cook went away on the Club weekend to dive the *Lady Darling*; stayed at Mystery Bay where Max and Jenny Green were hosts and the accommodation was great; the wreck was a very good dive, however there was no brass to be seen.

Graham Oates dived the *Lady Darling* on the long weekend; saw a fish with a swirly thing on the side among other things...also dived with the seals at Montague Island.

Scott Leimroth heard a rumour that a river in the country was 80 metres deep and was all geared up to do a dive; they got to the site, through a lead weight in the river and discovered that the river which was supposed to be 80m deep was only six feet deep...therefore they didn't do a dive.

Paul Aram mentioned that Pro Dive Coogee was holding the worlds busiest dive site at Gordon's Bay last weekend and was wondering whether anyone attended.

Penny Smith from Indonesia talked briefly about diving in Fiji and Indonesia. A favourite spot for her in Fiji is Malawi resort where there is varied diving although it is quite expensive. While they have been here they dived with 50+ seals at Jervis Bay; water was a very cold 13 degrees.

General Business

John McDermott mentioned that he has a Nikonos V for sale at \$700.

Scott Leimroth (jokingly) made a suggestion for a new Club boat. It goes both above and below the water and retails at approx. 100 000 pounds.

Ian ? said he will make available BSAC magazines at future club meetings as Southern Cross gets extra copies..

John Beddie asked how much money has been made from the magnetometer. Leo Bergagnin said \$20.

Noel Taylor showed slides from his recent trip to the Marshall Islands, Bikini Atoll. He said that the dive shop was well set up. He dived the wrecks of the *Saratoga*, *Nagato*, *Lamson*, *Pilotfish* (Sub) and the *Anderson*. Thank you Noel for giving the Club an interesting insight into Bikini Atoll.

Meeting closed