



NQUEC

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, December 1st, 2009
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Simon, Jo, Robyn, Dave, Ray, Yvonne, Amanda, Jane, Steve, John, Marsha, Irena, Brad, Kinga, Andrew, Bob
MEETING OPENED: 7:40 pm

1. **Apologies:**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Read and accepted.

3. **Mail**

Incoming: None

Outgoing: None

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Marsha reported that there is currently \$4322.55 in the club account. There is at least one cheque outstanding and a cheque will need to be written for the upcoming Pelorus/Australia Day weekend.

5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve reported that all equipment is in working order. He also reminded everyone that club tanks are available to be rented for \$5 per day.

6. **Dive Officer's Report:** Mike absent.

Beamo trip: Yvonne reported that the Beamo boat is once again up and running. A trip has been organised for this weekend (December 6th), and 8 members have already filled the boat. Participants are reminded that they are to meet at the Casino boat ramp. The trip will most likely consist of a trip to Wheeler Reef, although this will be largely dependent on weather conditions, which are currently being forecast at 13-18 knots.

Pelorus trip: John has organised a trip to Pelorus Island for the weekend preceding Australia Day. The Orpheus Island Research Station boat has been chartered to depart on Saturday, January 23rd from Dungeness boat ramp. They will be returning on Tuesday 26th, and participants will be required to take Monday off work. There are a few spots left, although these are filling up quickly. All interested club members are instructed to contact John as soon as possible.

John also suggested that the club contact Remote Area Dive via email, informing them of future trips planned for Pelorus. On our most recent trips, the club has chartered the OIRS boat as their price is more reasonable. An email explaining this situation would allow RAD an opportunity to quote a more competitive price.

Yongala trip: a trip to Yongala has been suggested for February. This will largely be dependent on the availability of the Kalinda. If the Kalinda is unavailable, a day trip with Yongala Dive may be arranged, although club members would be responsible for their own transport.

Magnetic Island trip: A trip to Magnetic Island in March was previously suggested. Simon has been informed that the accommodation which is normally used (Amaroo) has been booked out for all weekends in March. Alternative weekends may be available.

Easter trip: A 4-day trip to Agincourt Reef/Port Douglas has been proposed for the Easter long weekend. Yvonne has agreed to contact other clubs to determine if they have any trips planned. A joint trip may be scheduled.

Mike Ball trip: Irena reminded the club that Mike Ball has invited the club to come on two trips to/from the Cod Hole during December. Each trip costs approximately \$1600.

Other trips: Other trips suggestions have been made for the upcoming months. Volunteers to organise trips are encouraged to contact Yvonne.

Pelorus – long weekend in May

Lady Bowen

Airlie Beach – Yvonne is to look in to possible operators

Bowen – new accommodation needs to be found

Orpheus – John volunteered to look into possible dates with tides conducive to more diving than on previous trips. He will also contact OIRS to determine availability on these weekends.

Overseas trips – Palau, Philippines, PNG, New Zealand, etc.

7. Social Officer's Report

Social Saturdays: The committee has decided that a social activity should be planned for at least one Saturday each month. Several activities have been suggested but other suggestions are welcome:

January: dinner/drinks/pool after the sausage sizzle on January 17th. Venue to be announced (possibilities include RSL, Kirwan Tavern, The Daly)

February: Barefoot Bowling at the Strand or Cootharinga Bowls Club. Ray has volunteered to look in to available venues and dates

March: St Patrick's Day celebration.

Other suggestions: 10-pin bowling, BBQ and Bocce at the Italian club

8. Promotions Officer's Report

Sausage sizzle: The club has secured a date to hold a sausage sizzle at Bunnings. This will be held on Sunday, January 17th. Volunteers are needed to help run the sale. There will be two shifts for anyone who can spare a few hours. Anyone who is available, please contact Yvonne as soon as possible. A few volunteers will also be required to attend a safety induction at Bunnings prior to the sale.

Garage Sale: Simon suggested that the club hold another garage sale, possibly in April. He asks that club members collect items (particularly over the Christmas period?) that can be sold.

9. Any Other Club Business: Yvonne reminded the club that she has set up a Flickr page on behalf of the club. A few photos have been added to the page, but all club members are encouraged to visit the page and they may also add photos of their own. Contact Yvonne for details on how this can be done.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:35 pm