

Apologies: Grey, Peter, John & Jenny, Nick and Duane.

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement re term deposit and account, URG Bulletin, Invoice for Self Storage, Receipt re Dive Logs, Scubaroo email re dives.

Guests: Brett and Lisa Coff's Harbour update and video's.

Treasurer: Memberships Due. Can be paid through Aqua Sports by credit card. Term deposit, committee will make a decision of where to invest for the best rates.

Minutes: November - accepted by Phil. Seconded by Noel. December's - Were not included in the last newsletter, will be deferred till next month.

Equipment Officer: All good. SPD banner will be left at Aqua Sports.

Newsletter: Thank you for the newsletter Noel. We need 'help' with putting out the newsletter, any format? Any takers?? Please!

Photographic Officer: AV night still needs to be discussed with Committee. Waiting on a confirmation of a meeting with Sea and Sea, Dave already has a few sponsors on line.

Website: Now updated. Dave needs to be added to committee list.

George Roberts Competition - Slides due next month, rules and regulations available. Suggest we resurrect the Old Novice plaque as found in the storeroom.

Dive Reports

Bernie - Club Dive weekend - Jervis Bay - Ocean Trek

The Streets, Point Perpendicular, Docks, Boat Harbour, Cove, Nursery.

1st 10-15 mtrs murky, then clear. Cold 16 degrees. Good weekend. Maximum 6 dives 1 x night dive.

Point Perp./ lighthouse 2-3 mtr swell plus. Wind changed southerly flattened bay out nicely.

Dives were good. Food excellent - Bernie's Snapps?? Still undecided. Call Up Ocean Trek's website for a look. www.oceantrek.com.au

Phil McP - Magic Point - 6 fully grown sharks. 40 divers in the water. 30 mtr viz. Sharks were 'happy'. Big rays deep, also big wobbys.

Des - Bear Island Malabar - Fantastic along the back side, 6-7 mtr viz, lots of sponge gardens.

Dave - Shiprock - high tide, dirty but a good dive (up close!) Fish Reef - seal playing on ocean surface (apparently)

Clifton Garden - surprisingly good - viz average, saw seahorse at end of dive, huge school of whitebait.

Matt - Diver City - Midnight Trench - missed it initially - had to dive sand then rock (towed the anchor closer) was a great dive on arrival - however somewhat short! (depth sounder in being repaired)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Aqua Sports - New hours of operation (on trial) Open 8.00am every day. Thursday nights till 9.00pm, Saturday till 4.00pm and 1200 Sunday.

Aqua Sports - Dive Manly wharf Midnight February 1st. Will be very good for macro. Contact the shop 9708 2826

SPD Club Dive - Sunday 26th Oak Park 10.00am. Bernie cooking his famous Hot Dogs. Noel will email details out to members.

Club Equipment - We need to compile a list of club equipment. Maybe start a usage book so we know where our equipment is. Storage Unit needs a clean up.

Was suggested we Scan all old Wet Rag newsletters to a disk, therefore there would be less of a need for so much paper.

Any volunteers to scan old copies of the Wet Rag onto a disk for your Club?

Any type of SPD Advertising has to be run via the Committee first before it goes out anywhere - we need more control over what goes out on behalf of the club and we need more communication between the committee.

Send to Sue (she@maxi.net.au) and then she will forward to the correct recipient ie. To the website, newsletter etc.

Re Filing Cabinet - Thank you Phil and Bernie for finally moving the old President's files to the Storeroom. No objections were raised at the meeting and the filing cabinet was donated to Bernie.

Life Membership - Discussions were raised re the requirement for someone to be nominated as a life member. The committee has a nomination but we need to know the Club's criteria. The committee will investigate and advise.

Club Dinner - Sunday 9th February, 2003 La Porchetta Pizza Restaurant 10 Bungaribee Road, Blacktown 6.00pm.

Contact Noel Taylor 0419 122 629. Cost approx \$19.00 - \$29.00.

It was brought up at the meeting that last year was a strange one for the Club - it was proposed that numbers at meetings were down due to politics?? Was suggested we need to promote that we are a Social Club. More discussions to come at committee level.

It was suggested that maybe SPD should look at an associate membership with another Dive Club, one with their own boat. Member benefits would be 2 different club newsletters, more social outings, dives, weekends away etc. Noel to jot down some obvious benefits and forward same to the committee.

Dave Burns received an email from SCANS Re possible litigation against your dive buddy should something go wrong in a dive. Des advises that a precedent has already been set in the U.K where \$250,000.00 damaged granted.

Raffle

Shiprock Dive - Noel

Aqua Sports - Des and Mark P.

Sea Tamer II - Mark Pinna

Lucky door Prize - Phil McPherson.

BIG THANK YOU to Brett and Lisa Vircoe for their excellent presentation on the value of diving in Coff's Harbour.