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Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club -  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1997

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Meeting opened at 8:20pm, members and guests welcomed by Club President,.

**Apologies:** Debbie Davis, Suzanne Evans, Peter Foster

**Re: Previous Minutes:**

Due to a misunderstanding there were no hard copies of the last Club Minutes, consequently they were read out.

**Acceptance of previous Club minutes:**

The previous minutes were accepted by:  
and Seconded by:

*Ann Latimer*  
*John Beddie*

**Incoming/Outgoing correspondence:**

Letters from other dive clubs, Divers Journal

**Treasurers Report:**

**Barbara Sweetman**

Expenses for the month of August: \$ 259.00 in / \$ 357.31 out

Balance of Cheque Account: \$ 1,498.11

Balance of Investment Account: \$11,534.36

Treasurers Report accepted by:  
and Seconded by:

*Geoff Cooke*  
*Michael McFadyen*

**Dive Organisers Report:**

**Scott Egginton & Rod Muir**

- 7/9/97 Bombo - this ever popular dive is on again, don't miss out. - Scott **FULL**
- 21/7/97 Jibbon or Bundeena Day - another of Sydney's' great diving areas. - Rod
- 19/9/97 Night Dive with Max Western - Shallow. - ~~Scott~~ **Full**
- 24/10/97 Night Dive with Max Western on the 'Tuggerah'. - Scott **Full**

Peter Flockart & Paul Howlett are going to be organising shore dives once the weather gets warmer. Geoff Cooke says that being Dive Organiser is a thankless job and we should try to support Rod as a new Dive Organiser.

Michael McFadyen announced that he was doing Shark Point at 9:00am on Sat 23/8/97 and the 'Undola' at 7:30am Wed 20/8/97 - anyone interested is most welcome.

**Social Organisers Report:**

**Debbie Davis**

- Novotel 'Ladies Champagne Breakfast' 9:00am 31/8/97. Husbands & kids at the beach opposite.

Paul Howlett welcomed and introduced our Guest Speaker for this month:

**Becca Saunders**

Becca learnt to dive in a glacier fed lake in Colorado and has been a regular diver in Australia since 1981, she helped design the aquarium at Darling Harbour. Becca gave an exciting presentation and talk on diving with the Manta Rays during a trip to Mexico at Christmas time 1995. Thank you Becca for a delightful presentation.

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Rod Muir showed some footage of the 'Birchy' when the plaque was put in place on the 10/8/97.

**Photographic Officers Report:**

**Peter Flockart**

- 'George Roberts' - Was supposed to close now, but is looking to hold open until month end, only 2 entries to date with 1 more known entry to come.
- 'AUPY' - still trying to get things finalised, should have a proposal to put forward at the next meeting.
- PF wants to start a photographic hints column - would like in put and questions.



**Publicity Officers Report:****Paul Howlett**

- 'Net Site' - it will happen, there should be an article in the next *Wet Rag*, it should be a professional site.
- Mark Spencer asked can you tell how many enquires on the site? PH replied yes you can get a hit counter, but in order for it to be accurate it must be an active site or you will get mostly one time hits.

**Raffle prizes and winners:****Drawn by: Kylie Latimer**

<b>1st prize</b>		Sweat Shirt donated by Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
<b>Won by</b>	:	Paul Howlett
<b>2nd prize</b>		A boat dive on Max Western's <i>Sea Tamer II</i>
<b>Won by</b>	:	Darrell Gibbs
<b>3rd prize</b>		Shirt donated by Ship Rock Dive, Lilli Pilli
<b>Won by</b>	:	Carina Gregory

**Members Dive Reports:**

**John Beddie** - Dived at Jervis Bay, water about 14 -16.5 deg. Heaps of seals, Arch about 8Mtr viz, bad winds but good diving.

**Peter Flockart** - Jervis Bay - Victory, but perhaps Mark should give the dive reports.

**Mark Dietz** - They did the Seals in the morning, grey nurse sharks and turtles in the afternoon. Good Time.

**Peter Flockart** - Jervis Bay - Saturday was about the best diving he'd ever done, grey nurses were good and the PJs were mating.

**Robyn Hewitt** - Did the Leap, Barons Hut, Osborne Shoals, Marley Point & Tumbledowns - new dry suit diver.

**Scott Egginton** - Dived the Balcony - no rust but plenty of fish, we took Craig on his thirteenth and deepest dive to date.

**General Business:**

Gordon McD - Peter Flockart does have the right to decide things like the inclusion of US, however it will not be included in the next comp.

Leo B - Wednesday week, meeting at the Coogee Bay Hotel, after there will be a presentation at 7:30pm by the Diving Historical Society. All welcome.

Scott E (for Geoff Cooke) - Steve Grow is after some volunteers to help strip out a tug that is to be sunk in about 30Mtrs - hey guys a new dive site!! Anyone interested in helping out please contact Steve at Aquatic Explorers.

Rod M - Regarding the Club Mobile Phone, How come it was unavailable for 10/8/97? BS replied that the phone was on it never rang and was turned off at 11:30. Comment made that the club doesn't need it. Leo B - the idea of the club phone is to catch enquires, also said that Dive Organisers should collect the equipment needed - it is part of the job. BS commented that prior to the AV night she had approx 10 calls per day. PFI said that from previous experience it is essential prior to AV night complete with voicemail to catch all enquires. Leo B sited a customer that wanted 7 tickets from a shop contacted through the mobile, also it can be diverted.

Rod M - then went on to ask exactly what equipment does the club have and where is it? Scott E said that 1 set of oxygen gear is on a club boat - authorised by Gordon McD. There was discussion between Leo B & Scott E about exactly which set is where. Leo said he would have to check out who has what with that. Rod M - then requested that a detailed list of what we have and what is on hire be made available.

John Beddie asked about insurance on the mag and what cover it has. Gordon McD replied that it is an All Risks Policy.

Peter Flockart mentioned that Peter Foster still has 2 spots on this week-ends trip on the Victory - contact him if interested.

**MEETING CLOSED 10:55pm**