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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010
VENUE: Townsville Yacht Club
ATTENDEES: Yvonne, Ray, Tony, Robyn, Ian, Geoff, Bob, Steve, Jane, Kinga, Simon (prospective member)
MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm

1. **Apologies:** Irena, Simon, Mike, Jo
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** February minutes read by Yvonne. Accepted as complete and accurate by Robyn, motion seconded by Ray.
3. **Mail**
 - Incoming:** A bank statement.
 - Outgoing:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Marsha absent. Yvonne reported that the balance in the club account is over \$6000.
5. **Equipment Officer's Report:** Steve reported that a new centre post for the club tarp is required. He suggested a steel post would be preferable to the previous aluminium one. He also informed the club that the club tanks are due for a hydro test/service this month. The compressor is also due for an annual service, however it has only done 10-20 hours since it's last service. Steve recommended that this service be postponed until the compressor has been used more. A few hundred dollars are expected to be spent on equipment repairs and servicing in the upcoming month.
6. **Dive Officer's Report:** Mike absent.
 - Pelorus trip:** A trip to Pelorus Island will be organised for the weekend of May 1st – 3rd (Labour Day weekend). Remote Area Dive have requested a price for a return trip to the island at \$1250. Although this is slightly higher than the Orpheus Island Research Station boat (\$1000), RAD are able to take 12 divers versus 10 on the OIRS boat. The RAD boat has been booked and there are a few spots still remaining. If anyone else is interested in this trip, please contact Yvonne as soon as possible.
 - Kalinda trip:** Yvonne and Mike have been organising a live aboard trip to Davies and Wheeler Reefs as well as the Yongala wreck on the Kalinda. Mike is to confirm the price of the trip with Dave Stewy. At least 16 divers will be required for this trip to go ahead and there are several spots still available. This trip has been very enjoyable in previous years and it is highly recommended. The cost will be approximately \$400 per person for approximately 6 dives, including tanks, weights and food (these details to be confirmed). If the club is unable to make up numbers, Matt at the new Salt dive shop has volunteered to advertise on our behalf.
 - Airlie Beach:** Ray reported that he has a contact in Airlie Beach who will assist us in finding a dive operator for a trip in July. Ray will keep the club informed.
7. **Social Officer's Report:** Simon absent. No report given.

8. Promotions Officer's Report:

Slide/DVD night: Robyn has confirmed that Matt at Salt Dive would be happy to host our upcoming slide/DVD night at his shop.

9. Any Other Club Business: Yvonne reminded the club that Neil's underwater naturalist/photo club will be holding a photo shoot-out on Easter Weekend. Contact Neil for more details.

Yvonne also encouraged the club to check out the 'Dive Townsville' website (www.divingtownsville.com) for impartial advice on dive sites in the surrounding area. It also has updates on upcoming trips by various dive shops.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:15 pm