

South Pacific Divers Club meeting minutes 16th of February 2009

Open 8.03pm

Apologies. Rick James, Dave Chillari

Present Geoff Cook President, Jason Farlow Vice President, Peter Iwaszkiewicz Secretary, Mark Pinna (Late Arrival) Life Members Peter Harper, Joan Harper, Tom Byron, Mitchell Cook Andy Del, Robert Doust, Simon Gaylor, Scott Willan, Leo Bergagnin, Nipper Maher, Damien Siviero, Matt Reeve, Danielle Egginton, Warwick O'Brien, Nick Farlow, and 7 Guests.

General Business

- Treasurers report - unable to report as treasurer not present at the meeting. Will update on the next meeting.
- Post Meeting \$8642.00 still in account with expenditure this month for the two trophies for George Roberts to be purchased.
- Photo Competition:
 - o First round closing midnight of the 16th of February. All photos submitted after the deadline will be considered for round 2.
 - o Three new entries to the competition on last day of round.
- Wet Rag – Dave Chillari resigned as the editor of Wet Rag:
 - o Volunteers for the job should contact Geoff Cook – no taker at the meeting
 - o Question whether Wet Rag should continue in its current format was raised as general consensus current format is too much work for an editor.
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- Discussion point anchoring on wrecks with divers on it'.
 - o Risky due as there may be no bubbles identifying where the divers are (rebreather divers)
 - o There is a risk of divers going up the wrong anchor
 - o Suggestion was made about only a specific number of divers being allowed on the wreck at the same time
 - o Recommendation was made to always ask for permission from the boat already on the wreck or wait till all divers are on the deco.
- Club O2 bottle returned - saving of \$90/year
- Congratulations to Member Stephen O'Brien upon becoming engaged during the month.
- Issue raised of no dates visible on forum posts.
- Recommendation made that all forum posts related to dive organising contain a date in the title.

- Appeal for more dives to be promoted by the Dive Organisers raised by Geoff Cook.
- Discussion on divers opting out of dives to which they were previously committed to or not turning up to dives.
 - o Impact on boat owners and catering organisers
 - o Please ensure you cancel with adequate notice
- Oztek – 18 members attending. A very good response from Club and David Strike is very happy.
- Perth Gear Orders –
 - o please do not contact Dive Imports directly.
 - o There is to be one point of contact regarding these orders.
 - o All communication is to go through Geoff Cook.

Upcoming dives

- o 22 Feb Wollongong reef dive - 1 spot left (taken at the meeting)
- o Sunday 1st of March out of Pittwater
- o 14-15 March Terrigal double wreck dive – to be confirmed
- Looking for an expression of interested regarding trip to NZ to dive the wreck of Mikhail Lermontov
- Chuuk Lagoon - Contact Geoff Cook for details

Dive Reports by given by all members except two so it was a good month for diving.

Meeting Adjourned for drink break at 9.20pm

Audio Visual Lecture by Nipper Maher on Cave Diving and Training.

11.20pm Meeting Closed Members adjourned to the Coffee Lounge Down Stairs.