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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 2, 2008
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Yvonne, Jim, Amanda, Mike, Irena, Steve, Jane, Derek, Jessica, Annika, Andrew (prospective member)
MEETING OPENED: 7:35 pm

1. **Apologies:** Ray, Jo, Rochelle
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Derek. Seconded by Jim.
3. **Mail**
 - Incoming:** None.
 - Outgoing:** None.

A concern was raised by Jane that the club has not been receiving monthly bank statements. It was suggested that the bank may not be aware of the new address. A letter will need to be sent to the bank informing them of the club's current address. It is possible to view the current balance using online banking, but a hard copy of the monthly statement will be needed for club records.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry was absent therefore no report was given.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve reported that all equipment is accounted for and in working order. He reminded club members of the club tanks that are available to be rented to members. Anyone interested can contact Steve to organize for the tanks to be filled and picked up.
6. **Dive Officer's Report**

Weekly e-mails: No e-mails have been sent out in recent weeks as the weather has not been good for diving. Mike suggests that club members should check their e-mail regularly for any upcoming updates.

Magnetic Island trip: A trip is being organized for September 20th–21st to coincide with the Magnetic Island Jazz Party. Jo and Mike currently plan to each take a vehicle over to the island on Saturday morning with equipment and passengers. Costs will be split evenly between all participants. Several club members are staying at Arcadia Beach House. A dive is planned for Saturday at about 1:00 pm (to correspond with high tide), possibly on the Moltke wreck in Geoffrey Bay. This will depend largely on the weather. After diving, a BBQ has been proposed, and then evening entertainment at the Jazz Party. A second dive may be possible for Sunday before heading back to the mainland. Anybody who is interested in going on this trip is to contact Jo or Mike as soon as possible.

Whitsunday trip: Mike is continuing to look into a possible trip to the Whitsundays. This is proving difficult however, as an appropriate dive operator cannot be found. Ocean Rafter, who seem the most amenable, do not have a dive-friendly boat and FantaSea Cruises are far too expensive. Mike welcomes any suggestions.

Pelorus trip: A trip to Pelorus Island was being planned for the weekend of September 27th–28th. Unfortunately, the Remote Area Dive boat will not be available on this

weekend, and other arrangements will have to be made. The RAD boat will be available on October 11th–13th or 25th–27th. A trip in early November was also proposed. A decision on the trip's date will be made after information for other dive trips has been gathered. Yvonne has also been informed that RAD has increased their fee to \$1540 due to rising fuel prices.

Mission Beach trip: A trip to Mission Beach, diving with Calypso Adventures, was proposed for Sunday, September 28th. Many accommodation options are available for anyone who wanted to drive up on Saturday. This is during school holidays and it is suggested that bookings should be made in advance. Yvonne has a contact in Tully (Peter) who she will get in touch with for advice on the best sites to dive.

Cairns trip: A trip to Cairns was also proposed. Yvonne is to talk to John from the Nautilus Dive Club to see if they have any trips planned that we could join in on. Many options are available, and discounts may be available to the club. It was proposed that weekend trips could be held on November 22nd–23rd or October 11th–12th, depending on availability and possible conflicts with the Pelorus trip.

Boat Contacts: Yvonne is to send an e-mail to club members asking if anyone has contacts with a boat owner who would be willing to take members on dive trips.

7. Social Officer's Report

Magnetic Island Jazz Party: See Magnetic Island trip in Dive Officer's Report above.

Hallowe'en Party: concerns were raised over a conflict with the Irish Club's Hallowe'en party to be held on the same night at Molly Malone's. As many members of the dive club are also members of the Irish club, they would be unable to attend both. Alana and Dave will still be holding their party. Club members can attend whichever party they choose.

Christmas Party: a Christmas cocktail party is still being organized by Jo and Alana.

Welcome Back Dinner: Simon will be returning home in mid-October. Jo will organize a welcome back dinner to celebrate his return. Restaurant and date options are still being considered, however it will most likely be held on an evening mid-week.

8. Promotions Officer's Report: Ray absent.

Garage Sale: A fund-raising garage sale is being held at Steve and Jane's on Saturday, September 13th. A flyer with all details was distributed to club members who were present. This is to be posted at work places where possible. Items that are to be sold can be dropped off at Steve's anytime before September 12th. All pricing and labelling will be done on Friday night. An ad will be placed in the Townsville Bulletin advertising antiques, furniture, books, sporting goods, etc. for sale. The sale is to start at 6:00 am and club members are encouraged to help out. A sausage sizzle will also be held for anyone who is interested in socializing.

8. Any Other Club Business

Membership cards & receipts: Questions were raised over whether the club should be providing membership cards to those who have paid their membership fees. As many members have been paying their fees over the internet, concerns were raised over whether or not the internet banking receipt was sufficient, or if written receipts should be handed out. Yvonne suggested that mailing out receipts would be time consuming and expensive for the treasurer. Steve suggested receipts could be written and handed out during meetings.