

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 20th September 1999**

Meeting Opened: 8.15pm.

Apologies: Jackie Rotenstein, Scott Egginton.

Secretary

Louise Wilson

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Phil Dale, seconded by Darren Wright.

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:

WAVES – Marine & Coastal Community Network newsletter, Strathfield Medical Centre has a new diving doctor – Les Osen, Active Australia Day, URG, GIO re Business Insurance, TUG, replies from sponsors for AUPY 2000, prospective member, Australian Magnets, DOUTS newsletter. Humorous diving calendar received we can get copies of this cheaply and sell it on to raise club funds – only Rod and Noel are interested so far but Whitey will try and contact the publisher and see if we can push it in the Wet Rag.

Treasurer

Linh La

Income:	Membership	\$10	Expenditure:	Printing & Postage	\$45
	Raffle	\$87		Balloons for J Sumner	\$100
	Interest	<u>\$1.92</u>		Bank charges	<u>\$2</u>
	Total	\$98.92		Total	\$147

Balances: Current a/c \$893.55, Investment a/c \$7153.18, Petty Cash \$7.

Treasurers report accepted by Peter Norris, seconded by Loi Hoang.

Photographic Officer

Glen Percy

Entries are starting to arrive for the "George Robert's Competition", expecting 5 or 6 entries by the end of the night for September phase. As per comments in the Wet Rag any input for the photographic committee would be welcomed.

Equipment Officer

Glen Percy

All intact and accounted for.

Dive Organisers

Leo Bergagnin/Jackie Rotenstein

Leo has just returned from a great trip to Vanuatu. Approx 100 dives conducted with no incidents and no dummy spits. Kevin Green was excellent. Note that 60 m is now the limit with 20 mins extra deco and a max time of 20 mins on the wreck itself.

1st October Friday Night Dive, cost \$35 with Max Western. 7pm Dolans Bay.

17th October Double dive, cost \$60. The Myola or Dee Why followed by Midway Reef. \$30 deposit due as soon as possible.

Nelson Bay trip being planned for late October/early November.

Chicken and Champagne Day will be on 28th November at Frenchmans Bay from 8.30 am – a joint venture with Ryde Underwater and St. Georges dive clubs.

Newsletter Editor/Publicity Officer

Darren Wright

Unfortunately this months editions of the Wet Rag were stolen from the back of Whitey's car so it was not possible to get them posted out before the meeting. It did (honest!) have an article on the proposed web site however!

Social Organiser:

Scott Egginton

No report as not present.

Dive Reports:

Peter Norris - dived Fly Point – 20m viz but no fish! Makes a change from plenty fish and no viz. Dived the Solitaries the week before – big seas and 8m viz.

Peter Flockart – dived Jervis Bay, water about 13 degrees, 3 to 5 m viz, lots of red algae, few fish. Dived the Drum & Drumsticks, Drum Cave, the Wandra, Double Cave, the back of Bowen and the Nursery.

Heinz – had 10 days of diving the Coolidge, poor chap. Say no more. He did actually – the room with The Lady is on the move. Also did a shark feed dive and million dollar point, 27 degrees and 50m viz.

Leo – had the first 6 or 7 dives unescorted which is unusual. Saw the soda fountain and engine room twice. Had 30 mins on the wreck and total time of 80 mins. "Boris" is away on his holidays.

Mitch – saw the boat from the deck of the Tuggerah 4-6 weeks ago implying 50m viz which is exceptional.

Phil Dale – dived Harbord.

Mathew Reeve – had flat water at Kurnell, 10-15m viz. Got wet and went home.

General Business

Duane asked what was up with the scanner.

Glen said Epson have now discontinued the model we were after, now looking for an alternative. "The motion was simply passed to buy one, funds were not discussed."

Duane then presented a motion to purchase a scanner NOW with club funds, this was seconded by Noel.

Glen pointed out that \$2.50 per slide soon mounts up.

Peter Flockart previously looked at prices – check an old Wet Rag for details. Kill Picks (or something!) dedicated scanner at \$1200 might be out of the range of the club.

Glen stated a flatbed and adaptor would work.

Noel stated that spending \$1000 one-off and saving \$700 per year soon adds up.

Bernie asked for an idea of the costs for the A/V night.

Peter F guesstimated \$1500 for the auditorium, ticket printing was free and got other help with printing. Even so, the night came in just within budget. If we get busy and do the work ourself in-house we can make a good profit.

Bernie stated if we buy a scanner we need to do it now.

Noel proposed a maximum limit of \$1500.

Duane suggested a donation per member of say \$20 for those who could afford it.

Peter F stated that corporate sponsors might help but were hard to find.

Tom Byron suggested hiring one.

Whitey said it would be needed for too long.

Mitch pointed out that if we had one it could be used for club nights.

Duane motioned again, to spend \$1500 max on scanner now out of club funds.

Whitey seconded the motion and it was put to the vote.

22 for, none against, 1 abstention so the motion was passed.

Duane proposed a working committee to get onto the case.

Noel said that while standing in for Glen as the Photo Officer he became aware that some fundraising is not going through the club books.

Leo has full records of the two events that took place, the BBQ at Leo's and the club dive day. Took \$90 in, spent 11 on cutlery, 12 on a cask and had 67 profit. Treasurer was not available to collect money. Discussion ensued about how funds can be collected and accounted for.

Jackie was called to clarify her statement and stated that her statement of "Leo's holding it" was not in any way inferring that it was unaccounted for, she is sure that records are kept and confirmed that Leo does the same as she does when she organises trips.

Russell stated that as monies are generally directed straight to the operators it's not really an issue.

Leo pointed out that the club used to have about \$14,000 in the bank and this has slowly whittled away.

Duane suggested finding a wreck as a club, researching it as a club.

Glen suggested 16 people on a mag-using look-see social day.

As Jackie, Glen, and Noel all have good ideas about what to do with the mag it's hoped they can get together over the summer and plan something.

BREAK

Raffle

1st Prize	Regulator Service from Aqua Sports Yagoona	Mathew Reeve
2nd Prize	Boat Dive on Sea Tamer II from Max Western	Darren Wright
3rd Prize	Two air fills Shiprock Dive	Chris Sturmer

Mathew raised the issue of the membership list being used but as this was seen by most members to be beneficial no-one objected. It's not club policy to sell our mailing list to anyone!

Meeting Closed 10.15pm.