



NQUEC

North Queensland Underwater Explorers Club Inc
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2009
VENUE: Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Jim, Yvonne, Mike, Ray, Irena, Simon, Robin, Jessica, Tony, Garry, Bill, Susan (prospective member), Jeff, Tracey
MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm

1. Apologies: Steve, Jo, Dave

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read by Jim. Accepted as complete and accurate by Garry. Seconded by Simon.

3. Mail

Incoming: An email was received from the Australian Underwater Federation requesting that a letter be written in support of the AUF in their efforts to obtain a grant for the purchase of safety equipment. If the grant is successful our club would receive a EPIRB kit. Jim agreed to pass this request on to Steve (equipment officer)

Outgoing: None

4. Treasurer's Report:

Garry reported that the current balance in the club account is \$3712.15. There are outstanding cheques for \$168 for the repair of the compressor motor and replacement of tarp posts, and \$80 for the rental of the post office box. Money raised at the recent garage sale will be deposited (\$565), and there has also been a deposit of \$100 from a club member who will be participating in the Kalinda trip in August.

5. Equipment Officer's Report:

Steve absent. Repairs have recently been made to the Honda motor on the compressor and new posts have been purchased for the club tarp. Simon suggested that the club look into getting a new oxy kit. The club's current kit has an external bottle and the newer kits have a safer, enclosed bottle. The club is expecting to receive a new oxygen therapy kit from the AUF. Amanda agreed to contact AUF to confirm that we are still going to be receiving this.

6. Dive Officer's Report:

Orpheus Island Trip: Simon has been organizing a non-club trip to Orpheus Island for the weekend of May 29th-31st. A group of volunteers will be going to the Orpheus Island Research Station to assist the researches and doing minor clean up and repair jobs. A few hours of work will be required each day, after which volunteers are free to go diving as they wish. OIRS will provide transfers from Taylor's Beach on Friday at 1:45pm. Cost for participants is \$75, which includes transfers and accommodation. All participants will have to sign an indemnity form before the trip. Simon will be in touch with all club members who have currently signed up. There is only one more spot available, so if anyone would like to go, please contact Simon immediately.

Kalinda Trip: Mike has been organizing a trip on the Kalinda for August 7th-9th (pamphlets have been handed out and emailed). Weather permitting, the boat will travel to Wheeler Reef overnight on Friday, ready for diving on Saturday, including a night dive. The boat will then be moved, again overnight, to the Yongala wreck site where club members can have a dawn dive. The boat will travel back to Townsville on Sunday afternoon. There have been 10 club members sign up so far, with room for 10 more, plus two dive masters. As Mike has not had much interest from any other club members, he will send an email to the Nautilus club in Cairns inviting anyone who is interested. He will also send out a reminder email to anyone interested in NQUEC. A \$100 deposit

is needed from anyone planning on going. If there are any other club members who are interested in going on this trip, please contact Mike as soon as possible so that they don't miss out on a spot.

Torres Strait: Mike reported that Dave Stewart from the Kalinda will be running two trips up to/back from the Torres Strait Islands in December. The trip will run for 10-12 days, stopping at wreck sites, the Cod Hole and scenic reefs. The cost is \$3000, including flights from Cairns to Thursday Island. This is not a club trip, but if anyone is interested in participating, please contact Mike.

Pelorus Island: A trip to Pelorus Island which was planned for the May Day weekend was cancelled due to insurance issues. Yvonne agreed to look into another trip, perhaps on the Townsville Show Day weekend at the end of June.

7. Social Officer's Report: Alana and Jo absent.

The Palm Creek Festival will be held on 6th-8th of June. The club tarp will be set up here. Everyone is invited to join Steve and Jane who will be arriving on Friday night and camping for the weekend.

8. Promotions Officer's Report:

The recent garage sale, which was held on April 18-19th was a huge success. The club raised \$600, with \$30.90 spent on an ad in the Townsville Bulletin and \$8.50 spent on garage sale kits and balloons (\$560 profit). Thank you to all those who club members who donated items for sale and to those who donated time working at the sale. Special thanks to Simon, who provided the venue and worked hard to organize the sale.

9. Any Other Club Business:

Yvonne announced that she has been in contact with Sensis regarding the club's listing in the Yellow Pages. She has received an overdue notice for \$349. Yvonne made a motion that a cheque be sent for the appropriate amount, along with a written letter detailing that club no longer wants to advertise in the Yellow Pages. Motion seconded by Irena. Motion carried.

Yvonne and Ray reported that a membership form has been sent to the Australian Underwater Federation, along with the club's membership fee. A link to the AUF has been placed on the website. All club members are encouraged to download the individual membership forms and return them to the club. These can then be forwarded on to the AUF as soon as possible. Amanda agreed to send an email on the buddy line, with attached membership forms. A list of members and the club constitution are to be sent to the AUF.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:37 pm
