

SPD MEETING 21ST FEBRUARY, 2005

Apologies – Phil, Evelyn, Peter & Warren

Incoming Correspondence – Bank statement, BOC invoice and statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter, receipt from dive log subscription (Mountain Ocean & Travel Publication) Receipt Big M storage with letter stating increase after 3 months, Certificate of registration of business name.

Outgoing Correspondence – letter to Big M re paying 3 months.

Minutes – Accepted by Matt seconded by Mark

Treasurer – January's bills have been paid. BOC – Medical C Size – Duane to give them a call. Office of Fair Trading – explained re problems – said we could sort out at next AGM or next general meeting. Read out financial details, also said we can change constitution re membership year.

Duane put forward a motion to start the process to change the membership year to June/ July in line with our financial year. 2nd by Bernie. Unanimous vote.

Suggested/ agreed that current financial members get 6 months membership free – other people joining from April will be paid until June '06.

We will need to do up another Annexure to change this – cost \$35.00.

Re Bank account – if we change to an IAG business optimiser 5 ½ % interest. Need to have a base account then money via the computer can be transferred to the IAG account, and then transferred back when we need it in the working account. Mark will check into this to see if we can do it with the existing account we have.

Photographic Officer – away.

Newsletter – one will be put together, we will need to advise members re the constitution changes/ special resolution as well.

Website – AV 2003 has been put onto the site. You can now click onto the photo's to enlarge them. Need something for the front page – what's new/ happening listing as well.

DIVE REPORTS

Matt – Old Mans Hat – night dive (1/2 ml suit) 23-24 degrees 45 minutes 20 mtrs. Had about 20 breaths left in the tank

Australia Day – Kurnell – Monument - no viz, water filthy and rough. Unknown to them deeper water had a viz of 15 mtrs.

Bushrangers Bay – 16 degrees (1/2 ml suit) small tank.

Camp Cove – night dive 70/80 mins, heaps numb rays (saucer size babies) stingrays, flathead, small cuttle fish, squid, huge numb rays, dead blue swimmer crab. 22 degrees.

Mark – Skydiving – tandem – Was Cool 13,000 feet, free fall till 5,000 when the parachute was opened.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Oztek Underwater Competition – committee decided not to take any action at this point.

SPD's future – decided to defer upcoming AV night and competition – interested to see what response other clubs experience from their competitions.

Duane put forward a motion to defer AV night and competition and put on a back burner for 2 years and start diving again. 2nd by Bernie. Unanimous vote.

Next Dive - Terrigal – 20th March, 2005. Shore dive BBQ

Weekend away in Tassie – when they have the \$79.00 flights on. Pub accommodation, dives. Let committee know if you are interested

Matt suggested running a dive car boot sale and possible movie night if it's held at the Drive In. Suggested winter/ spring. Mention to shops if they have old stock to flog off. Or even a smaller venue, maybe undercover so we are not weather dependant.

Diversity ex members have apparently formed a group and advertise their dives on Yahoo.

A suggestion has been put forward that for new people wanting to join SPD, start them off with an associate membership which costs nothing, then after a 8-9 month period Club members can decide whether to let them join as full members.

New members – Club decides – any member is entitled to put up an objection to the Committee, and if it cannot be decided it then goes to vote via club members to have their say. Could list same in newsletter – with a reply by a certain date. Print as an associate member. List names, and if no objections after a set period of time, they are accepted.