

# Meeting Minutes

## FAR NORTH RECREATIONAL DIVERS INC

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Date and time:</b>	1 December 2007, 5pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Mangonui Cruising Club, Mangonui
<b>Chair:</b>	Jack Sutton
<b>Scribe:</b>	Sallie Lakin

## MEMBERSHIP

<b>Present:</b>	Jack Sutton, Jenny Sutton, Sallie Lakin, Paul Lakin, Jodi Osborne, Mark Osborne, Petrina Hodgson, Shane, Kevin Butler, Jacqui, Mark Thompson
<b>Apologies:</b>	Josie, Ben, Simon.

No.	Item	Discussion	Action																				
1.	<b>Correspondence Received</b>	None																					
2.	<b>Membership</b>	Welcome to new member Mark Thompson, and guests Shane, Jenny and Jacqui																					
3.	<b>Website stats</b> <a href="http://www.diveclub.co.nz">www.diveclub.co.nz</a>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Unique visitors</th> <th>Number of visits</th> <th>Pages</th> <th>Hits</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Nov 2007</td> <td>378</td> <td>668</td> <td>2715</td> <td>5294</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec 2007</td> <td>319</td> <td>591</td> <td>1997</td> <td>5268</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1308</td> <td>2409</td> <td>9819</td> <td>27935</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Nov 2007	378	668	2715	5294	Dec 2007	319	591	1997	5268	Total	1308	2409	9819	27935	
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4.	<b>Club purpose</b>	<p>A reminder that the club has defined our purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and organise skin and scuba diving and associated activities in the Far North;</li> <li>• Promote safe diving practices;</li> <li>• Promote training for non-certified divers;</li> <li>• Promote conservation, responsible care for the environment and adherence to maritime and fisheries regulations;</li> <li>• Provide a resource for sourcing appropriately qualified divers to assist with Search and Rescue activities;</li> <li>• Support and encourage participation regardless of age, gender and ability;</li> <li>• Build the confidence of newly certified divers;</li> <li>• Provide a forum for social events.</li> </ul> <p>This can also be viewed on the website home page.</p>	
<b>General Business</b>			
5.	<b>Funding</b>	<p>There was some discussion around whether the club could apply for funding to purchase some rental dive gear for club members. This would be used for the purposes of encouraging those who could not otherwise afford to purchase dive gear to be able to dive. Jenny will look at possible funding opportunities.</p>	Sallie to pick up FNDC funding booklet and supply to Jenny S.
6.	<b>Club Meeting Premises</b>	<p>The Mangonui Cruising Club will bill the dive club \$100 per year for use of the premises for our club meetings.</p>	
7.	<b>Website sponsored links</b>	<p>It was agreed that we should allow local businesses sponsorship opportunities by putting a link on our website for a contribution of \$50 per annum to the dive club.</p>	Sallie to set up web-page.
8.	<b>Kina</b>	<p>There was lengthy discussion over the problem of Kina, they are a pest, stripping the marine eco-system. Some members suggested that we could collect Kina during dives and contribute them to the commercial fishing quotas and it was suggested that Hamish should be invited to the next club meeting.</p>	Jack to invite Hamish along to next meeting
9.	<b>Certification</b>	<p>Congratulations to Petrina on successful completion of her PADI Open Water Diver Certification. This was put to use straight away when she and Shane went on a recent trip to Niue and we all enjoyed looking at their holiday photos from both above and below water.</p>	

10.	<b>Shared boat costs</b>	Some members were concerned that they did not know how much to contribute towards boat costs when they go out on club dives. It was suggested that there be a standard contribution of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 towards fuel and</li> <li>• \$30 towards borrowed dive gear</li> </ul>	
11.	<b>Next Dive</b>	Jack, Mark, Kevin, Alison Paul and Sallie were all keen for a dive the next day, Sunday 2 December 2007	To all call Jack at 8am
12.	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Next meeting will be held over until February to allow for the busy holiday season.</b> <b>Saturday 2 February 2008      Time: 5pm</b>	<b>Venue:</b> <b>Mangonui Cruising Club</b>