

ANU SCUBA Club Annual General Meeting

13 March 2007

Manning Clarke Lecture Theatre 6, Australian National University

DRAFT minutes

The meeting was opened at 6:15pm, with Mark Leonard (vice-president) in the chair.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendance: 40 members, as listed in Appendix.

Apologies were received from Arwen Mow-Lowry and Horst Punzmann.

2. Confirmation of last meeting's minutes

That the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record: moved Sabrina Coventry, seconded Thomas Magill, passed by acclamation.

3. Reports from the outgoing committee

Written reports (marked “*”) are available under separate cover.

Mark Leonard presented the president's report*, for Arwen Mow-Lowry, and emphasised the still unknown effects of VSU; the debt the club owes to a small number of boat towers, and what club members can do to help out; and the debt the club owes to a similar small group of people willing to help out with boat maintenance. There is a happier feel in the club than a few years ago, which is a positive sign.

Mark also presented the vice-president / gear officer's report. All gear is still there, including two new BCs purchased this year to increase the range of sizes in stock (one S, one XL). Many tanks are due for test in March / April, so members need to be careful; otherwise all gear has been inspected and/or serviced in the past six months and is in good order. More diving means more maintenance, so we should be aware that at least some gear is always likely to be out of action at any one time.

Paul Thomas presented the secretary's report*.

Alison Shield presented a comprehensive treasurer's report*.

Jeremy Weinman presented the safety advisor's report*.

Bill Keating presented the boat officer's report. Bill thanked his helpers; these people are reliable and therefore unfairly get the burden. He also noted that working bees are important to deal with the large number of little jobs which are otherwise ignored, and asked all members, not just Musgrave participants, to come along.

James Parks presented the environmental officer's report. James thanked Paul Thomas and Jeremy Weinman for helping organise the role; and outlined the club's submissions, particularly on the new Marine Parks on the south coast. He also reported that the NSW SCUBA "tax" seems to have gone quiet for now.

Anita de Fredrick presented the social officer's report. It has been a very social year, and the club's monthly drinkie-poohs are very popular; she encouraged all members to come along. 2007 saw the introduction of a movie night, a new idea which aimed to attract members who were not otherwise involved in social events; it was a mixed success, with few new participants but a lot of fun. A strong social scene is a sign of a successful club.

Alex Pentony Vran presented the student officer's report. He thanked Paul Thomas, Corinna Paeper, and Sabrina Coventry for their help arranging clubs day, which went well.

4. Election of new committee members for 2007/8

Alison Shield took the chair for the election of committee members.

That the 2006/7 committee be relieved from office: moved Ron Henry, seconded James Parks, carried by acclamation.

The following positions were filled without contest:

- President: Arwen Mow-Lowry (self-nomination; seconded Chris Bloomfield)
- Vice-president / gear officer: Mark Leonard (nominated Ron Henry; seconded Anita de Fredrick)
- Treasurer: Corinna Paeper (nominated Sabrina Coventry; seconded Thomas Magill)
- Secretary: Peter Jones *and* Mae Visser (self-nominations; seconded Paul Thomas)

- Boat officer: Ron Henry (nominated Mark Leonard; seconded Paul Thomas)
- Student officer: Chaye Hosie (nominated Corinna Paeper; seconded Sabrina Coventry)
- Environmental officer: Jen Hine (nominated Nadine Tietze; seconded James Parks)
- Social officer: Nadine Tietze (nominated Corinna Paeper; seconded Paul Thomas)
- General officer: Sabrina Coventry (nominated Anita de Fredrick; seconded Paul Thomas)
- Safety advisor: Chris Bloomfield (nominated Nadine Tietze; seconded Peter Christen)

Mark Leonard resumed the chair.

5. Gear officer selection

The following members volunteered as rostered gear issue officers, and were accepted by the committee:

Chaye Hosie; Corinna Paeper; Kim Sebo; Nadine Tietze; Sabrina Coventry; Steve Larkin; and Thomas Magill.

6. Secret Easter Bunny award

The 2006/7 committee presented this annual award, for a non-committee member who has contributed significantly to the ANU SCUBA club, to two people: Chuck Young and Steve Larkin.

7. Other business

- i. Ray Vran presented a draft of the club's new 15-year plan, developed by himself and Kim Sebo with input from the 2006/7 committee, and took questions from the floor. The plan is available for information on the club website.

8. Lady Musgrave Island 2007

Jeremy Weinman, coordinator for the 2007 Lady Musgrave Island trip, introduced the trip and opened the list for interested members.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be in early March 2008.

The meeting closed at 7:43pm.

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Appendix: Attendance

The following members were present:

Annette Taylor; Alex Pentony Vran; Alison Shield; Anita de Fredrick; Ben Wilson; Chaye Hosie; Chris Bloomfield; Christian Reepmeyer; Cindy Wiryakusuma; Corinna Paeper; Eric Wenger; Gail Vest; Georgina Newton; Giel van Noorden; Jennifer Hine; Jeremy Weinman; Jo Clay; James Parks; Kim Sebo; Mark Leonard; Michael Rotkowitz; Mae Visser; Nadine Tietze; Pamela Katic; Paul Thomas; Peter Christen; Peter Jones; Ray Vran; Ron Henry; Ronald Steffen; Robert Dunne; Sabrina Coventry; Sam Wagstaff; Sam Thompson; Sarah Vann-Sander; Steve Larkin; Tristan Guy; Thomas Magill; Ulrike Mathesius; Wolfgang Kerzendorf.