

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB – MEETING MINUTES 21ST FEBRUARY, 2000

Meeting opened - 8.05pm

Apologies:

Majority of the committee – secretary has disappeared!, Glen Percy, Vivien, Peter Norris, Tom Byron, Mark and Fiona Wyman, And Lyn would be late.

Incoming Correspondence:

Institute Technology – newsletter, Moray Dive Tours, Terrigal Underwater, URG Bulletins, Lonely Planet, Scuba Association newsletter, Waves.

Publicity Officer:

Whitey advises his last newsletter publication has been done and he has stepped down from his duties as he is going overseas. Tom Byron will take over the newsletter duties. Whitey will check his Email all the time so you can still send him articles and he will forward them on to Tom. Dive Logs have not yet arrived.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Were read out by Bernie and accepted by Mitch and seconded by Noel.

Treasurers Report: Lyn La

<u>Revenue</u>	Memberships	\$370.00	(21 memberships)
	Raffle	\$ 99.00	
	Australia Day BBQ	\$180.00	(36 people at BBQ @ \$5.00 per head)
	Aust Day – Drink sales	\$ 23.00	(\$1.00 per can)
	Dive Fee's	\$ 20.00	
	Total	\$692.00	
<u>Expenses</u>	Slide Scanner	\$900.00	
	Salad & Gas (re BBQ)	\$ 21.75	
	Coke & Bread (re BBQ)	\$ 36.95	
	Total	\$958.70	

Financial Statement

Cheque account balance	\$852.38
Investment account	\$6,254.98
Petty Cash	\$792.90 (some of which will be banked in future)

TOTAL **\$7,900.26**

Treasurers Report accepted

Primary – Noel Seconded – Ray

Social Organiser – Bernie

26th January, Australia Day BBQ/ Dive Day, Kurnell – Steps – 45 people in attendance.

Next weekend, Sunday 27th February – BBQ and Diving, Oak Park - 9.00am.

Plan B – in case a southerly comes in, will be Kurnell.

Dives Organised as Follows:

Saturday 12th March – boat/ shore Dive Day – Coal-loader, Bass Point. Hot Dog Lunch. Only 8 places available on boat, call and book with Tom. Boat dive \$25.00 departs at 8.00am. Coal-loader Shore dive 9.30am. Lunch at 12.00 then shore dive – coal-loader or gutter – your choice.

Sunday 26th March - BBQ/ Dive day at Kurnell.

Question was brought up as to WHY the night dive Friday 3rd March was cancelled – Bernie will check into it. Peter Flocker will organise the dive as they are going diving anyway.

1st and 2nd April – Jervis Bay 4 x boat dives – suit 12 people. Pro-Dive. Shore based \$150.00 dives and accommodation.

5th April – night dive also cancelled. Question as to WHY night dive was cancelled so far in advance. It was suggested in a general discussion that if the Dive Organiser cannot make a dive, then someone else will be appointed to take over so the dive will not be cancelled. Agreed by most members – Mitch/ Noel/ Duane.
Peter Flocker suggested it would be more “cuddly” to be a little less organised??

16th April – Malabar Wreck Dive

22nd April – Bear Island – BBQ/ shore dive day.

30th April – Sea Tamer – Marley Sponge Gardens - \$35.00.

Dive reports:

Peter Forster – Undola. 15-20m viz, lots of fish life. Found a 1961 beer bottle on wreck.
Kurnell – Leap, Steps – incoming tide. Enjoyed? A fat/ big bronze whaler for company.
Jervis Bay – 12 dives in total. (Whitey pulled out and missed a great dive)

Mitch – Thailand – Spent 7 days on Island “Kartar” viz 25-25m, temp 26-28 degrees all the time. Dived with whale sharks 4, 8m in length – 3 mornings in a row. 4-6 people on each boat so the sharks wouldn’t be scared off. The whale sharks swam around the divers for approximately 20 minutes.
Island caters from 5 Star to 2 Star, 10 Resorts hidden away on the islands. Mostly run by British or Americans. Average cost per day \$90.00 US – staying in a bungalow.

John Beddie – Barrens Hut, weekend Ocean Trek. In 60m a boat was wrecked. Has since been found and dived on.
Malabar Wreck/ Hilda – good viz. Also dived the wall off St Michaels Golf Course.
Kurnell - White Ball off container wall.

Graham Poole – 4 dives Jervis Bay 2 weekends ago.
Oak Park – merky initially then well worth the dive.

Special Guest Speaker - Alan Stewart St Johns Ambulance. National Principal Training Officer
Demonstrated Trauma Management workshop.

Raffle

1 st prize – Mystery Prize donated by Aqua Sports -	Won by John Beddie
2 nd prize – Max Western Boat Dive	Won by Mitch
3 rd prize – Two air fills from Ship Rock Dive Shop	Won by Heinz Benninger

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Secretary Elections

Club is trying to locate Louise. Please advise if you know her whereabouts. Will get Tom to call Jackie Rochein to try and find whereabouts of club stuff.

Sunday 20th February - SCANS BBQ dive day. 7 boats.

Discussion as Gordon paid for SPD membership in SCANS. He explained the benefits of the Club being a member ie. Having a voice within the industry. It was voted that Gordon would be reimbursed. Unanimous vote to stay with SCANS.

Peter Foster wants to talk about advertising the A.V. night – but deferred the discussion to the next meeting.

Peter Jerymn – St Johns Ambulance Officer (Alan Stewart's assistant) mentioned All skippers duty of care re training and equipment.

Senior First Aid – 1st Aid Divers – combined 3 day course 8.00am – 5.00pm. Extensive course. They will supply all necessary equipment. Advances resusciation will be incorporated.

Advised that various modules for advances coursed in all areas can be organised.

Details requested – costings – course coverage etc. to be put in next newsletter. They run the courses at the Bankstown Sports Club.

Reminder that Membership fee's to be paid in Australian Dollars.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.