

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 17th May 1999**

Meeting Opened: 8.10pm members & visitors welcomed by Leo Bergagin.

Apologies: John Beddie, Martin & Ilona Kandilas,

Secretary: **Mark Spencer**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Jackie Rotenstien seconded by Ross Hipwell

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:

CBA, GIO, Tasmania Diving One-Tel, Doubts newsletter, URG newsletter, TUG. Change of address of Tim O'Brien

Treasurers Report: May 1999

Graham Oates

Income \$349.00

Expenses \$962.63

Cheque Account \$ 847.55

Investment Account \$7153.26

Petty Cash \$ 147.05

Accepted by Louise Wilson Seconded by Heinz Bendinger *ein*

Dive Organisers Report

Jackie Rotenstien

All information in Wet Rag, 1st & 2nd May Ulladulla, cancelled due to bad weather, set for 24th-25th July. June long weekend Terrigal \ Norah Head. 27th June Bombo 8.00 and 12.00 full boat, possible extra dive, diving with United Divers. Club search day, 16th May was cancelled due to no boats available set to 6th June. Members wishing to dive a particular site may suggest to Jackie to organise. Asked for any e-mail addresses

Social Organiser: Position Vacant

Photographic Officer:

Peter Flockart

Working on categories for "George Robert's Comp", starting in July with macro. Comp run over four months, macro, wide angle plus 1 other category, video may be included, the video will be 4 minutes in length 75% underwater 25% above, Noel Taylor is helping to organise prizes.

Publicity Officer:

Leo Bergagnin

Asked if anyone was interested to walk on the Harbour Bridge at night cost \$120

Equipment Officer:

Glen Percy

All equipment OK. Trouble with members returning gear late, if using club gear try to return it on time, hindrance to other members

Dive Reports:

Anne Rowe- Dived Heron Island marine park Manta's seen on bombie, lots of turtles.

Darren- dived S-W Rocks, good vis at Fish Rock Cave, 12-14 Grey Nurse sharks, dived Mullaway at Fish Soup, Anemone Bay.

Peter- dived Tuggerah on 80th Birthday, wobbies on boiler-mating cuttle-fish, could see silhouette of divers all way to surface 20degC.

Leo- "Le-scat" dived on Tuggerah, one diver lost mask & contact lens (no names), another decided anchor wasn't picked in, decided to move it, boat drifted away.

Noel- Tom, Whitey dived steps at Kurnell, took scooters, schools of whiting.

BREAK

Leo-introduced Glen Percy on presentation of video display.

Glen Percy-with proposal to purchase a slide scanner through the club. Spoke of history of the AUPY. Recently a lot of work has been done by outside source, in earlier days done by club members, we should return to that direction. This will foster photography & a chance for new members to participate in the AV night. This display took 3 hrs to prepare, show mock-up of presentation & some idea's available.

Mitch-1 minute of video will use 1.2 megabyte of disc space.

Glen-By putting slide on video there is a reduction in quality. This will maintain quality, the programme can be done 12 months in advance..

Leo-I gather you boys are volunteering to do the next presentation night

Jackie-to Mitch, possible to get idea of models & cost

Noel- Tabled cost & model numbers of slide scanner & CD-writer. For \$1400 we can produce an AV that is costing the club \$10k, which is where the investment money came from.

Duane- I noted that last meeting we decided to buy the scanner, also noted not to buy it through club funds.

Leo- that was the general intention

Duane- Can I ask the reason for that?

Leo- Basically the funds are there to prop up the next AV night, so I guess it is a question that can be discussed. Noel has come up with details, up to members to decide if they are happy with a particular brand etc.

Duane- I noticed it was decided to raise funds for it, I fail to see the significance if funds are available

Jackie- To run the AV night you need to pay people up front, before we get any money from ticket sales etc., it gives us a buffer.

Glen- What do we spend on the AV night.

Peter- \$8,000 to \$10,000 budgeted for previous years.

Mitch- New members will be able to learn how to use equipment, learn production, instead of paying people outside. It is not adding value to people internally, every one learns.

Leo- Last month members attending had agreed to buy equipment, there was a proposal put to committee, which we will throw to members to vote on. The only point being, are you guys prepared to put the next show together.

NT- We have offered our help for the last 6 months, said to Peter we will help you, but no-one has ever come back to us.

Leo- the next AV night is 1 year away.

Jackie- we are not at a point to come back & get help. It is noted and appreciated

Peter- We have to approach sponsors 1st, see if prepared to support comp next year. After last year, some sponsors didn't appreciate the way they were treated. Our major raffle prize "Reef Explorer" went belly up.

Leo- What can we do, you guys have put a presentation together. Are you prepared to run the next AV putting it on CD. The club has a motion to buy one

Glen- The club has a Photographic Officer, if he will would like to appoint a committee to help run the AV.

Leo- This is new ground, some years back the members were doing it all, for some reason it went to private companies. To bring it back to the club is a great idea, a cost of \$8000 to \$9000 to present the AV, if you can do it for \$2000 is great.

Ross Hipwell- Fortunate to have Bob Smith & his lab at his disposal, when he sold his business we had to go to outside contractors.

Jackie- We have noted to buy the equipment, Noel has given us prices, we will look into it next month. We have people here who have offered to assist with presentation night, next meeting be in position to make final decision on models.

Mitch- As a club we should not rely on other peoples equipment, if the AV is brought inside we have to supply our own tools.

Jackie- Decided to buy scanner etc, only thing left was how to raise funds, the AV is 14 months away.

Leo- To answer the question of raising funds. Over the years the funds have diminished, some where a halt has to be put. Personally I rather see the club buy gear rather than seeing funds vanish.

Mitch- Funds raised by the AV night have to be cost effective.

Duane- Happy to have wet rag delivered by e-mail rather than through post

Raffle

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| 1st Prize | Boat dive on Sea tamer II | Peter Flockart |
| 2nd Prize | 1x Diver safety kit from Aqua Sports | Linh La |
| 3rd Prize | Two air fills Shiprock Dive | Mark Spencer |

General Business

Geoff- What is our liability regarding the prize from last years AV night

Leo- Absolutely no idea.-

Peter- Rose Saltman-winner of door prize at last years AUPY, has approached us regarding "Reef Explorer", done every thing within my power to chase it up, drawn a .blank

Leo- Time limit to November, didn't take prize, according to letter she got an extension from "Reef Explorer", than reneged on extension.

Peter- If sponsor pulls out, SPDC has to find another prize.

Geoff- She hasn't pointed the finger at us.

Peter- Had some phone calls, nothing else happened

Noel- Late receiving this months Wet-Rag, is there a problem some where.

Leo- this is first one that's late. **Noel-** I received last months on Monday

Leo- They were the night of hail storm. **Peter-** Apologised for lateness busy at work.

Noel- Advertised for news letter editor, someone has offered their services for past 2 months, offer denied. **Peter-** Not a question of being denied, data base was in a mess.

Leo- There is an AGM next month. **Noel-** What does that got to do with it. If some one filled the position before the AGM, usual that person continues for the next year.

Leo- I believe Tom wants to be editor, over a period of time the Wet-Rag will be sent via e-mail. Asked Tom if he is willing to become editor. **Tom** I'll take it on if no-body else does, it will be a different format.

Leo- Last month decided to buy scanner, Noel to come with proposal on benefits & costs, we need raise some money

Items tendered for purchase

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| Epson F/S 200 print & slide scanner | \$774.70 |
| HP CD-writer-external | \$863.00 |
| HP CD-writer PLS. 7510E | \$642.00 |

Meeting Closed: 10.20pm

Tom Byron.

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