



NQUEC

North Queensland Underwater Explorers Club Inc
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 5th, 2011
VENUE: Townsville Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Simon, Irena, Amanda, Jo, Ian, Robyn, Steve, Jane, Ken, John, Yvonne, Gerry, Mark, Marissa, Vince, Bob, Brad
MEETING OPENED: 7:45 pm

1. Apologies: Mike, Ray

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: June meeting minutes read by Simon. Accepted to be complete and accurate by Bob, motion seconded by Vince.

The current buddyline details were circulated to those present and relevant contact details were updated.

3. Mail

Incoming: Fliers from *Splash Watersports* were circulated. Gerry gave a report detailing a trip to Borneo on October 5th-14th. There are still spots available; those interested are encouraged to contact the shop as soon as possible.

Email correspondence was received from *Lucinda Dive* regarding finding and diving a WWII B17 Bomber off Hinchinbrook Island (see Dive Officer's Report).

An offer was received from *Splash Watersports* on June 20th for a day trip to Archeron Island on July 16th. A subsequent email detailing confirmation of numbers and booking was received July 2nd.

A reminder email was received June 23rd from *Australian Underwater Federation Queensland* (AUFQ) detailing the membership renewal processes. All individual membership renewals must be done online and a club membership renewal form was attached. Membership renewals were due on June 30th.

A flyer was emailed to the club on June 27th advertising the Heron Island Dive Festival on September 5th-11th. Visit the website (www.heronisland.com) for more information.

Outgoing: A request for the purchase of a Nautilus Life Line VHF Radio for NQUEC was sent to the SCUBA Commission and Executive Director of AUFQ on June 24th. A response was received June 26th. (See Equipment Officer's Report for more details).

4. Treasurer's Report: The balance of the club's account as at July 5th is \$7929.15. Deposits for the June reporting period included \$90 for fundraising, \$35 for tank hire, \$70 for club memberships and \$20 for chutney sales. No withdrawals were made. The new cheque books have arrived and several payments are expected to be made in the next month. Marsha forwarded a comprehensive annual report and emphasised the need for a small float to facilitate the payment of membership fees during meetings. She also suggested the cheque books need to be secured against future loss.

5. Equipment Officer's Report: Simon gave a detailed report highlighting the following items:

- Compressor* – The belt has been correctly aligned and adjusted and is running well.
- A new bracket will need to be made to support the belt shroud as the old bracket is cracked.

- An air quality test has been performed by *Townsville Skin Diving Club* (TSDC). The particulate measurements are well below requirement. An invoice and results have been posted to the club.

Equipment donations – Simon has donated several items to the club:

- A wheel trolley to the club for use with the compressor.
- A plastic water drum to be used for heat dispersal when refilling cylinders.
- Hand tools for the compressor kit: mini mag-lite, cylinder valve screwdriver, aluminium straight edge, 300mm steel rule, a medicine pourer, an oil container, an oil funnel, an oil syringe, a retractable knife with spare blade, rope, two ratcheting tie-downs, a 6mm allen head T-handle.
- A surface-towed dive flag and float with reel, line and weight.
- several cylinder valve o-rings (donated by TSDC).

Equipment purchases – Hand tools for the compressor kit: allen key set, can of Inox, can of WD40, inspection mirror, stopwatch, a 13mm spanner, screwdriver set, tool roll, scribe, needle-nosed pliers.

- Waterproof case for the club's EPIRB.
- Waterproof gear bag for the compressor operating instructions and logbook.

Proposed equipment acquisitions – The purchase of a new waterproof gear bag similar to the new compressor paperwork bag (see above) was proposed for the Dive Officer Safety Folder. All were in favour.

- A new case for the VHF radio may also be needed, if proposal accepted (see below).
- A request was sent to the AUFQ for a donation of new safety equipment: the Nautilus Life Line GPS Receiver and VHF Radio. This new product is a portable, waterproof unit with distress beacon and GPS co-ordinate capabilities. It also functions as a short-wave radio for voice communication with nearby boats.
- The purchase of new cash tin was proposed to comply with treasurer's suggestion for a float. All were in favour of purchase.

Other – luminescent, glow-in-the-dark tape has been applied to the tarpaulin poles and peg covers.

6. Dive Officer's Report:

Pelorus Trip – A trip to Pelorus Island was conducted on June 11th-13th. Simon has written a report on the trip and this has been posted on the club website. Photos will also be uploaded to the club flickr page.

