The ANU
SCUBA Diving Club
1998 AGM
Thursday, 12 Nov 1998

---

ANU Scuba Diving Club
Minutes of the AGM

Jason Haines and Jeremy Weinman

Attendance 15. (quorum 20)

1) Meeting was opened

2) Committee reports were given
(See next section.)

3) Elections (by our constitution, the AGM elects only the Executive [president, treasurer, secretary, gear officer (= Vice President)], then the Executive appoints (elects) the remainder of the Committee (boat officer, student officer) and any other positions it wishes to fill (party officer, gear issue officers, LMI organiser - normally these are appointed as non-Committee positions, but the Executive can appoint any role as a Committee position).

Given that the AGM was inquorate (shame on those of you who didn't turn up), we could not proceed to 'elect' office bearers. However, we used the meeting as a guide to the Executive, which under Clause 6(e) of the Club Constitution "If any position of the Committee becomes vacant for any reason the Executive may elect any member of the Club to fill this temporary vacancy" can appoint Members to fill temporary vacancies. The people the Executive elected under this clause were first selected by the meeting in an election like manner. Thus we proceeded that way to fill, one at a time, the vacant positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and V-P (Gear Officer). These temporary appointment will be later 'ratified' at a General Meeting held during the Xmas BBQ. The non-Executive appointments made by the Executive at the 'AGM' are still valid.

4) Other matters

4A) Motion to raise fees from $5/10 to $10/20 for students/non-students. Motion raised and unanimously supported. Recommended to be raised again for a vote at the next quorate meeting.

4B) Committee decision that SCUBA gear renewal is to be the Club's next spending priority was raised and noted. This

---

ANU Scuba Diving Club
Office Bearers

Proposed President: Jerry Keating
Elected by the Executive under 6(e) after being proposed by: Peter Liston
seconded by: Jason Haines
and having the full support of the meeting.

However, Jerry Keating cannot hold an executive position so a new election needs to be held (e.g. during the Christmas BBQ). The temporary vacancy is filled by the Executive under 6(e) by

Interim President: Jason Haines

Treasurer: Jeremy Weinman
Elected by the Executive under 6(e) after being proposed by: Jerry Keating
seconded by: Jann Ollerenshaw
and having the full support of the meeting

Secretary: Harry Schranz
Elected by the Executive under 6(e) after being proposed by: Jason Haines
seconded by: Peter Liston
and having the full support of the meeting

Vice-President (Gear Officer): Martin Tyson
Elected by the Executive under 6(e) after being proposed by: Jason Haines
seconded by: Jerry Keating
and having the full support of the meeting

Boat Officer: Peter Liston
Elected to the Committee by the Executive with the full support of the meeting

Student Officer: Rowan McMurray
Elected to the Committee by the Executive with the full support of the meeting

Party Officer: Bill Keating
Appointed by the Committee with the full support of the meeting

Special Committee Member: Jerry Keating
Appointed by the Committee with the full support of the meeting

Gear Issue Officers:
Sara Whitfield, Ulrike Mathesius, Rowan McMurray, David Power
Appointed by the Committee with the full support of the meeting

LMI Organiser:
Jeremy Weinman
Appointed by the Committee with the full support of the meeting

ANU Scuba Diving Club
decision met with the unanimous approval of the meeting.

5) Dive calender was planned

The Diving Calendar

Xmas - Boat pickup - Xmas/New Years diving
Jerry Keating

Australia Day - Jan 23-26
Bittangabee Bay
Bittangabee Bay, Green Cape, Ben Boyd National Park
Jerry Keating/Jeremy Weinman

Feb 6-7 Montague Island
Kristina

Feb 24 Market Day
Harold Schranz

March 6-7 Rusty Divers Weekend
Ulladulla area
Jeremy Weinman

Canberra Day
Eden
Sam Lee

ANU Scuba Diving Club
President’s Report
1998

Jason Haines

It has been an excellent year for the Club. Our membership rose again this year to reach 126 by the AGM. The Club has had an eventful year. From Kristina’s stunning result at the Treasure Hunt, to emergency rescues at Mystery Bay, and a fantastically successful Musgrave.

Just over a year ago the Sports Union appointed a new executive officer. This has seen major changes to the operations of Sports Union clubs. The Club grants system has become fairer and more open and Club’s have been put through an audit of membership and finances. Due largely to forethought by this year and last year's committee, the SCUBA Club came through with flying colours.

