
Minutes of the meeting South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club - Monday 17th February 1997

Meeting opened at 8:00pm, members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. Leo welcomed our guest speaker for the evening Annie Nute from the "Victory" Jervis Bay.

Apologies: Suzanne Evans, Steve Grow, Lee Harvey, Bob May, Greg Blackburn, Ilona Kandilas,
Michael McFadyen

Acceptance of previous Club minutes:

The previous minutes were accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Rod Muir
Gordon McDonald

Incoming/Outgoing correspondence:

Other dive club newsletters, Letters from Trans Nuigini Tours, questionnaire regarding spearfishing,
Dive Eden - Hard Hat over Anzac W/end Promo/Ad, Divercity Swansea, 97 Heron Is Dive Program,

Treasurers Report:

Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of January:

\$589.60 in / \$180.00 out

Balance of Cheque Account:

\$ 4,780.79

Balance of Investment Account:

\$11,486.66

Treasurers Report accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Geoff Cook
Martin Kandilas

Photographic Officers Report:

Peter Flockart

- AV is on track, sponsors are OK, have some more prizes - Weekend for 2 on Victory also Weekend for two on Ocean Trek. Have a possible second speaker - Malcolm Ludgate who would give a talk on Atlantic diving.
Audio/visual production is doing very well. This year we are not using slides, but are putting everything onto video, the resolution is very good. Also TV Monitors will be strategically placed in the *hard to see areas* as well as at the bar and a cameraman will be wandering through the audience during the night and this will go directly to the monitors - *audience-cam*
Mark Spencer is going to interview the *Birchgrove Park* survivors and give a talk on this.
- Rick Latimer Memorial Dive Shoot Out - Canned due to lack of sponsors, dive still to go on.

AV Night - Leo mentioned that Carina Gregory is handling ticket distribution.

Mark Dietz asked if there was a childrens rate - Leo said he'll check with the committee.

SHORT BREAK TO FIX VIDEO/TV

Guest Speaker - Annie Nute from the Live-a-board 'Victory' out of Jervis Bay -

Annie presented some slides showing the fit-out of the boat and its facilities, with some lovely scenic shots as well. Annie mentioned that they generally do 3-4 dives on the Saturday and 2-3 on the Sunday but this is dependant upon what the divers want to do. They generally only take 8-10 divers.

SCANs Day 23/2/97 - Leo mentioned that there are club T-Shirts on sale \$15 each normally, but if bought tonight only \$12 and that we are looking for all members to wear them on the SCANs day this coming weekend.

BREAK

Guest Speaker - Annie Nute Cont'd with her video presentation, we saw some footage on the dive sites at Jervis Bay, concluding with an extensive look at an Angle Shark who in the end got it's own back on the videographer. - **Thank you Annie for a wonderful presentation.**

Raffle prizes and winners: Drawn by Annie Nute,

1st prize	A boat dive on Max Western's <i>Sea Tamer II</i>
Won by:	Les Stewart
2nd prize	T-Shirt, donated by Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
Won by:	Paul Agwin
3rd prize	Two airfills courtesy of Shiprock Dive, Lilli Pilli
Won by:	Geoff Cook

Publicity Officers Report:

Paul Howlett

AV publicity well under way, a fax out to all drivable distance dive shops regarding the AV will be done shortly.

Dive Organisers Reports:

Scott Egginton and Peter Foster

Peter said that the weekend at Seal Rocks is filling fast, should be good with dives on the Satara, Shark Gutters and Catterthun planned. Also there will be 5 club boats and 37 divers at the SCANs day with dives commencing at 8:00am. Scott said there are plenty of dives planned for the next few months and that the lists will be handed around for these, some may require deposits closer to the time.

DATE	VENUE	ORGANISER
23/2/97	1997 SCANs Day	Peter
02/3/97	Watsons Bay Diving, lunch at Doyles	Scott
7-9/3/97	Seal Rocks Weekend	Peter
23/3/97	Palm Beach / Rick Latimer Memorial Dive	Scott
06/4/97	Bombo Dive, Wollongong Day Trip	Scott
20/4/97	Long Reef Diving	Peter
2-4/5/97	Nelson Bay Weekend	Scott
25/5/97	Bundeena Breakfast Dive	Scott
08/6/97	Norah Head Day Trip	Peter
22/6/97	Pittwater Diving and Picnic Day	Peter

Leo then mentioned the Truk Lagoon Trip it will be sometime in November the price is good, if you are interested see Leo about this one.

Leo also mentioned the cancelled Narooma trip in relation to our use of the local charter boat permits to dive the 'Lady Darling' there now seems a good reason to contact David Nuttley in as much as we could not borrow anyone's permit to dive the wreck as we had been told by him that we would be able to do.

Members Dive Reports:

Scott & Debbie Egginton - Dived the Himma in a very strong current possibly about 1/2-1 knot, once again Bob Mays' brilliant anchoring skills were to be applauded (it wasn't his fault we were on the wrong wreck).

Rod Muir - Recently dived in Jervis Bay with John Beddie, they did the Docks and saw 4' Grey Nurse Sharks and did lots of sand dives. Somebody lost their weight belt and did a lot of floating, had a good weekend there.

John Beddie - On the same weekend John saw a swordfish on the sand, never seen one before.

Scott Leimroth - Dived the Catterthun it was very clear whilst on deco he saw a 10' Marlin, 7' Bronze Whaler and about 10 dolphins who where content to hang around for a while, but it was dirty on the Satara.

Craig Harwood - Recently did a dive at Oak Park with 79 divers from Frog Dive in the water at once it was a nightmare dive but had good socialising afterwards.

Geoff Cook - Went to do the Undola but had a shocker of a start to the day and ended up doing Barons Hut in very dirty water.

Special Item - The Wet Rag on the 'Net':

Points bought up - Good exposure for the club, needs to be very professionally done to do the club justice, AV advertised but no tickets sales, personal info must be removed, to monitor enquiries use unusual names for responses

It was decided by majority vote to hold a decision over until the next meeting.

General Business:

- Peter Flockart - Mentioned that he still has some calendars for sale at \$12.00 each.
- Ray Malang - Asked if anyone had a Nikonos 3 for sale.

Social Organisers Report:

Debbie Davis

Debbie mentioned the Wine Tasting Night at Chippendale Wine Cellars on Saturday 22nd February at 7:00pm, she also talked about the possibility of doing a harbour cruise on a small 60 miler type steamship, also mentioned was a pub crawl which sounds quite good. Also suggested a night out at Bevs' as we haven't done that in some time.

MEETING CLOSED 10:20pm