

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club  
at Bankstown Sports Club  
Monday 15th March 1999**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.15pm members & visitors welcomed by Peter Foster.

**Apologies:** John Beddie, Sarah & John Harlen,

**Secretary:** **Mark Spencer**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Jackie Rotenstien seconded by Noel Taylor

**Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:**

Membership renewals from Paul Howlett, Gary McNeil Doubts newsletter, URG newsletter, TUG, Shoalhaven Dive Adventures, CBA, One-Tel, Aqua Sports Yagoona. re raffle prizes

Outgoing to Dept of Fair Trading re-Public Officer

**Treasurers Report: February 1999** **Graham Oates**

to follow

Accepted by Glen Percy                      Seconded by Samatha Oates

**Dive Organisers Report** **Jackie Rotenstien & Peter Mason.**

All information in Wet Rag, Clean up Australia Day was successful, found blue ringed octopus, lousy weather good day for the club, collected 6 bags of rubbish. Hawks Nest this weekend 5 divers & 1 non-diver, vacancy for more. Night dive on Southern Comfort. Sunday 18-04-99 Chicken & Champagne dive, all welcome bring families along. 1st & 2nd May Ulladulla. June long weekend Terrigal \ Norah Head. 27th June Bombo 8.00 and 12.00 with United Divers. Jackie asked for any e-mail addresses

**Social Organiser:** Position Vacant

Peter Foster asked for persons to fill position no response.

**Photographic Officer:** **Peter Flockart**

Asked for feed back from members with George Roberts contest, more interest is needed. Sam Oates asked in winter? Peter run around August, there will also be a video section.

**Publicity Officer:** **Leo Bergagnin**

Congratulations to Peter Mason for colour spread in St. George Leader on Clean up Australia. Peter Foster more reports are needed for Wet Rag. Glen Townsend asked how old to reports have to be?

**Equipment Officer:** **Glen Percy**

All equipment OK. Peter Foster asked members if we should sent Scott Willen an account for outstanding use of Mag. Decided not worthwhile. Continue will existing fee arrangement.

**Dive Reports:** Tom Byron did 5 shore dives at Oak Park in one week. Peter Foster dived with Bob May lost dive computer

**General Business:** Peter Foster: The proposal for changing the AGM from January to July (3 months from end of financial year)

For motion 21 Proxy 1 Against Nil                      Attendance 21

**Noel Taylor:** Last month made proposal to sell mag and buy a scanner in Wet Rag, commenting on rebuttal when it becomes slanderous have few problems. Presented motion in open forum and mentioned no names a straight forward submission. Yes to sell mag, Yes to purchase a scanner, No to sell mag, No to buy scanner. "Proposal shrouded in mystery has foul odour". Does this mean members are not to make proposals as they are going to be ridiculed. 1995 vote to buy mag - Noel stated it was said he was not a financial member" he corrected that statement he was. Has been a member since 1987 on and off and up to date in 1995/96 was financial member when voting to buy mag. Donated prizes for AUPY - monthly meetings while national sales manager for Scuba Pro. Me personally not the club or committee organised a free stand at the 1996 dive show for Rick Latimer memorial. About throwing away \$2000 my idea of the scanner is to save the club money in the long run. In 4 years we could recover the costs. There was a mention of training, as trainers we con people, Noel took offence. If no one was trained in diving don't you think there would be more deaths in diving? More members will be able to use the equipment as more people have computers than are boat owners, 80-90% of homes have a personal computer. **Mark D** - why choose options to sell mag and buy scanner would be better to suggest buying scanner and not sell mag due to ill feeling within club arguments have become a sore point, suggest buy scanner and leave mag. **Peter M** - treat both as separate