The changes in the Sports Union further required to prepare and submit a Three Year Plan at the end of last year (1997). This allowed us to budget, and receive grant money, for the new boat purchase. Our new NAIAD is currently being built and will be collected by the years end. The new boat will see the retirement of the Cherokee which has served the Club for many years. The sale of the Cherokee will leave the Club with monies to update some of the aging SCUBA gear.

It has been a successful year for the Club. The new year will see the Club with a new boat, new SCUBA gear and a strong and active membership. I won't be in Canberra next year and so won't be renominating for a committee position. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Club and have made many friends through it. I will miss these friends and the Club and I wish both of them well for the future.
ANU Scuba Diving Club
Treasurer's Report
1998

Jeremy Weinman

I am happy to report that 1998 has been a very good year for us. In 1997, Jason and I prepared a conservative 3 year plan which would take us through the purchase of the new boat and the acquisition of new Scuba gear. Due to our conservative budgeting and a number of additional factors, we are considerably ahead of budget at the end of 1998. Consequently, we will not need to take out a foreshadowed $2,000 loan from the SU to assist with the purchase of the new boat and now will be able to fast track the replacement of Club Scuba units. Three additional factors assisted our budget surplus:

a) A very successful LMI trip returned ~$1,500 to the Club after expenses. The largely fixed cost nature of this trip means that it is the last few people of the group of 25 which makes the difference between a loss and a small surplus. Thus, thanks are due to the LMI organiser who worked hard to ensure that we went with the full complement. This years surplus has allowed the Club to purchase the permit for 1999’s LMI trip (~$1,200) without touching its investments (earmarked for the new boat and Scuba Gear).

b) The new boat has come in considerably under budget, in large part to us delaying the purchase until we had a chance to see the Schram/Harding/Jenkins NAIAD 5.3 ("Yellowfin") and to then to base our boat on the "Yellowfin". This has resulted in a delivery price considerably less than we had originally anticipated. This lower price means that we can fit-out the new boat from the 1998 budget, rather than spreading this process over 2 years as we had originally planned.

c) Our amount spent on maintenance of boats and gear was less than budgeted. While I personally would’ve been happy for us to have spent up to budget on these items, the savings here means that we have money available to begin the replacement of Scuba gear (regs & B/C’s) in early 1999.

ANU Scuba Diving Club
Gear Officer Report
1998

Martin Tyson

Hello this is your friendly gear officer. While much of the Club Scuba gear is old, it has been consistently maintained. As happens every year we need to point out the need for users to NOT DRAG THEIR GEAR THROUGH THE SAND, and to WASH THE REGS AND THE INSIDE OF THE BC BLADDER after use. (There are instructions on how to do this on the web site, and handouts in the Gear Shed). However, there comes a point where it is no longer economical to continue spending lots of money on some of the oldest gear, and we need to replace it. I am currently pricing new Buoyancy Compensators and regulators for the club to replace the stuff that needing retirement. Hopefully we can start turning over some of our old gear as soon as possible. That’s about all really.

ANU Scuba Diving Club
Boat Officer Report
1998

Jeremy Keating

Despite several catastrophic & always untimely failures I am pleased to report that 1998 has been the least demanding of my 3 years as boat officer. Aside from structural problems with the Cherokee most of the breakdowns have been caused by failures in the boats electrical systems. I believe some of these problems will continue to plague us as the components concerned were simply not built to withstand the drenching they receive with our usage patterns. In particular:

• The console mounted trim / tilt switches despite the fitting of battery isolators. As it is the connectors at the back of the switch that corrode rather than the actual switch body, I suggest replacing these with S2 items from Dick Smith rather than $40 OMC items. The cheaper versions fit perfectly into the OMC mounting & come with an O ring seal. One is currently in use on the Cherokee.

• The ignition module in the Daf control box. At least 25 members can now recognise some possible symptoms when this inaccessible & expensive piece of crap fails. It needs to kept dry of course which is a bit hopeless if you’re on the wrong tac on a choppy day. The new boat will be fitted with the throttle mounted on the upper face of the console & the electrics safely tucked away inside (I hope).

• Trailer lights. Our “Submersalights” it seems were designed for submersion into grease or tar. Water is simply not viscous enough to stay out. The Daf’s will need replacing in a year or two. Regardless of this they need mending after every trip, usually during every trip & in between.

