



Monday 18th October 2010 Meeting Minutes

Open Time: 8.15pm Garrison Room

Welcome Life Members, Peter Harper and Joan Harper
Committee Members, President Geoff Cook Vice President Jason Farlow, Treasurer Mark Pinna
Members, Nick Farlow, Peter Jaques, Scott Willan, Andreas Thimm,

Visitors, John Sumner, Noel Taylor

Apologies: Nil

Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report Bank account is healthy. No withdrawals for several months. And new membership registrations fees are starting to come in for 2010-2011

Correspondence

- Correspondence from Christie Beck surrounding the death of Member David Beck
- Please ensure that you have signed the attendance book regardless of whether you are a member or visitor.
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General Business

- Membership reminders are to be sent this month to un-financial members.
- Club Member and Diver, David Nathan BECK, was tragically drowned in a snorkelling accident whilst holidaying in Vanuatu on the 5 October 2010 with his wife Cristi.. Circumstances were that he and a number of others were caught in a surging rip current. Several of them were rescued and taken back to the beach. Returning to rescue David at which time he had drowned. He was worked on on the beach but was unable to be revived. A moving ceremony was held on the island by the tribal locals where flowers were set free into the sea. This process was continued here in Australia at Bare Island on Saturday the 16th October where a commemoration of David's Life was conducted. His ashes will be divided and half with return to the United States and the other will be interred into the artificial reef that is being constructed in Botany Bay.
- David previously served in the United State Marine Corps and had two sons from his first marriage, Justin aged 21 and Joshua aged 19 who are both serving in the US Marines. David was a cancer survivor and a good friend of several members of the club. He will be missed.
- Investigations are still being made prior to the purchase of a computer projector
- Noel Taylor has completed the copying of old VHS videos and other items onto digital format. These will be shown at the conclusion of each meeting. Tonight we will see the entries of the 2002 Open and Open Masters AUPY competition. And some of the video entries. In future he will screen an episode of Sea Hunt each month.

Diving Activity.

Local Diving for the past month has been a challenge with a succession of weekends of big seas, gale force winds and finally filthy water with 1 metres viz,

The club dive for the 10 October was cancelled because of the ugly water viz and uneasy seas. But will be rescheduled on the weekend of the 14th November .. Jason Farlow will lead.

Peter and Joan have been away over to Tonga doing 10 dives and a further 4 snorkel dives with the humpback whales. 150 ft viz and much better than they ever imagined. Max depth of 30 metres. Very much like diving Palau. Accommodation was ordinary but clean. Noel suggested a dive on the wreck there was a musthave dived it in 2003 the wreck of a coconut trader. Viz in channel was 40 -50 feet. Cost of trip was \$2800 per person. for 10 days. Lobsters were \$45 Tongan or \$30au.

Jason did a few dives at Nelson Bay. Halifax Point and Fly Point. Looking into a trip up that way with the launch of a 70ft dive boat operation..

Peter Jaques and Ian Jackson on the 10th didn't listen to the reports that the dive had been cancelled because the water was crap.. and dived at Shell Harbour..... and the water was crap 1 metre viz, but he had a dive..

Andreas Thimm had just returned from diving in the South China Sea with Bazza on Vidars boat. Dives on the English WW2 battleships Princes of Wales and the Repulse. 70metre dives with 15 metre viz 45 minute bottom times on the wrecks... all his deco this year was on the rebreather and not on pure O2 and no symptoms affecting his eyesight.

Reports received from Andy Del who had just returned from CCR diving on a trip organised by Lance Robb over in Chuuk with awesome dives, extended bottom times good viz and good accommodation at Blue Lagoon. Report and photos to follow soon.

Coming Club Dive

Jason Farlow is looking to organise a club dive on the 14th November at Windang. Details will follow. Those interested contact Jason.

A motion was passed from the floor by Scott Willan that the Club President be shot or penalised. It was noted that since his intentions to return to diving had been made that the weather in Sydney and the conditions for diving had been horrid. Blame was clearly dropped at El Pres's feet... All seemed to agree... The motion was seconded by Andreas and subsequently passed.. Sorry Folks.. its all my fault.. On that note on the weekend of the 6th November it will be perfect... I cant dive that weekend...

Meeting Closed. 9.20PM

Movies were then shown by Noel Taylor until 10.30pm and adjourned for coffee.

MOVIES AND PHOTO PRESENTATIONS WILL NOW BE SHOWN AT THE END OF EACH MEETING INCLUDING HISTORICAL FOOTAGE HELD BY THE CLUB..

