

SPD COMMITTEE MEETING 15/02/2005

Attendees: Bernie, Mark, Duane and Sue

OZTEK – Re the name of their photographic competition –
2nd OZTEK Australasian Underwater Photographic Competition

SPD is the Australasian Underwater Photographer of the Year

Decided at this time, not to take any action, as there appears to be enough of a difference in the naming of the competition and their comp will be over this time next month, but reserve the option to proceed at a later date with action if the situation should warrant such.

SPD'S FUTURE - various discussions ensued.

It was decided that we would put it to members to hold off on running an AV Night or competition and work on getting the club diving again and eventually working on memberships.

- Next meeting we will put it to members to put the AV night & competition on the back burner for 2 years and re-assess it again then.

Also who will be on the committee this year???

Re memberships – Mark advises that as Sydney Diver City has closed down, an email has been sent to people who dived through the shop to get together and start their own dive club. At this time he is unsure of how far they got with their meeting.

Problem here being that an influx of outsiders could easily take over at this point. Suggested if bulk memberships were sought, we could put them on a probationary period to see where their values lay and work on it from there.

SUGGESTED OCEAN TREK WEEKEND – no problems here as long as it's sorted out on an individual basis.

OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Re their letter to Mark dated October 2004

Current Membership year – 1st January to 31st December

Financial Year - 1st July to 30th June

AGM to be held within 3 months of the end of the financial year.

??? Annexure "A" Rule 22a changes it to AGM to be held within 3 months of the membership year.

BUT Office of Fair Trading states that this is not legal so it appears that the constitution amendments re Annexure "A" rule 22a is not legal.

SPD has had problems in past with misunderstanding of the constitution by members.

Political problems got out of hand, constitution not being followed.

Previous Office Holders became almost autocratic –

We thought we had a 3 month grace re membership but Annexure A Rule 5(a) changed it to 1 month. By the time it was discovered it was February with only a small membership base. These members filled the committee positions, held a meeting between themselves, voted and resolved the membership problem. An AGM ensued so as to get a permanent Committee in office. It does not seem possible to re-convene the AGM. Now we find that the letter pointed us towards what appears to be a contradiction within our constitution and this has been ratified by the Office of Fair Trading in 1996.

If we have a choice, change the membership year to 1st July to 30th June.

Mark to talk with them and find out what we need to do to sort this out and has been given the authority to make autonomous decisions in respect to any demands that the Department may put to him and the need for a resolute answer at the time of discussion.

Still need to chase;

SCANNER – Sue to email Amanda re same

STORAGE – Will need to check with Nick re him helping us out.

Because we paid only 3 months, Big M advises that paying quarterly there is an increase in the monthly fee. Decided that this service will no longer be continued after this latest period.

Re MISSING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Need to check re	1998
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	2003 Phil/ Mark have details.

Will also need dated of the AGM's for these forms.