• The Cherokee’s electric trim engine needed two rebuilds this year because that not so viscous fluid turned the original & 2nd pair of brushes to red soup. A lot of silicone & Jeremy’s and my time seems to have the problem under control however as the Daf is fitted with an identical unit
we can anticipate trouble here soon. Hopefully the Yamaha will be more resilient!

- The *Daffodil*’s steering was reported to be stiffer than before at the last outing so it is likely this will need replacing in the coming year as the Cherokee’s was 3 years ago.

- The fuel lines have a bad habit of popping out. I have inspected these & bent the catch out as far as I dare. The problem persists - I suggest firstly, never disconnect the line at the engine end. It is unnecessary. Secondly when connecting the fuel tank end, release the pressure in the tank, then take the time to make absolutely sure the catch has engaged. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, don’t pump the fuel bulb till it is rock hard. All you will be doing is compressing the air in the system. The resulting pressure is hard on the whole fuel system & its no wonder the leads pop off or can’t be connected properly. I have noticed that an engine that has not started or idled immediately is often followed be a fuel line problem.

Repairs aside, both boats have been serviced once since the last AGM. The Daf is booked in the week after the treasure hunt, making 2 for the year, the cherokee will not be serviced by the club again.

Both radios have failed & been replaced in the last 14 months. The older one is fitted to the Cherokee for obvious reasons. The sounders are working - please be careful of the wires at the back of these - Norm has his own boat to worry about now. The anchor ropes, painters, mermaids & tie downs are all in fair condition. I suggest that trip organisers choose whether they want a slip ring or pick type anchor used on their weekend and organise to have their choice fitted. It seems to be a matter of personal preference (and safety).

The Cherokee is currently advertised for sale. Please buy it. $5200 ono.

It is important therefore that it be well cleaned after each dive trip. If it falls upon you to offer it for sale to a prospective buyer please arrive a little early to pump it up & make sure the battery cable is very very tightly clamped down. Unless buyer feedback indicates otherwise, I do not believe it would be advantageous to us to engage in a large scale “tarting up” of this boat as the blemishes, all superficial anyway, cannot be concealed. Obviously, the console & tank rack are now well repaired. (never remove the tank rack with the jerrycans & spare wheel attached)

The replacement for the Cherokee, Big Bird, is due for completion on Nov. 20 1998. It is a Naiad 5.3m RIB fitted out to take 6 divers. For those familiar with the boat Yellow Fin the new club boat will be the same in almost every way. We will have the clubs black trim, a narrower console & no windscreen. The 90 hp engine is not for winning the treasure hunt boat race (though we will of course) it is to make this boat easier to handle in big seas when fully laden without having to constantly apply full power. It should not be necessary to stress this engine as we have our Johnsons in the past. Going fast is fun but its hard on the boat, the crew and the engine. Once this engine has been run in and the boats dynamics understood we should consider marking a “club red line” on the tachometer that allows a good fast plane but not “blow the Daf away speeds”. When driving this boat for the first time take great care. While the dry weight will only be 120kg greater than the Daf those privileged to have ridden aboard or driven Yellow Fin will testify that this is a much much bigger boat. Take the time to get used to it particularly in confined spaces. It takes a lot of stopping! As I’ve said, it will also have more than double the power. The club is well and truly out of the runabout league.

The cost will be $24,854 plus around $1800 for fit out which includes a GPS (finally!)

**Delivery:** Well, we have to go & get it. If you can & want to - do it - or someone else will beat you to it.

As in years past I would like to thank, on behalf of the club and myself, everyone who has helped with the maintenance and repairs of the boats. This includes those who have dropped in when passing the shed at night just for a chat. Just as importantly, if something breaks, or you find something that needs fixing, don’t ignore it. As a member of ANUSC it is your problem. At least report it or better still fix it yourself, with another if necessary, you’ll learn something in the process and it’s fun, mostly.

**ANU Scuba Diving Club**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Report 1998**

*Bill Keating*

We had fewer newsletters than last year and I believe that this was very, very, very bad (bad dog!, sit! and stay!). Although the dive calendars covered the full year a newsletter every now and again reminds people that great diving can be had on the coast at any time of year. I will have no more time to do newsletters this year than last year and so it is probably beneficial to club members that I am not standing for re-election to any ANUSC committee position. If you have enjoyed dive club newsletters in the past then you can still hear them live from the horse’s mouth on dive trips ... all you have to do is come diving and hang out under a smoke and alcohol filled tarp and the yarns will come pouring out. Goodbye my great heaving rhinos and remember to turn your air on!