issues. **Noel T** - reasons for selling was arguments it caused and lack of use. More wrecks found using side scan sonar than mag. This equipment needs to be used every weekend for 6 months as time is needed to understand readings and constant changes to magnetic fields. Made proposal to club of selling mag and buying scanner benefits to club, raise funds Yes/No to buy scanner Yes/No to sell mag club members to decide. I have own access to mag, don't need the clubs. **Glen P** - the mag has been sitting in the shop for 7 months somebody please use it. **Noel T** - with powerpoint presentation we do not need a licence to use scanner, please use computers for presentations why can't the club. Equipment can be transported in camera cases to prevent damage (Pelican). **Mark D** - lot more delicate than mag. **Peter Foster** - confusion over proposal, would members be prepared for proposal to be re-submitted as 2 separate formats as discussed. **Mark D** - read article and had impression that motion was to sell mag and purchase scanner, didn't come across as 2 separate items. **Leo B** - point of order, proposal put through Wet Rag members have 3 weeks (at least) in writing to speak on matter. They have had 1 week therefore none of this discussion should be going on, should be next meeting. **Peter Foster** - fair enough I'll accept that. **Leo B** - Noel Taylor put his proposal forward I put mine through only financial members have seen article, to vote next month. **Peter Foster** - conceded point as per constitution based on point of order by Leo hold debate over till next month matter closed at this point. **Peter M** - amended proposal to 2 separate items. **Leo B** - proposals are as they are in Wet Rag, Noel wrote article that is his proposal decide next month. **Noel T** - members at next months meeting have not had opportunity to hear what I had to say explaining details. **Leo B** - constitution states members have 3 weeks in writing to reply to proposal. Should not have been discussed tonight, any changes made next month - not tonight. **Noel T** - not pushing proposal all I was doing was answering comments written. **Leo B** - answer them next month. **Peter Foster** - All I can see is things going back to 12 months ago, it that's the case I'm prepared to walk away from the table now, elect another president. I'm not prepared to see the club dragged down. Let's get this thing dealt with and put it to bed, get everyone happy and move on. Vote on it next month asked Noel to submit what he wants to Wet Rag if Leo wants to change anything he can submit it. If 3 week notice is needed next Wet Rag will be 3 weeks when it goes out it will be April edition then vote in May and then it's finished. **Peter Mason & Jackie R** - discuss points of order of constitution. **Peter Foster** - is everyone happy to vote on proposal next month (no reply). **Jackie R** - last month mentioned changes to rules of incorporation act. The corporation act does not affect us, any changes made to constitution may be submitted. **Peter Foster** - with rules of incorporation, will be discussed at next committee meeting, find all changes that are on record, bring changes to club meeting if members are happy will submit to Dept of Fair Trading. **Leo B** - what changes have been made? **Peter Foster** - all changes on record were made when you were president. **Leo B** - they have already been done. **Peter M** - voted on a few months ago. **Leo B** - as said last month already have a set of rules. **Peter Foster** - this set of rules, you agree were put in place when you were president. **Leo B** - a couple missing. **Peter Foster** - what ones in particular. **Leo B** - rules about insolvency. **Peter M** - a few things which haven't been put in, which you have given me copies of. Don't need any more information. **Leo B** - should have been done 12 months ago. **Noel T** - Graham, how many more members this month? **Graham O** - 10 this month. **Peter Foster** - another one to come make it 11. **Leo B** - submit this month or next to have a look at membership list. Let members decide who gets a free newsletter and who doesn't. **Jackie R** - look at list next month. **Peter Foster** - look into it next committee meeting, give members a copy and let them decide whom it is advantageous who to send newsletters to.

#### BREAK

Raffle	1st Prize	Boat dive on SEA TAMER II	Noel Taylor
	2nd Prize	1 x Hydro test & fill Aqua Sports	Darren Wright
	3rd Prize	Air fills from Shiprock Dive	Louise Wilson

Slide shown by Peter Flockhart of week end on M.V. Indulgence

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm

**South Pacific Divers Club****Treasurer's Report****Mar-99****Income      \$435.29**

Member Fees	\$270.00
Club Gear	\$98.00
Raffle	\$56.20
Interest	\$11.09

**Expenses      \$584.70**

Club Equipment	\$49.80
Stationary	\$25.50
Postage	\$133.75
Phone	\$71.80
AUPY	\$125.00
AV Night	\$100.00
Misc	\$82.00
(PO Box Ann Fee)	
Bank Charges	\$1.85

**Totals**

Cheque Acc	\$385.18
Investment Acc	\$8,153.26
Petty Cash	\$223.05