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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 4th, 2009
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Jim, David, Steve, Irena, Yvonne, Tony, Derek, Amanda, Robyn, John, Marcia, Mike, Bill, Sarah (prospective member)
MEETING OPENED: 7:25 pm

1. **Apologies:** Garry, Ray, Breda
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by John, seconded by Derek.
3. **Mail**
 - Incoming:** None.
 - Outgoing:** None.

Steve reported that the club mailbox has been locked, as the club had not paid the annual rental fee. Irena volunteered to find out how much it will cost to have the mailbox unlocked (it was suspected that it would be approximately \$60).

Post meeting note: after Irena phoning the PO the next day it was determined the bill had already been paid but the PO had failed to unlock the box).

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garry absent. Yvonne reported that the club bank balance is \$8669, the majority of which is payments for the Kalinda trip.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve reported that all equipment is in working order. The rubber feet which support the compressor have been corroded and will need replacing. Steve will attempt to find replacements. He also reminded the club that there are four tanks available to be rented.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:**

Davies Reef trip: A trip out to Davies Reef on July 18th was very successful. A small group went out with Beamo, everyone was impressed with the organization of the skipper and the food provided on board. Yvonne declared that this was a good value trip and suggested that this operator be used in future. There is good potential for last minute trips.

Kalinda trip: Mike reported that the trip scheduled for this weekend (August 7th-9th) is full. Twenty divers will be taken out on the Kalinda to the Yongala wreck and surrounding reef. All who are participating are to keep an eye on their email for any last minute updates. Contact Mike as soon as possible if you have any concerns or questions.

Lady Bowen trip: The Cairn's Nautilus club are organizing a trip to the Lady Bowen wreck on August 22nd – 23rd. They have invited us to join them. If

anyone is interested, please ask Mike for contact details for the Nautilus club.

Orpheus Island trip: Simon has organized a small group to go over to Orpheus Island as part of the Orpheus Island Research Station's (OIRS) volunteer program. The trip will leave Friday morning August 21st and return Sunday 23rd. Simon has been keeping those who are going updated with emails. There is one more spot available, if anyone is interested.

Pelorus trip: The Remote Area Dive boat has been booked for departure to Pelorus Island on the 18th of September. The cost to the club will be \$1560, which will be divided evenly between those who are going on the trip. Currently 8 club members have signed up and there are a couple of spaces available. Yvonne is the contact person for this trip, so anyone interested please contact her.

7. **Social Officer's Report:** Jo absent

The North Queensland Underwater Explorer's Club will be turning 30 this year! The club was formed on September 1st, 1979. A birthday party will be planned for Friday, September 5th. A sub-committee has been created to organize the party. Old members will be asked to come. Irena agreed to contact Ken with regards to contact details for old members.

8. **Promotions Officer's Report:** Ray absent

Amanda reported that a letter requesting a sausage sizzle has been submitted to Bunnings. A draw is to be made in September to determine which (if any) weekend we will be allowed to hold a sizzle.

9. **Any Other Club Business:**

Members from the Australian Underwater Federation will be in Townsville to provide Oxygen Provider training on the 13th of August. The club will be receiving a new oxy kit and first aid kit. This is to be held at the Arcadia Surf Life Saving Club; time to be confirmed. Simon will send any relevant information by email to those who are participating. The visiting AUF members will be doing a trip to the Yongala on Friday 14th of August, they encourage anyone who is interested to join them.

All committee members were then asked to stand down. AGM elections opened 8:20 pm.

AGM chaired by Steve. He thanked all outgoing committee members for their hard work throughout the year and opened the floor to nominations for the following positions:

President: **Yvonne** nominated by Irena
Elected unopposed.

Vice President: **Simon** nominated by Mike
Elected unopposed.

Secretary: **Amanda** nominated by Yvonne
Re-elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Marcia nominated by Yvonne
Elected unopposed.

Dive Officer: Mike nominated by Jim
Re-elected unopposed.

Equipment Officer: Steve nominated by Jim
Re-elected unopposed.

Promotions Officer: Simon
Elected unopposed

Social Officer: Dave nominated by Steve
Jo nominated by Irena
Elected unopposed with confirmation by Jo

General Committee: Tracey (web) nominated by Robyn
Irena (webmaster) nominated by Yvonne
Robyn (membership) nominated by Mike
Elected unopposed with confirmation by Tracey

New committee members are to meet September 18th, 7:00pm at Yvonne's house.
Irena is to update the website with new committee details.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:40 pm