
Minutes of the meeting South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club - Monday 21st April
1997

Meeting opened at 8:15pm, members and guests welcomed by Club President, Leo Bergagnin. Leo welcomed our guest speaker for the evening Dr Doug Walker, founding member S.P.U.M.S.

Minutes taken by Carina Gregory in the absence of Debbie Egginton.

Apologies: Geoff & Mandy Cook, Graham & Samantha Oates, Debbie Egginton, Peter Foster, Scott Leimroth, Maria Townsend, Bob May

Acceptance of previous Club minutes:

The previous minutes were accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Russell Stoker
Gordon McDonald

Incoming/Outgoing correspondence:

Letter from Christian Gerzner, letter from Peter Norris, letter from Water Board declining sponsorship, Noel Taylors complimentary tickets returned to Club, other dive clubs correspondence, letters from Scott Leimroth & John Fardoulis
Letters confirming trip to Nelson Bay

Treasurers Report:

Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of January:

\$2,934.00 in / \$3,688.13 out

Balance of Cheque Account:

\$ 2,175.43

Balance of Investment Account:

\$11,534.36

Treasurers Report accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Rod Muir
Paul Howlett

Guest Speaker: Dr Doug Walker, a founding member of S.P.U.M.S., will be making a presentation and showing some slides tonight. Dr Walker spoke about medicine & diving. He gave statistics for diving deaths in Australia and critical health factors for diving. He also discussed adverse health factors for diving such as asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc. He is conducting a project called "Project Proteus" - a study of people diving with medical conditions, for example asthma.

Special Business - Incoming Correspondence:

Re: John Fardoulis & Scott Leimroth's letters (which were tabled at the meeting).

- Both John & Scott were asked to the meeting tonight, but are not in attendance.
- Gordon suggested that Scott Leimroth's letter be printed in the *Wet Rag* for all members to read; Leo suggested this wouldn't be favourable.
- Magnetometer: The matter was held over for discussion in General Business

Dive Organisers Report:

Scott Egginton & Peter Foster

- Scott said that deposits will be required for all dives organised by the club from now on following a few cancellations of late.
- Peter Foster is organising a trip to Northhaven (1/2Hr south of Port Macquarie), 13-16th June 1997.

Don't forget these upcoming dive days -

DATE	VENUE	ORGANISER
25/5/97	Bundeena Breakfast Dive	Scott
08/6/97	Norah Head Day Trip	Peter
22/6/97	Pittwater Diving and Picnic Day	Peter
27/7/97	Botany Bay Diving from La Perouse	Scott
9-11/8/97	Victory Week End Trip Jervis Bay Liveaboard	Peter FULL
17/8/97	Harbour Day out of Rose Bay	Scott
22-24/8/97	Victory Week End Trip Jervis Bay Liveaboard	Peter
07/9/97	Shell Harbour Diving, Day Trip	Scott
21/9/97	Jibbon or Bundeena Diving	Peter

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Social Organisers Report:

Debbie Davis

- 10th May Dinner at Bev's Restaurant 7:30pm (Club Sponsor)
 - 12th July Vicary's Winery "Xmas in July"
- Lists will be handed around.

Publicity Officers Report:

Paul Howlett

- 1000 word article in 'Dive Log' on the AV Night.

Photographic Officers Report:

Peter Flockart

- Thanked everyone for their help with the AV Night
- Mostly positive comments have been made about the night
- Carina suggested that letters also be sent out to other dive clubs and shops which supported the AV Night (in addition to sponsors thank you letters).
- Lee Harvey said sponsors were very happy with publicity received on the night.
- Craig Harwood thanked everyone who assisted with the AV Night.

Members Dive Reports:

Louise Wilson - Recently dived with the Whale Sharks at Nigaloo Reef, WA.

Scott Egginton - Dived the Birchgrove Park, 20Mtr viz on bottom, Ricks' plaque still isn't down, currently being organised; had a good day.

Michael M^cFadyen - Dived up off Pittwater, 'Hole in the Wall', Pinacles, 'Valiant' - had good viz on the Valiant, Pinacles had a lot of swim throughs..

General Business:

Internet

- The possibility of a web site on the Internet was discussed at length. In particular, a fax from Compsys Australia (David Brown, Internet Solutions Manager), was discussed which proposes a Web Site for SPDC with cross advertising.
- Michael M^cFadyen said that the club has to decide what it wants on the site ie something static or something that is constantly changing. If it is to be dynamic, needs a person to update the Web Site on a regular basis.
- Mark Dietz proposed the the matter be investigated further and Paul Howlett be nominated as the person to update the Web Site. PH agreed to this nomination.
- Craig Harwood suggested that any contract be discussed at the Club meeting before it is signed by the Club.

Magnetometer

- A discussion of the magnetometer took place; MM^cF has suggested some "Conditions of Use", which were distributed at the Club meeting to all present (and debated). MM^cF said that no rules for the Mag had been agreed to by the Club. Michael also said that there is a need to get something in writing.
- Leo said that statements made in the covering notes of Michael M^cFadyens proposal are not entirely true and misleading.
- Gordon suggested that a fee be set as a starting point for discussion. The club then proceeded to go through the proposal conditions, which were debated amongst those present.
- John Beddie proposed that the club obtain insurance for the magnetometer. John also thanked the club for purchasing a battery pack for the magnetometer.

Raffle prizes and winners:

1st prize	10 Airfills courtesy of Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
Won by :	Russell Stoker
2nd prize	A boat dive on Max Western's <i>Sea Tamer II</i>
Won by :	Paul Howlett
3rd prize	Two airfills courtesy of Shiprock Dive, Lilli Pilli
Won by :	Barbara Sweetman
2 Extra Prizes	Disposable Cameras
Won by :	1 each - Ron Harris & Paul Howlett