

Monday 19th Sept 2011 Meeting Minutes

Open Time: 8.05pm.

Welcome Life Members, Joan and Peter Harper

Committee Members, President Geoff Cook Treasurer Mark Pinna Vice Pres Leo Bergagnin Dive Convener Peter Jaques.

Members,

Visitors, John Sumner

Apologies: Nil received.

<u>Treasurers Report</u>: Efforts to be made on Wednesday to change signatories. Bill for \$30.00 presented to Mark as paid by Geoff Cook for payment to Bankstown Sports for equipment hire.

Correspondence

- o Trafalgar Dinner Invitation from David Strike.
- o Invoice from Bankstown Sports Club.

General Business

- 1. Notice given of the passing of Wreck diving enthusiast John Riley during the week. Although John was not a member he has regularly attended the Club Meetings and provided talks on wrecks. A loss of a great deal of knowledge and experience to wreck divers.
- 2. Talk by Geoff Cook on the activities of last month's Variety Children's Charity Bash from Baulkham Hills to Broom.
- 3. Discussion and suggestions for the upcoming 50th Anniversary of SPDC. Efforts to make a list of all known members from inception to present with year of membership with a view to create a mail out to establish the construction of a contact list. Slight discussion of proposed event being a formal dinner, photo night. Guest speakers. Dive equipment display. John Sumner may be put on display in his dive gear that was probably owned by Cousteau.
- 4. A letter and application for membership form be sent out to membership as a reminder.
- 5. Mark to supply Geoff Cook with a list of financial and un financial members.
- 6. Time to start diving as a club. Peter Jaques will put a dive together on HMAS Adelaide.
- 7. Joan off to hospital this week for a new bionic hip.... Diving afterwards may be restricted to 20 metres,

Memberships due. \$25 for Singles \$35 for families.

Diving Activity.

Report received from Andreas Thimm of the successful dive with Damien Siviero to 125 metres on the wreck of the "Iron Knight" aka WTF... Identity is still not confirmed although more footage has been obtained. Andreas borrowed Cookies Greenforce torch and turned it on at 70 metres... unfortunately he engaged it in flash mode and at bottom depth could not switch to a steady beam... so effectively he saw half the wreck on the dive...! Good Viz.. nearly 8 minutes to get to bottom.. Those with scooters took less than 2 minutes....Dive dive dive...

Peter Jaques reported on a Trip to New Guinea... great diving.. adventurous travel....

Meeting Closed 9.20pm

Short Photo presentation of Variety Children's Charity Bash.

Coffee....