

SPD MEETING 17TH MAY, 2004

Apologies: Nick, Mark P, Don, Glen P, Peter F, Duane.

Incoming Correspondence: Bank statement, URG Bulletin, AUF Insurance premium \$575.00, Ryde Underwater newsletter, Doubtless & Diving newsletter, invoice Wincafe 12 months web housing, Waves newsletter.

Outgoing Correspondence: Email to unfinancial members

Treasurer Report - Mark faxed a report through as he was unable to make the meeting.

Photographic Officer – Peter just back from his holiday in Palau.

Newsletter Editor - Apologies from Duane, has been away and ran out of time.

DIVE REPORTS

John – Balmoral Baths – testing a housing – no leaks

Matt – Sydney Diver City – Camp Cove – 80 mins, heaps octopus, viz 5 mtrs, warm water.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sub-Committee – To be formed to look into club expenses/ expenditure.

Advertisements to be placed to let everyone know that SPD will be running an AV Night in 2005 – reminding photographers to start getting their slides etc together. Dive Log & Sport Diving was suggested.

George Roberts Competition – a date is still to be fixed.

Oxy Viva – where is it?? Sue to check storage to see what equipment is there, also where is the Scanner??

Storage Shed – too expensive per month \$104.50 – Suggested a Club member be compensated to house our goods.

Noel Taylor advises he no longer wants to be associated with our club and is setting up his own competition – we need to protect our club. Suggested putting an add in Dive Log – so he cannot claim association with our Club – worried about our sponsors.

Matt advised- it was mentioned to him that if his new club wanted to run a comp he would help them.

Club needs a person with personality to talk to people/ sponsors etc.

If there are vibes that our photo comp has had it's use by date – they why are people out there discussing organising a new competition?? Our club's 1st prize is prestigious – as well as great prizes.

Phil Dale – raised a motion to advertise the up and coming AV Competition in Dive Log, Sport Diving etc. for late 2005. Was seconded by John Olsen. Question raised re lead times for magazines to get something put in - ie 3 months in advance to get it in.

Discussions raised re - is film dead?? We all have taken photographs over the last 20 years and have them in some kind of hard copy. With digital photo's there is nothing physical, programme of photos are stored on discs – too easy to damage, or with technology updates – you can no longer read the discs. General feeling that film is not dead, although digital is popular.

Ferry being wrecked for a dive site – Lady Street- will need to have \$150,000 spent on it to make it enviro friendly fish reef/ dive site.

Committee to look at a club BBQ/ Dive day – will be published in the next newsletter.

A diver was lost to David Jones locker – at the Spit – had a rebreather, but was found using a pony bottle??

Need to find out what is happening with the web site.

Sydney Diver City – Don is organising a discussion night with Craig Rodriquez.

Suggested organising a night dive at Manly Wharf – between midnight and 0500 hours. Interesting junk under there – watches, wallets, bicycle etc.

A company at Merimbula are providing – Burials at Sea – for your loved ones.

Scuba Expo - 15th-18th July, 2004 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre

No RAFFLE