Hinchinbrook Bomber – Simon and Gary conducted a recon trip off Hinchinbrook Island, attempting to locate a WWII Bomber wreck reported to be discovered in the aftermath of Cyclone Yasi. Although their trip was unsuccessful, co-ordinates were later supplied by Brian Carr of *Lucinda Dive* and a future trip has been proposed.

Acheron Island – A trip has been organised with *Splash Watersports* to Archeron Island on Saturday, July 16th. *Reef Check Australia* have chartered the vessel and will be conducting training for surveyors onboard, but as there are spaces left on the boat, *Splash* have offered a reduced rate trip to club members. Although the Saturday trip has been filled, there is another trip on Monday, July 18th which still has 8 spots open. Please contact the dive shop as soon as possible if you are interested. The cost is \$95 per day.

7. Social Officer's Report:

Strand BBQ – A report on the club's 'Strand Social BBQ Breakfast/Muck Dive' in May has been uploaded to the website.

North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA) Garden Party – Steve gave a report on the upcoming NQIA Garden Party to be held at his place on Saturday July 23rd. The party will feature a "mobile pub" and BBQ, live band and Irish dancers between 2:00pm – 10:00pm.

Invites have been sent via email and RSVPs are required as soon as possible. The cost for beer/food is \$10.

Magnetic Island Social Weekend – Simon has proposed a social weekend on August 19th – 21st as a diving/social activity. He has one self-contained unit booked, but people are asked to book their own accommodation on Magnetic Island. Possible activities include muck diving Geoffrey and Alma Bays and hiring a flat-bottomed barge from Horseshoe Bay. If there are enough participants the compressor may be taken over to the island, alternatively tank refills will be paid for at *Pleasure Divers*.

Slide Presentation – Ken Garnett will be hosting a slide presentation showcasing early dives on the Yongala, other club trips and activities. It was decided that the event will be held on August 6th at the *Splash Watersports* dive shop. Possibilities for a BBQ lunch were discussed. Details will be emailed.

8. Promotions Officer's Report:

Garage Sale – a garage sale is to be held in October. Simon is accepting donated items or will pick them up. \$600 was raised in 2009 and \$655 in 2010; it is hoped that this year will be even more profitable!

Raffle Draw – Steve has donated a brand new dive gear travel bag to the club to be raffled off as a fundraiser. Tickets are to be sold for \$2 each or 3/\$5. The raffle tickets will be sold at the upcoming NQIA Garden Party and also at NQUEC meetings.

9. Any Other Club Business:

Updates to the Buddyline have been made and revisions to its management are finished. It has been decided that the club treasurer will now be responsible memberships and for updating these details to the Buddyline.

Simon has many photos ready to be uploaded to the club's flickr page. These include photos of the Whitsundays trip in April and the recent Pelorus trip. A link to the flickr page can be found on the club website.

Club members were reminded that membership fees for both NQUEC and AUFQ are now overdue.

Simon submitted a Vice President's report which summarises the club's activities in the last year. This report will be posted on the club website.

All committee members stood down from their positions to facilitate the election of a new committee for the 2011-2012 financial year.

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Following the close of the July general meeting, the 2011-2012 Annual General meeting was opened and chaired by Steve.

All of the out-going committee members were thanked for their work during the 2010-2011 financial year. Steve opened the floor for nominations and votes for the following positions:

President: Simon Nominated by Yvonne. Motion seconded by Irena.
Simon was elected unopposed.

Vice President: Ian Nominated by Robyn. Motion seconded by Vince.
Ian was elected unopposed.

Secretary: Amanda Nominated by Jo. Motion seconded by Simon.
Amanda was re-elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Yvonne Nominated by Simon. Motion seconded by Ken.
Yvonne was elected unopposed.

Dive Officer: John Nominated by Simon. Motion seconded by Ian.
John was re-elected unopposed.

Equipment Officer: Simon Nominated by Jo. Motion seconded by Ken.
Simon was re-elected unopposed.

Social Officer: Jo Nominated by Jo. Motion seconded by Ian.
Jo was elected unopposed.

Webmaster: Irena Nominated by Yvonne. Motion seconded by John.
Irena was re-elected unopposed.

General Committee Members: Bob, Brad, Chris & Tony
Bob and Brad were elected unopposed. Chris and Tony were provisionally elected in their absence.

Steve presented the President's Award to Simon following a unanimous decision in Mike's absence. Congratulations Simon for you well-deserved reward.

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After meeting note – Chris and Tony both accepted a position as general committee members. Robyn was asked to assist Jo as a 'Co-Social Officer' and accepted this position.