



NQUEC

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010
VENUE: Townsville Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Yvonne, Ray, Jim, Irena, Jo, Simon, Ian, Robyn, Dave, Amanda, Jessica, Garry, Jeff, Bill, Neil, Marsha, Andrew, Kinga, Bruno (prospective member)
MEETING OPENED: 7:40 pm

1. **Apologies:** Mike
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** December minutes read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Jo, motion seconded by Ray.
3. **Mail**
Incoming: None.
Outgoing: None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Marsha reported that several cheques have been issued as reimbursement for the recently cancelled Pelorus trip. Once these cheques have been cashed, the club should have approximately \$5400 available in the bank.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve absent. Garry reported that a new centre pole will be required for the club tarp. Spare rope for the tarp was also suggested.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:** Mike absent.

Beamo trip: Yvonne organised a trip aboard the Beamo for December 6th. The trip was a success and all participants enjoyed their trip to Wheeler Reef. Yvonne also reported that the Beamo boat is once again out of commission as the skipper is conducting renovations. No trips will be possible for at least 3 – 4 weeks.

Pelorus trip: A trip to Pelorus Island organised by John and Simon was scheduled for the Australia Day weekend (January 23rd – 26th). Unfortunately this trip was cancelled due to bad weather. It was suggested that another trip be planned for either the Easter or May Day long weekends. Simon agreed to send out an email in order to gather expressions of interest for both weekends. A deadline for responses is to be set.

Kalinda trip: A trip to the Yongala wreck aboard the Kalinda was discussed. The possible date for this trip is June 4th – 6th. Expressions of interest are welcome.

7. Social Officer's Report:

Photo/DVD night: Yvonne and Jo are currently organising a photo/DVD night. Anyone with photos or DVD of dive trips they would like to share, please contact one of the ladies. Watch your email for details.

President's dinner: Yvonne had organised a dinner out in order to present last year's President's award. Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to extreme weather.

8. Promotions Officer's Report:

Sausage Sizzle: A successful sausage sizzle was held at Bunnings on January 17th. The club was lucky enough to have good weather and lots of drinks and sausages were sold. The club made a profit of \$1740. Thank you to all volunteers who helped to organise the event and who helped out on the day. Yvonne suggested that the club apply for another date for next year. She also suggested that the club should plan ahead and try to buy items such as soft drink when they are on sale.

Garage Sale: Simon will be holding another garage sale on behalf of the club in either April or May. He asks that club members save all of their 'saleable items' in preparation for the sale. Garry has sausages in his freezer leftover from the sausage sizzle that may be used at the garage sale.

Flickr Page: Yvonne reported that Simon has added some photos to the club's flickr page. Everyone is encouraged to have a look. If anyone has photos they would like to add, please contact Yvonne.

9. **Any Other Club Business:** Neil informed the club that he has organised a photo shoot competition with his Underwater Naturalist/Photo club. This will be held on Easter weekend, Friday April 2nd – Sunday April 4th. Entry fees for the contest are \$90 and \$180 for the trip to Yongala with Yongala Dive. Fees do not include accommodation. Although this is not an NQUEC trip, anyone interested is encouraged to contact Neil.

The Australian Underwater Federation will be holding its annual general meeting in March. Ray will be attending on behalf of the club.

Robyn reported that a new dive shop, Salt, has opened on Charters Towers Rd. They are happy to give discounts to club members. Robyn encouraged club members to attend one of the shop's open nights, which are held every Wednesday at 6pm. Robyn agreed to invite the owner to one of our club meetings. She also suggested that this may be a possible venue for the photo/DVD night discussed earlier as the shop has a large conference area.

Jim presented Ray with last year's President's Award in recognition of all of his persistence on the issue of insurance for the club. His consistency in raising the issue eventually resulted in the club joining the AUF. Congratulations Ray! Your award is well deserved.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:30 pm