

SPD MEETING 16TH MAY, 2005

Apologies – Evelyn, Phil and Glen

Incoming Correspondence – Bank statement, Ryde Underwater newsletter, email regarding membership and an email re a Tafe study.

Outgoing correspondence – newsletter emails and reply to membership & Tafe study emails

Treasurer – nothing to report. Still getting details together for the Office of Fair Trading.

Photographic Officer – nothing to report.

Newsletter – short and sweet – desperately need input.

SCANS – Have now organised for emails to come to Sue as Peter is no longer available for anything.

Equipment – Sue & Duane have the camping equipment/ tarps and poles etc. free flow oxygen delivery system. Most of the other club gear and records are with Glen.

DIVE REPORTS – nil

Should have gone ahead with Sundays dive. How can you pick the weather!!

Decided that next time a dive is scheduled and the weather could be unfavorable, we will still meet as arranged and get together for lunch or drinks or something else.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Constitution – proposed changes/ additions.

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Proposed Update

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If an application for new membership is declined as a result of a closure decision by the Committee, such a reason is sufficient reply to a request on grounds of rejection by an applicant as per Rule 2(d).
- (f) Rule 2(e) does not have any effect on current members renewing their continuing membership in accordance with Rule 5(a)

3. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

Existing

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Proposed Update

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Removal of Rule (c) (ii) Five (5) year memberships are also available.

Existing

- (c) (iv) Where an application for Membership is received after 1st October, the membership will be valid till 31st December of the year after the current year.

Proposed Update

- (c) (iv) Where an application for Membership is received after 1st April, the membership will be valid till 30th June of the year after the current year.

5. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Existing

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Existing

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ADD Rule (d)

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22. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Existing Amendment Annexure "A" Dated 15/01/96

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THE ABOVEMENTIONED PROPOSED UPDATES WILL BE VOTED UPON AT THE CLUB MEETING ON THE 20TH JUNE, 2005.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Club Insurance – is being organised for the next 12 month period.

Club Caravan suggestion – various issues were discussed re the purchase of a Club caravan for use at club events, dives, weekend away etc.

Ocean Trek – To be confirmed - Glen to look into a weekend away – suggested 9/10 July.

Suggested anyone going for a dive, email details to other members so we can get together diving again.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE NEXT GENERAL
MEETING ON THE 20TH JUNE, 2005**

The following changes to the Model Rules for the Club have been discussed at the last two General meetings and the following changes to the Model Rules for the Club have been accepted and proposed as amendments.

Under the rules of our association the following changes are now to be put to the members for voting upon at the next General Meeting on the 20th June, 2005 at the Bankstown Sports Club.

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