

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 19th October 1998**

Meeting Opened: 8.10pm members & visitors welcomed by Peter Flockart.

Apologies: Peter Foster, Alan Crick, John & Sarah Harlan, Leo B, Gaynor Mason, Jackie Owen, Paul Howlett.

Secretary:

Debbie Davis

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by John Beddie seconded Mark Spencer.

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:

Amateur Rebreather Group newsletter, Terrigal Underwater newsletter, Marine & Coastal Community Network re Weedy Sea Dragons, Doubts newsletter, Maverick Films re "Atlantis", URG newsletter, Snowy Mts Trout Festival brochure, Central Coast's Best Shipwrecks brochure, Double D Dive Charters, Waves newsletter, Robert Westerdyk - letter of appreciation for presentation night, Dependable Distributors - storage cylinders, Live/Dive Pacific Inc - re diving the Solomons.

Treasurers Report: September 1998

Graham Oates

Income \$ 93.00

Cheque account balance \$548.97

Expenses \$286.41

Investment account \$8143.67

Breakdown of Expenses:

Petty Cash \$287.65

Stationery: \$ 26.30

Postage \$ 58.00

Club Phone \$ 83.81

AUPY postage \$113.05

Bank Charges \$ 5.25

Dive Organisers Report

Dive Kurnell - Sunday BBQ (byo)

Seal Rocks 27-29th November

Narooma Montague Island (see Margaret Proven) \$25 accommodation \$70 double dive

Social Organiser: Xmas party Sunday 13th December, dinner at Bev's cancelled due to lack of interest.

Photographic Officer:

Peter Flockart

George Roberts contest not running this year, will run next year when no AV night.

Publicity Officer: no report .

Equipment Officer:

Glen Percy

All equipment present and accounted for anyone can use contact Glen at shop.

Dive Reports: Peter Flockart dived Annie Miller, very lumpy, 7-8 people listed only 4 turned up. Vis down, large net over boiler with shark caught he cut it lose. Reg broke apart underwater but fixed it, plankton in water 1 hour surface interval - Dunbar second dive - non event. Neil Vincent dived in Vanuatu snorkelled in cave through to lake, definitely worth doing - 3/4hr trip by road to cave by road. Sam & Graham Oates dived Lady Elliott Island - 6 dives, turtles,

manta rays above and below water. 15 people in dive groups very pleasant, good accommodation.

General Business: Peter Mason article from St George Leader (Marine & Coastal Network re Weedy Sea Dragons- sent survey form to list all sightings. Rebecca Raap available to speak at meetings will contact Peter Foster. Pam Parker- Dept of Fisheries - survey on Grey Nurse sharks. Byron Bay to South West Rocks -survey completed. Coastal network of divers needed to survey from Coolangata to Eden. Tom Byron & Noel Taylor will assist. John Beddie suggested Jervis Bay - Bass Point. Peter Flockart said Mark Spencer discovered AE2 in Turkey in 72m - clip in pay early October. Gordon McDonald - SCANS letter of disagreement against National Parks & Wildlife regarding presentation of proposed rules for marine parks. Kinghorn Point to Sussex will be covered by national marine park, if proposal goes ahead divers will need permits, boats anchoring, training etc. Gordon requested info from Pam on shark survey and also Weedy Sea Dragon survey. John Beddie- Alan Grey did not receive newsletter, Peter Flockart to post copy. 26th October special meeting re constitution and amendments. Peter Mason offered secretarial services and photo-copying if needed, all issues should be dealt with on the night and finished. Peter Mason needs copy of amendments - Peter Flockart to fax copies. John Beddie going to Eden 16th January would like to take mag.

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No raffle to be held tonight - due to small number of members at meeting, held over till next meeting.

Slide show by Peter Flockart.

Meeting Closed: 9.40pm