

Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club  
Monday 19th January 1997

Meeting opened at 8.10pm members and guests welcomed by Club President, Gordon McDonald.

**Apologies:** Ilona Kandilas, Sam Oates, Suzanne Evans, The Vincents

**Secretary:** Debbie Egginton

**Acceptance of Previous Club Minutes**

The previous club minutes were accepted by: Scott Egginton  
Seconded by: John Fardoulis

**Incoming /Outgoing correspondence:**

Letter by fax from Jean Claude Le Pont  
Postcard from Leo B's cousins

**Treasurers' Report:**

Graham Oates

Expenses for January '98 \$ 313.70 in / \$1270.00 out  
Annual financial statement prepared by G Oates - Leo B disputes figures.

Balance of Cheque Account \$ 538.56  
Balance of Investment A/C \$10119.03  
Balance of Petty Cash \$ 11.35

Treasurers report accepted by Scott Egginton  
Seconded by Bob May

Leo B & Gordon Mc discuss the unpaid phone account - Gordon Mc the phone is an asset for the club Leo B says you are full of bull.... forms to be tabled. Scott E passed a motion to sell the phone Sarah H-seconds. Forms removed and passed around. Martin K says that as the phone is mentioned in advertising for AuPY we should delay this motion until after the comp is over. John F is there a contract Gordon Mc- no binding rental. Leo B feels he is still responsible for it. Peter F if his number is not answered it goes to his mobile. Barbara S says why did you whinge about it when I had it? Geoff C how did you get the phone? Leo B on going argument regarding this - no knowledge of it being in his name. OneTel said providing you pay this bill now! it's disconnected (we'll reconnect free). Forms arrived Friday am. John F how much was the bill Leo B \$78.00 was paid then lost file, now found so it is being fixed. You get the phone back when it's fixed up. Gordon Mc it's a farce! Geoff C say just pay the bill. Mark D put motion forward to pay bill and leave it till the new committee is in. Scott E represents the motion to leave it till after the AUPY. Martin K-seconds. Yes-All. Gordon Mc asked Leo B to submit bills. Leo B says no will do it later. It will be paid during this meeting break.

**Dive Organisers Report:**

Geoff Cook / Rod Muir

25/1/98 Frenchmans Bay - another boat needed  
13/2/98 Black Friday night dive Sea Tamer (max 10 people)  
8/3/98 Sydney Harbour Dive lunch Watsons Bay  
20-22/3/98 Narooma "Lady Darling" cost depends on numbers. \$50-\$60 for diving.  
Accommodation \$15 head per night, has cooking facilities.

**Social Organisers Report**

Debbie Davis

Nothing to report

**Photographic Officers Report**

Peter Flockart

There have been over 20 enquiries to date 1 from Palon and 1 entrant. Scott Egginton asked how many confirmed sponsors. Peter F. said there were none confirmed. Leo B - said Willindy and Dive Adventures verbally confirmed after last AUPY night. Geoff C

asks if we were to add the cost of prizes for last years comp would total exceed \$70K, Leo B says retail probably.

#### **Publicity Officers Report**

**Paul Howlett**

In light of the current climate there's not much happening. Scott E asked about the web site Paul H says it's all on hold till the AUPY situation is settled, they are tied in together. Basically web site will cost web masters fee which would come out of sponsors fees.

#### **Equipment Officers Report**

**Russell Stoker**

Nothing to report all equipment OK.

#### **Photographic Competition Referendum**

Leo B re referendum - Gordon Mc motion for referendum so all members can have their say. Leo B said in his 47 yrs he'd never seen a vote run that way there should have been some discussion. Martin K and Barbara S counting votes. Yes 28 No 5 Reformat 5. Mark D says lets get on with it.

#### **Dive Reports:**

Scott & Debbie E did a few dives at Ulladulla excellent reefs.

Geoff C - Judd and I did Jervis Bay water dirty and cold. Double Decker cave past 20-30' it was clear but cold. Crocodile Gorge 180' night dive pretty lumpy and awful. At 112' it was 40-50' viz but dark. Best dive done in Jervis Bay. Heaps of dolphins in bay.

Ray Moulang-2 dives at Jervis Bay 1 week apart first week beautiful & warm but 2nd week cold and awful.

John Beddie-Dee Why ferry breaking up a fair bit, reef inside Nth Head saw Red Indian fish.

Leo B dived didn't get sick.

Rod - Bellubella found 1-half only.

Bob May-Dived Bowen Island & The Box, The Arch 35m viz Crocodile Head strong current I stayed at 35m viz about 15m. Peter Forster got a free trip back to Sydney. Bowen Is viz 30m fabulous dive, dived Docks & Fire Fly - very hard to find.

#### **General Business:**

Leo B regarding W/R should read rules of incorporation change. AGM should be 3 months after the end of the membership year of the association. Martin K reading from latest rules of incorporation. Next committee should clarify this point.

Peter Fi - clean up Australia letter come in again. It's the 1st March.

Scott E -thinks we should apologies to Aquatic Explorers for having the wrong address in the Wet Rag.

Geoff C -Swan sunk last month has it's own internet site to see what's happening with diving it. New boat owner Scott W has new alum boat after other one nicked.

**BREAK**

#### **Raffle Drawn"**

First Prize: Scott Willan - Boat dive with Max Western "Sea Tamer"

Second Prize: Shirley Wolfenden - T shirt by Aquatic Explorers

Third Prize: Michael Dietz donated to Robyn Hewitt - two airfills Ship Rock Dive



Old committee stands down and nominations for new committee as follows:

1. **President** Nominate: Peter Forster by Mark Deitz(accepted)  
Seconded: Peter Flockart  
Nominate: Scott Egginton by Geoff Cook (declined)  
Nominate: Rod Muir by John Fardoulis (declined)  
**Peter Forster President**
2. **Secretary** Nominate: Shirley Wolfenden by Geoff Cook (declined)  
Nominate: Sarah Harlan by Mark Deitz (declined)  
Nominate: John Harlan by Mark Deitz (declined)  
Nominate: Debbie Davis by Barbara Sweetman(accepted)  
Seconded: Rod Muir  
**Debbie Davis Secretary**
3. **Treasurer** Nominate: Graham Oates by Barbara Sweetman(accepted)  
Seconded: Russell Stoker  
**Graham Oates Treasurer**
4. **Newsletter Editor** Nominate: Russell Stoker by Mark Deitz(accepted)  
Seconded: Leo Bergagnin  
**Russell Stoker Newsletter Editor**
5. **Dive Organisers:** Nominate: Geoff Cook by Debbie Davis(declined)  
Nominate: Mark Deitz by Barbara Sweetman(declined)  
Nominate: John Beddie by Scott Egginton(declined)  
Nominate: Bob May by Robyn Hewitt(declined)  
Nominate: John Fardoulis by Mark Deitz(declined)  
Nominate: John Harlan by Mark Deitz(accepted)  
**John Harlan Dive Organiser**
6. **Equipment Officer** Nominate: Russell Stoker by Mark Deitz(accepted)  
Seconded: Debbie Deitz  
**Russell Stoker Equipment Officer**
7. **Publicity Officer** Nominate: John Fardoulis by Christian Gerzner(declined)  
Nominate: Paul Howlett by Barbara Sweetman(accepted)  
Seconded: Leo Bergagin  
Nominate: Christian Gerzner by Geoff Cook(declined)  
**Paul Howlett Publicity Officer**
8. **Photographic Officer:** Nominate: Peter Flockhart -BarbaraSweetman(accepted)  
Seconded: Mark Deitz  
Nominate: Christian Gerzner by John Fardoulis(declined)  
Nominate: John Harlan by Geoff Cook(declined)  
Nominate: John Szwecow by Scott Egginton(declined)  
Nominate: Gordon McDonald by Geoff Cook(declined)  
**Peter Flockhart Photographic Officer**
9. **Social Organiser** Nominate: Gordon McDonald by Geoff Cook(declined)  
Nominate: Bob May by Mark Deitz(declined)  
Nominate: Leo Bergagnin by Debbie Deitz(declined)  
Nominate: Barbara Sweetman by Debbie Davis(accepted)  
**Barbara Sweetman Social Organiser**

New committee took chairs and Peter Foster thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the outgoing committee.  
Meeting Closed 10.50pm

### AN APOLOGY

Some twelve months ago I started to be the target of a steady stream of criticism. It came by way of various mediums, the "*Wet Rag*" being my main concern. I took particular offence to a remark in the April issue of the "*Wet Rag*". I remained silent over these matters and elected to resign rather than cause a ruckus within the club. Unfortunately the July issue of the "*Wet Rag*" rekindled this ongoing character assassination, the more recent issues of the "*Wet Rag*" being particularly savage.

At the January meeting there was to be a discussion on the A.U.P.Y. (according to the written agenda that was distributed). I had intended to question the various writers to clarify their statements in the January issue of the "*Wet Rag*" criticizing both myself and other former members of the committee. My frustration soon grew to anger when the discussion on the A.U.P.Y. was railroaded ending any chance of disputing these callous remarks. This statement is not intended to be an excuse for my outburst but more an explanation. My behavior was not conducive to winning a debate. I for one will always accept that two wrongs don't make a right. I would therefore like to offer to the former president and committee my sincerest apology for my behavior, I would also like to extend this apology to all members, and their families and friends for any embarrassment I may have caused.

This apology is offered by me, no one has implied, inferred, requested or demanded that I make this apology. I am always prepared to admit when I am at fault.

Leo Bergagnin.