

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVERS - MEETING MINUTES

21ST AUGUST, 2000

Apologies: Peter Flockart, Rod Taylor

Commenced: 2000- 2145 hours

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, URG Dive Bulletin, Dive Show Asia Dive Expo information, Doubtless & Diving Newsletter, Terrigal Underwater Newsletter, \$100.00 refund cheque from Bankstown Sports Club re AV Night, Returned SPD newsletters Bill Atherton and David Bilbow, Marine and Coastal Community Network-Waves Newsletter, Receipt SCAN \$20.00 membership, SCAN newsletter.

Minutes accepted by – Phil 2nd by Peter.

Treasurers Report –

Income	Memberships	\$70.00
	Deposit Skirmish day	\$250.00
	BBQ Kurnell	\$148.00
	Raffle	\$86.00
		\$554.00

Expenses	Telephone	\$64.85
	Postage	\$199.95
	Printing	\$75.00
	Bank Charges	\$0.61
		\$340.41

Cheque Account balance	\$1,036.04
Passbook account	\$6,908.00
Petty Cash	\$41.40
	\$7,985.44

Accepted by – Chuck 2nd by Duane.

Terrigal Dive cancelled – 4-5' breakers on the Skillion 6' breakers on the Haven.

Newsletter Editor

SCANS needs a representative – 1 meeting every 3 months. St George Rowers Club, Arncliffe.
Next meeting – October. Duane and Glen volunteered.

Tom recommended a club trip Cairns/ Thursday Island – Good as any Reef around New Guinea area. Best time November/ December. Try and get names together for Club live aboard trip. Every 10 persons, one trip free approximately \$2,500.00, 10 days – free trip to be divided amongst members. Interested, See Tom.

Photographic Officer – George Roberts competition will start in February and will run for 3 months.

Any ideas – suggestions – would be appreciated.

Equipment Officer - all equipment present and accounted for.

Social Organisator – Skirmish Report – Lots of fun and bruises.

Boat dives – using club member boats. Suggestions Shell Harbour, Nelson Bay weekend, Terrigal Shell Harbour might be easier to use John Green's boat.

Dive Reports

Grey – Jervis Bay. 10 degrees water temperature. Was cold in his dry suit. Viz O.K. Heaps weedy's. Earlier in the week a humpback whale was sighted, 10 metres off shore in 6 metres deep water.

Tom – via Garth (Secretary Revesby Workers Spearfishing club –
Diving for crays in a cave in Victoria, saw a single seal buzzing around, next time he turned around there was only ½ a seal left. Couldn't see the shark anywhere, only blood in the water.

Duane – Terrigal Haven – saw a huge ray 6-7' across, managed to pat a cuttle fish, nice dive, plenty schools of fish.

Noel – Vanuatu 1 dive Hideaway Island, saw a purple leaf fish, lots of coral.

Barrens Hut – good dive, big swell, good viz – cool.

Heinz – not diving.

Glen – Camp Cove in Phil's dry suit – was like being in a washing machine in mud! But warm.

Club Dive – Kurnell – good turn up, good dive. Ran out of meat. Bought 80 rolls. Grey lost his weight belt.

General Business

Gordon – SCAN membership reimbursed him \$20.00.

Bernie - Skirmish day 13th August – Bernie paid the \$2.50 GST for everyone. For those who played, either pay up or buy him a beer. \$150.00 short re deposit – Bernie will check.

Duane – Reinforces that it's the responsibility of Divers to contact the Dive Organisator to confirm on the day that the dive is still on. Ie. Divers responsibility to check Terrigal dive was cancelled and that system worked well with people ringing in etc.

Phil – suggested a visit to the War Memorial Canberra – Bradbury Hall – Pacific well worth the visit.

Glen – SPD AV Night – all entries have been sent back – he has personally spoken to a number of entrants. Has had lengthy discussions with Daryl Torkler who runs the Oceans competition. Daryl only got 60 entrants worldwide. Not that many from Australia. End product appears that Australian photographers didn't enter that competition either. Oceans was marketed differently, but that didn't help them. Appears that the average photographer didn't enter either comp. A letter was returned with the slides asking "What did they feel we could do better?"

Suggested back to basics re AV Night – possibly forget the night and focus on the competition. Categories – Open, Novice, Video. This would keep costs down. The problem is more than just publishing it properly. We were caught as we couldn't have the competition and prizes without the night, and we cannot have the night without entrants.

Advertise through Dive Log or Scuba Divers – advertise dates, have judging etc.

This year if we were not tied to the night, we could have still run the competition.

Suggested – run competition/ publish winners names. Glen to help Grey with sponsors and prizes. Back to basics, increase entry fee's to cover cost of plaques/ trophies etc.

Gordon suggested we place a 'positive' story in Dive Log re SPD's continued good fun natured club that it now has become.

Duane – Indoor Rock Climbing Wetherill Park. BBQ at premises. Sunday suggested – 3rd Sunday in October. Tentative date.

Michael – Re Web Site. Said to think of it as an Electronic Magazine. Easy way to inform club members of dives etc. Moving with the times. Interactive for members to dial in and check. Cost depends on our requirements. Publish to inform members – very cheap - \$150.00 per hour to build the site. Time depends on how extravagant we want it to be. Suggested 3 hours.

Host site depends on size. Suggested 3 pages. Front page, photo page, contact/ text page.

Ozemail - \$30.00 per month. 5 email addresses. 10 meg space. Register dive club as user - \$25.00 per month, free emails 10 meg space.

Basically we need to decide what structure, colours we want.

We can advertise – link to other associated clubs.

Suggested hanging off another web site (Dive Oz)

Sub-committee to be formed. Interested, please let us know.

Glen received a letter from Suzanne Evans (former secretary) She won a prize in the 1998 SPD competition. Cavern Course, but she cannot get the sponsor to give her the prize. Andrew Robertson Cavern Diving Course (approx value \$325.00) He just ignores her letters/ calls etc. Glen is half way through a letter to him to see what the problem is. Glen suggested he do another course for her, not accepting liability for his prize but making an offer as a sponsor for the club. Suggested we sent a letter of demand threatening legal action as he has already stalled it for 2 years now.

Raffle

1 st prize – 1 Air Card – Aqua Sports Value \$60.00	Peter Donley
2 nd prize – Boat Dive – Max Wesson	Steve F.
3 rd prize – 2 air fills of T Shirt – Shiprock dive	Scott McGregor

Grey is looking for a UWATEC Computer downloader – second hand.