

**SPD MEETING****20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000**

2005 – 2215 hours

**Apologies:** Glen Percy, Paul, Glen Townsend, Peter Norris, Peter Foster, Mark & Fiona Wyman.**Visitors:** Rick James, Armando**Incoming correspondence:**

Scuba Scope newsletter, URG Bulletin, Bank Statement, a letter from All State Business Sales, Diving Magazine Christmas Gift Pack Flyer, Waves newsletter One Tel Bill, Sport Diving Directory Listing Renewal, Now Doubtful newsletter, Undersea Explorer brochures.

**Minutes Accepted:** September, 2000 Accepted Phil, Seconded Noel  
October 2,000 Accepted Duane, Seconded Noel

**Treasurers Report:** \*\* Always 1 month behind.**SEPTEMBER, 2000****Income**

Deposit to Skirmish	\$150.00
Clothing sales	\$215.00
Raffle	\$ 43.00
Refund to deposit re AV night	100.00
	<b>\$508.00</b>

Cheque account	\$ 316.48
Passport account	\$6,908.00
Petty cash	\$ 388.20

**Expenses**

Postage	\$ 63.40
Printing	\$107.00
BBQ at Kurnell	\$116.10
Bank charges	\$ 2.40
	<b>\$288.90</b>

**TOTAL \$7,612.68****OCTOBER, 2000****Income**

Memberships	\$100.00
BBQ Bass Point	\$ 86.00
BBQ The Pit	\$ 61.00
Xmas Party Deposit	\$ 90.00
Raffle	\$ 52.00
Bank interest	\$ 1.64
	<b>\$390.64</b>

Cheque account	\$ 838.22
Passport account	\$6,909.25
Petty cash	\$ 123.65

**Expenses**

BBQ Bass Point	\$ 48.55
Printing	\$ 81.50
Bank charges	\$ 2.15

**\$132.20****TOTAL \$7,871.12**

**Treasurers Report Accepted:** September, 2000 Accepted Vivien, Seconded Martin  
October 2,000 Accepted Martin, Seconded Noel

**Photographic Officer:**

Grey advises Sponsors all organised for comps. Tom Byron is even donating some books.  
Judges – George Roberts comp – Jim Cohen, Tom and Martin.

SPD Photo comp – 10 trips as prizes, dive gear, BC, vouchers for weekends away. Running 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2001. We have to put on a night for the sponsors. Mike Ball, Dave – Sea Optics want to display gear/ trips etc.

Advert placed in Dive Log and Sport Diver from January onwards. Will have sponsors logo's on our advertising as well.

Asian Diver wanted \$18,000.00 AUS for an A4 add. Hong Kong on line will put in an add for us.  
Judges – Tom, Mark Welsh and Garry Bell.

We will get some A4 flyers printed for dive shops to display.

Christmas Party – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2000. May need a tent. Bernie to provide ice. Friends welcome.

**Dive Reports**

Duane – Rushcutters Bay (cleaning the bottom of a boat) saw lots of big fish. Surprising!

Bernie – Shiprock – Took an Australian visitor and Loi. God viz. The visitor was surprised at the rock growth. He thought a big cat fish was a 'cat shark'!

Apparently they are going to refurbish the walk down to Shiprock – have the money to proceed.

Peter Flockart – 2<sup>nd</sup> w/end in September took his free weekend from George Roberts Comp last year– with Ron Hunter (Foster) Fishermans Wharf Dive. Good weather. Pinnacles 6" viz, returned on Sunday to 60 mtr viz. 15 sharks on bottom, no current. Another group had a party Saturday night and out of 14, only 6 made this great dive. 17-18 degrees. At 30 mtrs down to 10 degrees.  
Ron is getting together shark cages for diving.

Peter Lord – Middle Grounds Cronulla with Max Western – good dive.

Rick – Coolidge 1 week – good wreck, good diving. Wreck is deteriorating – earthquakes in area. Top promenade deck collapsing cannot get to toilet areas. The "Lady" is back onboard, different position. Looks OK on outside.

Noel – Norah Head – Boulders – viz 3-4 mtr. Stunning life on Boulders. Depth 16 to 24 mtrs – crevices/ gutters – heaps of sponge life everywhere – didn't know where to look! Too much to see.

Noel – Pinnacles – Saturday Pinnacles 6 mtr viz, 5 sharks. Latitude Rock. Barren. Sunday Jimmy's Cave Seal Rocks – great dive 30mtrs – 50 mtrs is the length of cave. Lots of fish life.

Peter – Kurnell – forgettable dive – cannot remember it!



## General Business

Martin suggested we Email newsletter out – where possible.

Website – starting December/ early January. Tom creating page. Search engine - \$45.00. Requires member input. Will have SPD logo, outings. Newsletter. Those who want a printed newsletter Tom will send out, otherwise you can get it yourself off the web. Martin advises get away at the Torch re printing newsletters. Web will advertise our comps, will contain application form. Affiliation with SCANS, icon to us. Banner add – will take straight to clubs web page world wide \$11.00 per month. Microsoft. Links to Clubs Sponsors off web page, off their logo icons.

Grey advises sponsors are dropping off brochures. Undersea Explorer. Multitec Torches will attend a meeting and display goods – amazing torches \$250-\$300, they do video lights etc. Will bring other brochures start of next year.

Membership Due – January meeting \$30.00 Single. \$40.00 Family.

Membership application forms – Bernie suggested we drop the 5 year membership – where you paid for 4 years and received an extra year free. Too hard to police and if everyone took the 5 year membership there wouldn't be a guaranteed income at the beginning of the year when the payments are due. Motion put forward by Peter, seconded by Martin. Majority carried. Nil against.

Special Thanks to Grey as he printed the newsletter at no cost to SPD.

Martin (and us all) thanked Grey for all his hard work re sponsorship in the upcoming comps.

Newsletter – articles needed. Grey suggested a monthly joke.

Peter Flockart has his 2001 Calendars for sale – same format as last year. Excellent value \$20.00

Noel suggested getting brochures off sponsors and put in with newsletter monthly – will also put same on web page.

Noel suggested to make AV Night for members only ie have to be a member to view the night. Bigger event bigger production, bigger show. Smaller, easier to control, simpler. Grey advises we have to look after sponsors. Can get a room for 150 people for \$165.00 or the Auditorium for \$550.00. Cost of showing same to 10 or 800 people. We won't know until we get the entries. Maybe keep entry cheap \$12 or \$15.00 so people won't expect an all out production. Martin advises the SPD night broke the bar taking record at the Revesby Workers Club – we got the hall for free for the first few years. Grey to look into it, see Janice Mackay. More than 20 years patronage at club. Ticket cost?? We have good door prizes – last time \$22.00 per head.

Need colour A4 copies for advertising in dive shops. 200-300 copies – Can anyone help out? cheap? Peter Flockart can do in black and white.

The 3 main club sponsors, Max Western, Aqua Sports and Shiprock Dive Duane suggested we write an article/ do an interview with each of them for our newsletter.

Last newsletter covered – Code of conduct scuba diving with grey nurse sharks – At this time is only a proposal. SCAN worried re having an Accredited shark dive leader to take the dives. Diving permit tried at Swansea channel – became too hard to police, had to get a permit off the council.

Ice skating next Friday night at Canterbury.

### **Raffle**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Max Western Boat Dive	Scott McGregor
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Aqua Sports – Wetsuit hanger	Scott McGregor
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Air fills/ T Shirt Shiprock dive	Peter Lord

Thank you to Grey for an entertaining slide show and Martin's commentary from comps gone by.