

Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club  
at Bankstown Sports Club  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1998

**Meeting Opened:** 8.05pm members & visitors welcomed by Peter Foster and was declared an informal meeting as only two committee members (Peter Foster and Peter Flockart) were present.

Apologies: Debbie Davis, Sarah Harlen, Gaynor Mason, Graham and Samantha Oates Paul Howlett, Jackie Owen,

**Secretary** (not present)

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Gordon MacDonald seconded Peter Mason, after Gordon said that in the previous minutes that he had been against some points raised in the Marine Park proposals from Parks and Wildlife.

**Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:**

Amateur Rebreather Group newsletter, Terrigal Underwater newsletter, Doubts newsletter, URG newsletter, (list is incomplete)

**Treasurers Report:** November 1998

Graham Oates

Income (M'ship)	\$ 15.00	Cheque account balance	\$466.97
Expenses	\$159.60	Investment account	\$8143.67
Breakdown of Expenses:		Petty Cash	\$215.05
Postage	\$ 61.60		
Club Phone	\$ 26.00		
Dive Log Subscription	\$72.00		

Accepted by Martin Kandilas and Mark Spencer

**Dive Organisers Report**

Seal Rocks 27-29th November some places left (see Peter Foster)

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

6<sup>th</sup> December dive on Southern Comfort 7 am Rose Bay \$30.00

18<sup>th</sup> December night dive and cruise on Southern Comfort 7pm Rose Bay \$30.00

20<sup>th</sup> December a double dive with Max Western (Tuggerah and a reef dive) 10am Dolans Bay  
\$ 60.00

**Social Organiser:** Xmas party Sunday 13th December at Gunamatta Park. Due to a lack of response from members it was suggested that it be BYO alcohol but people would have to book for meat and salad. Some people thought this difficult so Martin Kandilas moved a motion that people should self cater. The club will supply the BBQ and salads. This was all due to uncertain attendance and a problem that some members may have with wasting of funds. Party to start at 12pm  
Motion accepted by John Beddie and Martin Kandilas.

Secondly a motion was moved that at the December meeting \$100.00 of the club funds would be placed on the bar so that members could enjoy a Xmas drink courtesy of the club.

Motion accepted by Peter Mason and John Harlen.



**Photographic Officers Report:** Nothing apart from what was in Wet Rag.

**Publicity Officer:** Not present

**Equipment Officer:** Glen Percy said all equipment present and accounted for anyone who can use it contact Glen at shop.

**Dive Reports:**

Martin Kandalis had a surprise trip to Lord Howe Island. Being in the right place at the right time he was able to fly over on trip where one person had dropped out. He dived with Jeff Deacon and his divemaster – Joel. Martin was at this stage one day short of 30 yrs of diving. Saw lots of kingfish, octopuses, crays and even a Spanish dancer. DM insisted that martin begin ascent at 100 bar however Martin stayed until had just 30 bar left and was consequently barred from diving by the DM for the rest of trip- the rest of the day. He also climbed Mt Gower.

Peter Foster had dived the Leap in November and had surfaced before the rest of the group due to a cramp. He asked directions from a fisho and ended up trying to mountain climb up the cliff face in full scuba gear. As Peter said, so much for the directions. The dive however was pleasant.

John Beddie dived last week (location not noted by minute taker) had 6 dives, attended a fancy dress where the prize was a weekend in Jervis Bay. Saw 9 grey Nurse sharks, weedy sea dragons and several juvenile Port Jackson's

**Guest Speaker:** This month was Rebecca Raap from The Marine & Coastal Community Network who gave a talk on the monitoring of sea dragons along the NSW coastline. She spoke on how the MCCN is trying to put together a map showing the distribution of both the weedy and leafy sea dragons around Australia. She asked if anyone was interested in helping with the program and took names of people to whom she would send information to later. (If anyone is interested please contact the committee for further info)

**General Business:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> November there will be a Ball( The Neptuna Ball) to raise money for Save the Ocean Foundation. This will be held at the Bondi Beach Pavilion and cost per ticket is \$75.00 – black tie.

Peter Mason spoke re the rules. He suggested that he add all the proposed changes to the current constitution. Peter will type them in, photocopy and hand them out at the AGM. The disc with all the amendments will then be returned to Debbie.

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No raffle to be held tonight - due to small number of members present it will be held over til next meeting.

Slide show by Glen Percy.

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm