



MEETING MINUTES – April/May 2024

Date 7.5.24
Location MS Teams (online)
Attendees Helen Armstrong (HA), Sabrina Mccay (SM), Lexy Schoenfield (LS), Demi Bestry (DB), Alex Brunswick (AB), Raoul Hoffmann (RH), Barb Johnson (BJ), Phillip Good (PG)
Apologies Charlotte Ackrill (CA), Mark Man (MM), H David Juskiewicz (DJ), Mikaiela Spires (MS),

Proxies: NA

Start of Meeting: 6.10 PM

1. Previous items/previous meeting progress

- **AB** to finalise AGM minutes ASAP.
 - **AB** to send out AGM minutes including email list
 - **PG** to send update mailing list with new committee members once receiving list of emails
- **AB:** guild grant workshop had technical difficulties. AB has liased with Amanda Ong of the Murdoch guild, who offered to set up an in-person meting regarding advice for obtaining club finding. AB will set this meeting up and report back before next meeting.
 - CA, LS and DB to work on guild grant
 - AB to attend meeting with guild grant person
- **DB:** proposed meetings to be held first Tuesday of each month
 - **All present committee in favour**

2. Treasurer's report

- **HA: SCR (prev. treasurer)** has begun to teach HA (new treasurer) about the role.
 - Currently 3 committee members on the card (MM, PG, SCR).
 - PG sent HA paperwork to add herself as a new signatory to the MUD card.
 - **PG, PG and possibly Sorcha:** add HA as signatory to MUD credit card, electronic bank access, and ensure 1 signature required for payment only.
 - **All present committee in favour**

3.

Upcoming events

- AB: Are the dive officers thinking of any trips?
 - **LS:** proposed omeo wreck freedive/scuba dive as it is a safe easy entry dive, good for varying abilities
 - **BJ:** proposed areas inside garden island (bulk jetty, grain terminal)
 - AB: suggested night dive
 - DB: suggested we open it up to snorkelers
 - Omeo agreed upon by present committee.
- **LS:** event will include photographing coral on the wreck trail for a project to go over multiple dives in the future. LS to run this – take photos of corals
- **LS and SM** to plan dive at Omeo wreck AB to be shore support
 - Committee agreed that food should be funded by the club – either a local bakery, or a sausage sizzle.
 - DB: suggested that we should decide a date by end of may for sure. HA suggested we should set a backup date in the event of bad weather.
 - DB suggested 2 weeks notice on social media is enough in advance.
- **DB:** told dive officers that DOs should communicate aspects of club dives to the committee via messenger, and request their approval.
- **LS:** suggested more coordination of events with other uni dive clubs
- **PG:** reaffirmed that snorkelers are welcome at all events

Club event goals

- **DB:** suggested that Dive Officers make a goal for number of diver per year/month.
 - **DB, LS, HA, SA, AB** all suggested 1 event a month
 - **HA** suggested getting a group to go to the underwater film festival (end of year) – event for future
 - **Group discount for non-dive social events suggested**
- DB: suggested friends doing talks on interesting stuff (marine science related, underwater photography)
 - SA and LS creating whale shark documentary – offered to screen it
 - SA suggested event showing off underwater photographer
 - AB, LS: suggested we host a exhibition with members' underwater photography

- AB suggested a stall at start of Semeste 1 – winter festival
 - HA: suggested we screen marine docos at the Murdoch uni outdoor film screen (runs in sumer)
- DB: suggested comittee goal to have a presence at each BIG club event
- LS: suggested we attend a Thursday market stall once omeo dive event date is confirmed.

Abrolhos trip

- **DJ:** Any update on Abrolhos trip?
 - Noticed that many deposits have come through for trip in last few days

4. **Social media**

- LS suggested removal of the old MUD group on facebook
 - Support: AB,
 - **DJ asked for us to postpone till next meeting**
- **AB:** suggested instead of facebook group, to make a messenger group with all existing members. This could act as an informal way to connect members and plan dives without huge committee output.
 - Support
 - DB: members can only be added to a facebook group (not groupchat); also messenger chats
 - LS suggested we change name to “members only” to reduce confusion about difference between the page and group
 - Will postpone this to next meeting
- **DB:** suggested a meet the committee post on insta/fb
 - LS suggested we put committee information on the website as well
 - LS to create meet the committee posts
- **LS:** to post more regularly about interesting perth sea life fact- top get
 - Will use theme colours based on website in social media posts

5. **Additional items**

5A. Merch

- PG: approximately half of merch has been picked up.

- Issue with shirts being right size, think its been resolved by JL
- PG to send a reminder email to people who haven't picked up

5B. Adreno sponsorship

- PG: spoke to local Adreno spokesperson, keen to offer us funding but needs clearance from eastern states managers (haven't got back to her).
 - Next meeting PG will update

5C. Club affiliations

- Committee discussed getting ride of UEC affiliation last year due to it not being too useful for the committee, or known about by members. Ideas of a member survey were provided previously. Is this still necessary/pressing?
 - DB: CA and DB thinking of doing a survey to see if members know about our affiliation.
 - Costs quite a lot to remain affiliated. Since we've been affiliated, they've made 2 rules on their own memberships (no external members; no divers below advanced) -reduces value of the deal for MUD
 - **CA and DB to make survey**
 - HA: Ask if this would this encourage members to get advanced?

5D. Dive shed training

- New committee members (**HA, SM, LS, DB**) to be rostered for two shadow training shed shifts, with an experienced committee member.
 - PG: to add new committee members contact details to the roster sheet

5E. Members opening the shed


- Members have requested to open the shed themselves in light of some missed shed shifts. With even less committee members now, this may be a good way to ensure member confidence in the system
 - **AB:** suggested that there could be issues with first-time/new members using the shed. This system would ideally only be available to returning/trusted members. Training could be provided by request.
- PG and DB: they would be opening shed for themselves and others
- DB to reach out to members ho often hire from shed and offer that they open the shed as volunteer, in return for ability to hire gear
 - If they agree, PG to train new people and provide access to shed form to see bookings and roster

- **DB to contact Erin ring, Meghan Knyne, Nina barker and offer them shed vollie opportunity**

5F. Committee email changes

- New committee members (HA, SM, LA, DB) are not on the info@mud.org email.
- **PG** to add the new committee members to the list, and remove old members?

Meeting end: 8:02

Signature of President:  Date: 30/5/2024