The Annual General Meeting of the ANU Scuba Club was held on Monday 2nd March 2009 at Theatre 5, Manning Clarke Building, Australian National University.

Meeting opened at 6.40pm, with Arwen Mow-Lowry (President) in the chair.

1. Attendance and Apologies
Present:

Apologies:
Sandie Walters, Ray Vran, Chaye Hosie, Angus Macoun, Uli Mathesius, Anita de Frederick.

Non-voting attendees:

2. Confirmation of last meeting's minutes:
That the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record: moved Jeremy Weinman, seconded Tom Magill, passed by acclamation.

3. Reports from the outgoing committee
Written reports (marked “*”) are available under separate cover.

The President's report* was presented by Arwen Mow-Lowry, the Vice-President's report* by Arwen Mow-Lowry in the VP's absence, the Secretary's report* by Kim Sebo, and the Treasurer's report* by Bohye Park.

Jeremy Weinman asked how the Club was fairing in comparison to the 15 year financial plan. Arwen responded that the Club was ahead at the moment, but the future is dependent on grant outcomes over the next few years.

The Boat Officer (Peter Jones, since Aug 2008) reported that there had been a lot of work on the boats over the past two months in areas such as engines, steering and sounders. The boats are currently working well. He reminded trip organisers that boats must be washed and engines flushed after every trip, preferably at the coast if possible. He was pleased at the level of support from members in helping getting the boats fixed. He advised that there would soon be a trip/boat report template for trip organisers to fill out, to assist in managing any repairs or issues.

The Student Officer (Iona Flett, since Aug 2008) reported that numbers for the 2009 Market Day were slightly down due to changes in the way that it was run. She also reported that the 2009 Club T-shirts were ready and there were just a few extras available for sale.
The Safety Advisor (Jeremy Weinman) noted that this position was an advisory role only, and that a few incidents had been reported. He reminded members that there is a form on the Club website where incidents may be reported (anonymously, if desired). He also reminded trip coordinators that they should explicitly report on whether or not there were any safety incidents. He noted that we should revisit how to run trips – more information about the dives, and more detailed briefing on the properties of individual dive sites.

The Social Officer (Nadine Tietze) briefly noted that the Club 40th birthday dinner in May was a great success, with attendance of several founding and near-founding members. She also advised that attendance at the monthly drinks evening was good.

The Environmental Officer (Jen Hine) reminded members that any sightings of species such as Grey Nurse Sharks or Weedy Seadragons should be reported to the Environmental Officer. She noted that the 2009 Clean-Up Australia Day event clashed with the New and Rusties dive trip, making a diving clean-up difficult. She also advised that there were more Coast Keepers survey training places available soon – more details to be emailed out later. Also, training for the Reef Life Survey project can be applied for, and any interested members should talk to her about it. The 2009 ANUSC dive calendar was also finished and available for purchase.

4. Election of new committee members for 2008/9

Arwen Mow-Lowry remained in the chair for the election of the new committee.

*That the 2008/9 committee be relieved from office:* moved Jeremy Weinman, seconded Arwen Mow-Lowry, carried by acclamation.

Arwen described the roles of each committee position, and called for nominations.

All positions (except for the Vice-President and Social Officer) had only one nominee and were filled without contest. There were no nominations for Vice-President or Social Officer.

The outcome was:
President: **Cindy Wiryakusuma** (nominated Alex Pentony-Vran, seconded Jen Hine)
Vice-President: no nominations received.
Secretary: **Johanna Seng** (nominated Chris Bloomfield, seconded Corinna Paeper)
Treasurer: **Ray Vran** (nominated Peter Jones, seconded Cindy Wiryakusuma)
Boat Officer: **Peter Jones** (nominated Peter Jones, seconded Nadine Tietze)
Safety Advisor: **Jeremy Weinman** (nominated Peter Jones, seconded Cindy Wiryakusuma)
Student Officer: **Alex Pentony-Vran** (nominated Karsten Oelkers, seconded Peter Jones)
Environment Officer: **Sharyn Wragg** (nominated Jen Hine, seconded Corinna Paeper)
Social Officer: no nominations received

The two unfilled committee positions to be appointed by the Executive at a later date.

Cindy Wiryakusuma delegated Arwen Mow-Lowry to continue chairing the meeting.

5. Rostered gear officer selection

The following members volunteered as rostered gear issue officers, and were accepted by the committee: Gonzalo Estavillo, Ian Wood, Corinna Paeper, Henry Martinez, Russell Patrick, Nadine Tietze, Tom Magill.
6. Secret Easter Bunny award

The 2008/9 committee presented this annual award, to two people. First to Peter Jones (who was not a committee member at the time) for his efforts in running the 2008 LMI trip. The second award (the inaugural Devoted Diving Partner award) went to Virginia Hunt, for her efforts in supporting her husband, Scott.

7. Other Business

- Peter Jones noted we are to get a new boat in four months time. Any suggestions as to how to improve the design of the existing boats should go to him or Jeremy.
- Charles Adamson reminded members of the ongoing Dive Site Survey project, and encouraged members to participate.
- The draft grant application will be emailed out to members by Ray Vran and/or Ron Henry.

8. BCD Auction

An auction of seven retired BCDs was conducted, with five being sold to members.

9. Lady Musgrave Island trip 2009

Alex Pentony-Vran, coordinator of the 2009 LMI trip, spoke briefly about the trip, and opened the list for those wishing to attend.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting to be held in early March 2010.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.