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**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club at Bankstown
Sports Club
Monday 16th February 1998**

Meeting opened 8.15pm members and guests welcomed by Club President,
Peter Foster.

Apologies: Bob May, Suzanne Evans

Secretary: Debbie Davis

Acceptance of Previous Club Minutes

The previous club minutes were accepted by: Gordon McDonald
Seconded by: Samantha Oates

Incoming/Outgoing correspondence:

Newsletter from URG.
Pamphlet from Prince of Wales Hospital.
MV Melantre - charters from Gladstone.
Letter to Bankstown Sports Club.
Letter to Scott Eggington -Letter from Scott Eggington in reply.

Treasurers Report: Graham Oates

Income \$542.15
Expenses \$156.75

Breakdown of income membership fees \$470.00
Raffle \$ 72.15
Breakdown of expenses postage \$ 15.00
Printing \$ 4.70
Club Phone Charges \$136.50
Bank Charges \$ 1.15

Cheque account \$ 615.91
Investment account \$10119.03
Petty Cash \$ 319.40

Treasurers report accepted by Russell Stoker
Seconded by Samantha Oates

Dive Organisers Report: John Harlan

John thanked Geoff Cook for filling dive on Friday 13th February, boat
cancelled.

Sunday 1st March - Clean up Australia - Kurnell shore dives & picnic day

Friday 13th March - Black Friday night dive Sea Tamer (max 10 people)

Saturday 14th March or last weekend March - shore dive Terrigal either
Skillon cave(weather permitting) or The Haven possible boat dive if enough
takers to Foggy's Shark Cave.

20th-22nd March Narooma "Lady Darling" cost approx \$50-\$60 diving
accommodation \$15.00 head per night Oakley Farm.

Social Organisers Report:

Barbara Sweetman

BBQ at Russell's 21st March BYO meat, salad supplied, beer for sale

1st March - Clean up Australia Day- Inscription Point(Kurnell) self catering - club BBQ supplied. Diving contact John Harlan.

Photographic Officers Report:

Peter Flockhart

Plenty of enquiries for AV night. 4 page spread in Sport Diving Hong Kong.

45 enquiries from Neil Vincent's web site, France, Italy, America.

6-8 confirmed sponsors, others interested, 2 entries to date, usually they come in late about three weeks before closing date. 17 tables allocated to dive shops - 20% commission on ticket sales to dive shops. 6 tables allocated to club members. Prize of trip to Cod Hole donated by Mike Ball for Rick Latimer Award open to club members only hopefully air fare as well.

Peter Foster - trip to Cod Hole this year possible sponsorship to year 2000, expanding trip each year. Prize for video section also.

Publicity Officers Report:

Paul Howlett

Article to go into next Dive Log for AV night. Sending flyer and rules of comp to all previous entrants. Net Page on web - meeting with web master next Wednesday meeting with Peter Foster, professional advertising agency. Cost to club virtually nil on the back of Paul's web site, an extra 20meg of space \$3.00 per month any sponsorship to go to web master - site updated regularly. Web page in club's name all will be confirmed in writing with full account of web page.

Equipment Officers Report:

Russell Stoker

Oxygen equipment 1 reg set pin index and 1 bull-nose, 3 tanks. Might need to hire a bull-nose tank. Approx \$30.00 per annum or buy an adapter for bull-nose reg as it is useless at moment. Geoff suggested industrial tank - cheaper than medical tank. Gordon - prefers using medical tank incase of contamination. Peter - invoice from BOC gases C size tank to small, upgrade to larger size. BBQ - OK. No money incoming to South Pacific on SCANS day. As newsletter editor send any articles for Wet Rag.

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Raffle Drawn:

1st Prize: Barbara Sweetman - boat dive with Max Western "Sea Tamer"

2nd prize: Shirley Wolfenden-dive knife from Southern Cross Divers Stanmore

3rd prize: Wayne Cotter-dive knife from Southern Cross Divers-The Spit

4th prize: Graham Oates- T shirt from Aquatic Explorers

5th prize: John Beddie - two airfills from Ship Rock Dive.

Members Dive Reports:

Russell Stoker weekend on Victory water cold, dirty.

Jackie Owen-dived Ulladulla 40m vis, 24 degrees water excellent diving.

Sarah Harlan-Portsea (Vic) dived yellow sub from 1st world war 36m vis excellent dive. Canyon - another brilliant dive.

Geoff Cook- 2 weeks ago dived Marley Point with Debbie, Scott and Judd 100ft vis really good dive, Judd followed into cave, turning into a good diver. Scan Day damaged motor between \$4000 - \$4500 repairs, dive prices will increase for people using boat.

Mark Deitz son Michael now qualified junior diver "congratulations".

John Beddie - dived Tuggerah good vis, calm seas. North Head- saw red indian fish.

Geoff spoke about Scott Leimroth diving on gas in Tasmania on a new wreck 68m, he is thinking about the dive for October.

Peter Flockhart - dived Tuggerah 30m vis, no current saw sea pen on bottom.

General Business:

New member joined club Jackie Owen.

Geoff - asked if we have a mag officer this year- another person or the equipment officer. John Beddie - motion for Russell to take charge of unit, maintenance, hire and control, John to show how to operate unit. Geoff - the unit needs to be with someone who will use it, should be with boat owner- Russell lives at whoop whoop when you need to collect it. Scott Leimroth, John Fardoulis and John Beddie use it regularly. Geoff - not allowed to use it. Leo B- name a person who has been refused the use of it. Geoff - Michael McFadyen- refused the use of it for 11 days to take it away. Mark Deitz - where do you want to keep it? Russell- will give the mag to Geoff if everyone agrees put a motion forward to allow Geoff to have it.

Gordon - motion to vote for a mag officer - nominate Geoff Cook. Russell seconded. Gordon- used properly, Russell- club equipment everyone must be able to use it. It's not Geoff's property. Vote: Geoff to be in charge of the mag, majority Yes. Geoff regarding the letter to Scott - should have phoned instead of sending letter. Geoff said he didn't like the contents of the letter. Peter Foster said he saw nothing offensive in the letter. Scott's reply letter 9th February, impersonal letters should stop. Equipment has been returned - Geoff said himself and 19 other people are ready to leave club. Peter Foster - said there was a difference of opinion between Geoff and himself re the letter and suggested if they want to leave -go. John Harlan - this type of argument should be done privately not in front of other club members. Gordon - he sent an apology to Aquatic Explorers for incorrect information in the Wet Rag.

Peter Foster - thanked everyone for coming - Steve Purvis for next meeting.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm.