

**Minutes of the meeting of South Pacific Divers Club
at Bankstown Sports Club
Monday 18th October 1999**

Meeting Opened: 8.15pm.

Apologies: Scott Egginton, Nick Nasr, Mitch Radomir, Llona Kandilas, Tom Byron.

Secretary

Louise Wilson

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Peter Flockart, seconded by Rod Taylor.

Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:

Active Australia Day, URG, TUG, bank statement, phone bill.

Treasurer

Linh La

Delayed till next month as forgot to bring the stuff.

Newsletter Editor/Publicity Officer

Darren Wright

Need a lot more input from the members if we're going to have an interesting Wet Rag! If possible get articles to Whitey for the first of the month. Anything diving related or relevant to the members would be useful. The proposed website is still under review, the prices we were looking at have been upped and this looks like it could happen again.

Equipment Officer

Glen Percy

All intact and accounted for. Proposing a Magnetometer day where we run the Mag over a couple of known wrecks – could be as cheap as \$20 per head (no diving) for four hours. 4th December 2-6pm provisionally booked – BYO grog!

Photographic Officer

Glen Percy

Entries for the "George Robert's Competition" are in and round 1 has been judged and will be shown tonight. Re the Scanner, the Nikon National Sales Manager is also a diver and will hopefully be sympathetic to our plight. Will have a much better idea by next meeting.

Social Organiser:

Scott Egginton (Debbie filling in)

BBQ at the Egginton's planned. Chicken and Champagne day on the 28th November.

Dive Organisers

Leo Bergagnin/Jackie Rotenstein

31st October Coolooli/Long Reef double dive.

12th November Friday Night Dive, cost \$35 with Max Western. 7pm Dolans Bay.

28th November Chicken and Champagne day.

3rd December Camp Cove shore dive.

11th December Skillion at Terrigal shore dive.

Dive Reports:

Phil Dale - dived a freshwater river as the North Solitary was too rough and saw a tiger snake.

Peter Flockart – dived the Coolooli and Long Reef on the club double dive day. 30-40 ft viz, Coolooli was v. pleasant, Louise got the last bit of brass off it. Jackie dropped the pick off the wreck but "we couldn't get it up". Skipper retrieved it from a hole in the wreck – dunno how it managed to get there. Very pretty fairy basslets. Second dive on Long Reef was only done by Jackie and Louise, got back to Rose Bay late at 11.45. Booked it again for the 31st October as it was such fun!

Noel Taylor – took about 17 students to Jervis Bay for the long weekend on Ocean Trek and it was very good. Dived the Seal Colony, Point Perpendicular, the Docks. The Nursery at night was better from the boat as the non-divers saw baitfish scooped by the squid that came shooting in, penguins and seals and even a dolphin. On the Sunday dived Point Perpendicular, Longnose Reef and the Docks and on Monday the NW side of Bowen. Saw a whale at Point Perp. on the Saturday and about 6 on the Sunday.

General Business

Martin Kandilas and Tom Byron did the judging of the photo comp and Martin stated the standard was not too bad but pointed out that step 1 in a good photo is getting the focus right. Several entries were less than perfect and this really shouldn't happen in a competition.

Glen raised the point that the PO Box is broken so we need to provide the post office with a letter from the president telling them to fix it.

Leo then raised the query as to who would pay for it – this should be Australia Post.

Louise stated that looming unemployment meant she had the chance to take off for a few weeks diving and asked for recommendations, lots of places were suggested including the Solitaires, Julian Rocks, Pimpernel, Byron Bay, Fish Rock, Seal Rocks, Wooli (56K east of Grafton), Mullaway, South West Rocks, Broughton Island, Nelson Bay, Forster Pinnacles.

Jackie asked for a list of who's sponsoring what in the AUPY.

Glen said he'd bring a list next meeting but so far included Mike Ball, Scuba Warehouse, Cape Byron, Aquatic Explorers are not sure and neither are Aqualung, P&O said no.

Leo asked what was happening with AUPY.

Glen said an ad in Sport Diving was planned and the A/V night in July. December Sport Diving should be the start of the build up. Need to be aware of publishing deadlines as it's printed offshore.

BREAK

Raffle

1st Prize	Safety Knife from Aqua Sports Yagoona	Michelle Johnson
2nd Prize	Boat Dive on Sea Tamer II from Max Western	Graham Poole
3rd Prize	Two air fills Shiprock Dive	Paul Sciberas

The slides from the first round of the George Roberts were shown.

1 st Prize	Loi Hoang	6 points
2 nd Prize	Graham McNeil	5 points
3 rd Prize	Katrina Kruse	4 points

1st prize was a trip to Jervis Bay on the Indulgence kindly donated by Annie and Adrian Nute as well as a mask and snorkel and other goodies, second and third received rolls of film.

Noel then showed slides of Vanuatu.

Meeting Closed 10.15pm.