
Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown Sports Club -
Monday 15th September 1997

Meeting opened at 8:15pm, members and guests welcomed by Club President.

Apologies: Scott Egginton, Bob May, Graham Wakeley

Acceptance of previous Club minutes:

The previous minutes were accepted by:
and Seconded by:

John Beddie
Mark Spencer

Incoming/Outgoing correspondence:

Letters from other dive clubs, Divers Journal

Treasurers Report:

Barbara Sweetman

Expenses for the month of August:	\$ 80.30 in / \$ 119.02 out	\$ 5.70 Postage
		\$61.30 Misc
		\$ 2.02 Bank Fees
		\$50.00 Petty Cash

Balance of Cheque Account:	\$ 1,530.39
Balance of Investment Account:	\$11,534.36

Treasurers Report accepted by:
and Seconded by:

Geoff Cooke
Peter Foster

Dive Organisers Report:

Rod Muir

- 19/9/97 Night Dive with Max Western - Shallow. - Rod
- 24/10/97 Night Dive with Max Western on the 'Tuggerah'. - Scott
- 2/11/97 Botany Bay Dive
- 16/11/97 Port Hacking Dive
- 21/11/97 Night Dive with Aquatic Explorers - Botany Bay & BBQ after
- 7/12/97 Pittwater Dive

Social Organisers Report:

Debbie Davis

- Horse Riding at Darks Forest – 28/9/97. Starts at 11:00am for 1 hour, BYO BBQ lunch
- Afternoon Tea for the ladies at Watsons' Bay 19/10/97 at 3:00pm.
- Bowling and dinner after at Chester Hill.
- Dinner at Bankstown Sports Club at 7:30pm.
- Christmas BBQ Party, Meat on a spit sometime early December. Any suggestions where.
- Clark Is (Sydney Harbour) St George is having their party there on 7/12 maybe combine, talk to Eddy Labour.

Publicity Officers Report:

Paul Howlett

- Writing articles on the Photo Comp for next year.
- Web site going very well – Web Master is very keen, will come along to give a presentation to the committee, then to club members at a general meeting. Geoff Cooke commented I thought this was not going to cost the club anything. Paul assured us that there will be no cost to the club, in fact there is the potential to make money from it through the sponsors obtained.

Photographic Officers Report:

Peter Flockart

- AUPY' – Will be going to Asian Diver by 15/10 for the December issue. Competition opens 1/1/98, closes 4/98, presentation night is anticipated to be mid July for a short and fast comp this time. We will be working very hard and are looking for any help – **ALL HELP WELCOMED!**
- George Roberts – A flood of last minute entries, will show the finalists slides this evening and get the finalists along to next meeting for their presentation. The slides were then shown.

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Presidents Comments:

Gordon McDonald

- Formally declared Treasurers' position as vacant, also Editor for *Wet Rag* needed. Please contact Gordon through the month if interested, we will vote at the next meeting.

- Mentioned his idea of forming some inter-club groups –
- Magnetometer Group. John Beddie has agreed to host this group. Russell to oversee the use of the Mag, anyone else wanting to use would still need to go through Russell. The groups project would be to locate a diveable wreck with recognition going to SPDC for finding the wreck.
Moted by: *Gordon McDonald*
Seconded by: *Geoff Cooke*

Voting took place immediately: Majority for

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- Photographic Group. Bob May is very keen to host this group. There could be photographic workshops for all levels of photographers.

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Members Dive Reports:

Ray Malang - Arch at Shell Harbour & Cave, 10-15Mtr viz, saw a seal.

Geoff Cooke - Bombo - viz was ordinary, water warm. Heaps to see now opened up and the Scarborough after was great.

Scott Leimroth - Gordons' Bay with his rebreather, used to be an avid wreck diver but has now re-discovered reef diving, it's great with no bubbles fish are not scared off.

Leo Bargagnin - Dived the Myola. Seas were millpond, upset a fisho, viz was great, excellent dive.

Footnote: John Beddie was 3 minutes late but arrived happy and contented!?!

Raffle prizes and winners:

1st prize	A boat dive on Max Western's <i>Sea Tamer II</i>
Won by :	Debbie Davis / Mark Spencer
2nd prize	T-Shirt donated by Aquatic Explorers, Cronulla
Won by :	Leo Bargagnin

General Business:

Geoff Cooke: Asked for any info for a wreck site log. MMcF has a personal list he will give a copy of.

Sarah Harlen asked about diving in the Whitsunday's. GMcD had some advise for her as he has spent time up there.

Ray Malang said that over on the table there are some freebies, old magazines and Neville Coleman books.

Leo B had a question for Peter Flockart regarding something which he had seen whilst diving. Peter replied that it must have been a salp.

John Beddie suggested a second night dive on the Tuggerah or a club night dive there might be good.

Russell Stoker said that he felt that GMcDs attitude was arrogant, regarding the phone and other matters. Re BBQ for plaque laying day this was not put to the committee and it should have been.

Gordon McDonald re BBQ for plaque laying day, all members were invited, it was the ending cycle of this affair. Club was let down by others. Yes he is bombastic, has he made other decisions - no, RS & BS both said yes specifically regarding the mag. RS said there was no particular problem except that it shouldn't have been put forward as a done deal but rather should have been discussed openly. GMcD replied - point taken.

Leo B - If there are any messages required to be left on the club phone or diversion to be arranged, it is necessary to contact Leo direct not leave a message on the club phone, as he only has time to check it once a week not daily as Barbara had done in the past.

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