

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS CLUB – MEETING MINUTES 20TH MARCH, 2000

Meeting opened - 8.15pm

Apologies:

Neil Vincent, Mitch, Lyn will be late.

Incoming Correspondence:

URG Bulletin.

Outgoing Correspondence:

Letter to a prospective new member.

Photographic Officer:

Glen advises he is still working on the A.V. night, which is running to schedule at this point.

During his stay at Truk Glen has secured for the A.V. night some great prizes - still yet to be confirmed

It was suggested that the A.V. competition be closed off as at 30/06/00.

Equipment Officer:

Equipment is all present and accounted for. Please someone use it!

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Accepted by Phil and seconded by Peter Foster.

Treasurers Report: Lyn La

<u>Revenue</u>	Memberships	\$245.00	(13 memberships)
	Raffle	\$ 77.00	
	Social BBQ/ Dive	\$ 85.00	(17 people at BBQ @ \$5.00 per head)
	Bank interest	\$ 1.78	
	Total	\$408.78	

<u>Expenses</u>	Social BBQ/ Dive	\$ 99.50
	Stationary	\$ 2.45
	Postage	\$ 99.00
	Printing	\$108.00
	Mobile phone	\$ 65.30
	Bank charges	\$ 4.05
	Membership SCAN	\$ 20.00
	Dive Log renewal	\$120.00
	BOC Gases	\$ 55.80
	Total	\$574.10

Financial Statement

Cheque account balance	\$611.53
Investment account	\$6,254.76
Petty Cash	\$868.65
TOTAL	<u>\$7,734.94</u>

Treasurers Report accepted

Primary – Peter Flockart Seconded – Noel

Newsletter Editor: Tom Byron

Tom has 'created' Gift Certificates for the raffle prizes. He has supplied a 12 month supply.

Tom's "New Format" newsletter was appreciated, especially since it arrived well in advance of the meeting.

Club Boat Dives – lack of attendance – some proposed boat dives may have to be postponed if numbers aren't met.
Attendance at shore dives has been O.K.

Sunday 26th March – Kurnell BBQ day. If the weather looks bad, please phone to confirm that it is still on.

Suggested that on bad weather days - divers phone to confirm that the dives are still on.

Sunday 16th April – dive has been cancelled as no boats available for transport.

Saturday 22nd April – Shore dive/ BBQ day – meet at Bare Island at 9.00am.

Volunteers required to lead dives as Tom is not always available – Peter Foster, Peter Flockart and Duane will help out.

Dive reports:

Tom – Over the last month has had a few dives near Magic Point (headland south of Maroubra beach) big cave, lots of grey nurse sharks – counted 25. 2 caves, 47' depth, grey nurses migrate between the caves their size varies from less than 1 meter to 2-3 metres in length. Sharks are used to dives and come in quite close.

Peter Flockart - Shore dive Shiprock – absolutely filthy – bottom of wall had 6" viz. Very disappointing. 30 minute dive, did manage to get a few macro shots.

Fish Reef – Sea Tamer - 10-12mtr viz, yellow tail mowong, yellow fin tuna, nudis's, huge cuttlefish. Under 28 meters – very good dive as you can swim around the reef in 15 minutes.

Bernie – had an interesting event – he left his dive gear in the car overnight and one of his dual tanks burst a disk – of course he didn't know about it until he went to use it. Simon (playing silly buggers) tried to use the ocky on the empty tank and got quite a surprise!

Has dived Barrens Hut and at the back of the Bommie – both good dives.

Paul Reyntjes – Shiprock – pretty ordinary.

Glen Percy – Guam, Palau and Truk.

Guam shipwrecks – WW1 & WW11 wrecks side by side, could swim from one to the other.

Shark Pit.

Palau – Blue Hole, Virgin Blue Hole – pretty 2-3' water on top then you drop down to 100'. Plenty fish life and colourful corals.

Truk – still very good diving.

Blue Lagoon – spruced up, very good operation now.

Dived off Thornthin.

Took mainly land photographs – due to problems with his gear.

John Beddie – Undola last month – 30 meter viz. Snapper, john dory – dolphins playing in boats bow wave.

Milne – bad seas, 20 meter viz.

Myola – overcast/ GPO positioning 25 meter viz. Dark.

Ben Rudd – couple lousy dives – near Mimie Trenches (Botany Bay) very plain, nothing exciting.

Raffle

1st prize – 10 Air Fills Aqua Sports -

Won by Matthew Reeve

2nd prize – Max Western Boat Dive

Won by Vivien McNeil

3rd prize – Ship Rock Dive- air fills or T Shirt

Won by Ben Rudd

GENERAL BUSINESS

As no-one has heard from Louise - New Secretary Elections – Duane was nominated by Lyn but he declined. Susan Tate was nominated and accepted.

The previous problem re raffle prizes, now with the gift certificates any unclaimed prizes since November will be organised.

Discussion re Investment account – Tom suggested we change to something with a higher return for our money. Currently 0.1% Still only needs to be invested on a short term period as a majority will be used re the A.V. night, then returned later. Tom will bring more details to the next meeting.

Alan Stewart – St Johns Ambulance - is out of action for 10 weeks. Divers 1st Aid course – when available Noel will furnish details.

Tom requires more newsletter input – anything will do!

Newsletter costs \$110.00 per month – re postage, paper, envelopes. Subscription does not cover costs.

Suggestions to raise subscription costs or cut down on postage costs by handing them out at meetings then mail out to those not in attendance. Duane suggested email but Tom feels it needs to be hands on – ie. Paper copy.

Main problem with not getting them in advance is that Guest Speakers will not be known until meeting night.

Suggested increasing membership after June.

Question raised re Whitey and the SPD Web-site. Apparently Whitey didn't find an appropriate carrier. Grey advised Neil Miller. Dive Oz Dive Site is quite happy to do SPD's Web-site. The email address would be through his, but he has many links. Noel suggested he attend our next meeting to discuss same and get him to tell us "What he can do for us". A committee member suggested "it was not needed" but others said the web is a good source of information, a modern way to go, use it as it is there, it's cheap.

Samantha thanked everyone as it was the first meeting she had been to that didn't end in a massive row!

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Mini Club comp was one by Matthew Reeve.

Grey McNeil put on a great slide show – Bornio after the meeting finished. Thank you Grey.