



NQUEC

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 2008
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Simon, Yvonne, Jo, Maureen, Mike, Amanda, Derek, Annika, Dave, Ray, Garry, Jim, Rochelle, Robyn (prospective member), Peter (prospective member)
MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm

1. **Apologies:** Irena

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Simon. Seconded by Mike.

3. **Mail**

Incoming: A brochure from the Australian Underwater Federation.

A receipt for the payment of \$10 for affiliation of the club with the Australian Underwater Federation for one year.

A reminder from the Townsville City Council, Department of Sport and Recreation to apply for club grants. Unfortunately, the application deadline has already expired.

Outgoing: None.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry reported that all cheques have been cashed, leaving \$3637 in the bank account. Reconciliation still needs to be done.

5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve was absent. Ray suggested that the club should advertise to the general public that club tanks are available to be rented. He also suggested that club members who have personal tanks may also rent out their tanks through the club. It was pointed out that the club website already states that tanks are available.

6. **Dive Officer's Report**

Wheeler Reef: Simon reported that a small group of club members went on a trip to Wheeler Reef with Adrenalin Dive on November 9th. There was good weather and abundant fish life on their dive from the public mooring. Diving in the shallow areas was particularly good and they saw Maori wrasse, barramundi cod, sharks, coral trout and spangled emperor.

Kalinda trip: A proposed trip to the Yongala wreck on the Kalinda did not come to fruition as not enough club members could attend. The trip was to be held November 14th-17th.

JCU trip: The JCU Dive club has available places for a trip out to the outer reef. The trip will leave Wednesday, December 3rd and returns Tuesday, December 9th. The cost of the trip is \$750 including all food and diving. Anyone interested should check your e-mail or contact Mike as soon as possible.

Whitsundays: Mike will be going on a dive trip to the Whitsundays at New Year's. He will use this opportunity to research possible future club trips. There are several camp sites on various islands that have acceptable diving areas, accessible by barge. Many of the islands only allow up to 12 people at any time, however up to 35 people can camp on Hook Island. All of the Whitsunday Islands are within national parks

and green zones, which means no fires and no compressors. Many of the camping areas provide outhouses and picnic tables. Camping fees will apply. Mike will investigate in depth.

Mike Ball: Mike has sent an e-mail to Mike Ball to confirm discount rates. Mike Ball is a founding member of NQUEC and has previously offered discount rates to current club members. No reply has been received.

Nautilus Club: Yvonne reminded the club that the Cairns Nautilus dive club are happy for NQUEC members to participate in any of their trips. If anyone is planning a trip to Cairns, please keep them in mind.

7. Social Officer's Report

Christmas Party: Jo has been organizing a club Christmas party. It will be held on January 10th at Breda's house. All attendees are to dress in "Shipwrecked" themed costumes. BYO drinks. Garry proposed that about \$200 could be spend on nibbles. To avoid over-catering Jo proposed that pizzas can be ordered on the night. Any one who is available to help with organizing the event, please contact Jo.

8. Promotions Officer's Report: Ray has submitted an ad in the Mini-Ads brochure available from newsagent. He encourages everyone to pick up a copy.

Dave proposed that the club hold a raffle to raise money. He has graciously offered to donate the club a handmade-to-order piece of furniture (worth up to \$3000) as a raffle prize. Tickets could be sold for \$5 each. Several club members offered to look into legalities involved in holding a lottery/raffle.

9. Any Other Club Business: Ray proposed that the club purchase minor public and personal liability insurance from the Australian Underwater Federation. The proposed policy covers the club up to \$10 million. Additional advantages include being able to hold sausage sizzles (at Bunnings) and sponsorship from AUF for club members to take senior first aid and dive coaching. As the club is currently uninsured, all club members were in favour of some sort of insurance. Ray volunteered to write a quick synopsis of the AUF policy, which is to be circulated to all club members. AUF charge the club \$20 per year, plus an additional \$40 per club member. All club members will be obligated to pay as AUF require full compliance of every club member. It was suggested that the club could raise funds to cover a percentage of the insurance cost. Yvonne made a motion that further discussion of payment of the policy be left to the executive committee. A formal vote as to whether or not the club will purchase this insurance policy will have to be made at a later meeting, once club members have been fully informed of policy details.

Simon proposed that the club participate in the annual Clean-Up Australia Day held on March 1st. Suggestions as to location are welcome. In previous years the club has done underwater garbage pickup in Picnic Bay and on Orpheus Island. Applications will have to be made soon.

Reminder: There will be no meeting held in January. We hope to see everyone at the Post-Christmas Party!

MEETING CLOSED: 8:35 pm
