The meeting was opened at 6:00pm by the Chair, Chris Bloomfield, after a quorum was established.

1. Attendance and apologies


Visitors/non-members:

Apologies: Scott Wyatt, Gosia Pilat.

2. Confirmation of the last meeting’s Minutes

Sharyn Wragg presented the Minutes of the 2012 meeting. No corrections were brought forward. Jeremy Weinman moved that the Minutes be accepted, Michael Walker seconded. The Minutes were accepted.

3. Reports from the outgoing committee were presented.

Chris Bloomfield presented the President’s report. Chris reported that despite some challenges, the Club is in a healthy position. He thanked members of the past executive who had elected not to re-stand for election.

Ray Vran presented the Treasurer’s report. The Club remains on track for the 10-year plan, and has returned a higher surplus than normal this year, which will be put towards a contingency fund.

Peter Jones presented the VP/Gear Officer’s report, reporting no major gear failures. Three BCDs were retired this year, another three were scheduled for retirement the following year. The Club is moving to an all-steel tank set up, and servicing for all tanks will be scheduled September 2013 (post LMI). Dive computers will replace bottom timers for all regulators.

Jeremy Weinman presented the Safety officer’s report, outlining some improvements and the new safety management plan which was stored on each boat in PVC tubes, and also on the website.
Russell Patrick presented the Boat Officer’s report, thanking Ray for helping keep the boats on the water and attending a lot of the servicing. He called for volunteers to undertake small jobs like servicing wheel bearings, and recommended that all members and new members in particular become familiar with the information on the boats on the website.

Jeremy Weinman moved all reports be accepted, seconded by Jen Hine. All reports were accepted.

The final act of the 2012 committee was to award the Easter Bunny Award. The Easter Bunny Award is traditionally given to a non-committee member for distinguished service to the Club. However, it was decided that the varied and outstanding support over many years by Ray Vran warranted breaking this tradition. Ray was honoured for his tireless efforts as Treasurer, for working on boats, running trips, assisting new members, and numerous other innovations and contributions to the Club.

4. Election of the 2013 Committee

Chris moved the motion to dissolve the committee, which was seconded by Michael Walker. Paul McGlew volunteered to run the elections.

President: Chris Bloomfield was nominated Ray Vran, seconded Jen Hine. Chris accepted the nomination, on the proviso that meetings are just with the executive, with only four meetings per year. Paul queried if this was consistent with the Club’s Constitution, Chris replied that it did not breach the Constitution. No other nominations were forthcoming. Chris Bloomfield was unanimously elected as President.

Vice-President/Gear Officer: Initially there were no nominations forthcoming, and the position was deferred. Torsten Schwich self-nominated and seconded by Ray Vran. Torsten accepted. Torsten Schwich was unanimously elected as Vice-President/Gear Officer.

Treasurer: Chris Bloomfield nominated Ray Vran, seconded by. Ray accepted the nomination, but said (as he had last year), that he would like to train an understudy for the following year. No other nominations were forthcoming. Ray Vran was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

Secretary: Ray Vran nominated Felicity Goyne. Jen Hine seconded. No other nominations were forthcoming. Felicity Goyne was unanimously elected as Secretary.

By the Club constitution, the Executive appoints the remainder of the committee. In order to be guided by the meeting, these positions were voted upon.

Boat Officer: Chris Bloomfield nominated Michael Walker. Jen Hine seconded. No other nominations were forthcoming. Michael Walker accepted the nomination. Michael Walker was unanimously elected as Boat Officer.

Safety advisor. Peter Jones nominated Jeremy Weinman, seconded by Ray Vran. Jeremy Weinman accepted the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming. Jeremy Weinman was returned as Safety advisor.

Social Officer: Torsten Schwich self-nominated, and Anabel Schwich self-nominated as an assistant. Torsten was asked if he would consider the VP/Gear Officer role, and accepted. Anabel offered to take the Social Officer role, and was seconded by Michael Walker. No other nominations were forthcoming.
Anabel Schwich was unanimously elected as Student Officer.

Social Officer: Chris Bloomfield reported that Rebecca De Laile self-nominated in absentia. Michael Walker seconded. No other nominations were forthcoming. Rebecca De Laile was unanimously elected as Student Officer.

Environment Officer: Ray Vran reported that Scott had self-nominated in absentia. Jeremy Weinman seconded. No other nominations were forthcoming. Scott was unanimously elected as Environment Officer.

RGIO’s: Tom Magill, Sharyn Wragg, Georgina Newton and Michael Walker offered to continue as RGIO’s, and new volunteers were Torsten Schwich, Gonzalo Estavillo and David Power. Tom offered to continue coordination of the RGIO duties and roster.

6. Other business
Ray reported that he, Peter Christen and Tatania Vassilieva had met to arrange an online trip registration system, which would lessen the administrative burden on trip coordinators.

7. Announcements
Lady Musgrave Island:
Michael Walker is trip coordinator for Lady Musgrave Island (LMI) 2013. He spoke about the trip and opened the list for deposits, which are $250 per person. The trip is 14 nights, with 12 full diving days (this does not include the trip from Canberra to Gladstone). Trip participants arrive on the island on September 5th and depart the island on September 18th.

Ray suggested the fees stay the same as in previous years. The return Gladstone-LMI barge fee from Gladstone to LMI had increased to $1400 this year, food costs were estimated to be $8,000-9,000, and hired gear (kitchen, marquee tent etc.) a further $1000. Trip costs: $1350 for Full SRA ANUSC members, $1250 for ANUSC student members, $1150 non-diving non-members, $1550 for diving non-members. There are five spots for non-diving members, with preference generally given to those that provide value to running the trip. The usual subsidy for towers applies.

8. Next meeting
As per the ANUSC constitution, the next AGM must be in late February/early March 2014. The meeting closed at 7:36 pm.