



USFA

Meeting Minutes #2

9 March 2023

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USFA MEETING MINUTES



Location: Online meeting (Google meetup)
Date: 8th December 2022
Time: 8:00pm – 9:30pm
Facilitator: Simon Trippe
Minute taker: Ian Buck

0 | Agenda Items

1. General Business
2. President Report
3. Committee Reports
4. Kingfish Cup Report
5. General Business
6. Future Meetings



1 | Attendance

Role	Name	Attendance
Chair	Simon Trippe	Attended
Vice Chair	Parry Gryllis	Apologies
Treasurer	Evan Leeson	Attended
Secretary	Ian Buck	Attended
Sports Assistant	Lee Dali	Apologies
First Nations Liaison Officer	David Lehā	Apologies
Membership Officer	Ricardo Casquete	Attended
Historical Officer	Mel Brown	Apologies
Mosman Whalers delegate	Steven Park	Apologies
Public officer	Alby Cooke	Attended
NSUC	Adam Price	Apologies
NSUC	Justin Delaney	Apologies
Port Hacking Penguins Del.	Martyn Kieselbach	Apologies
Sydney Orcas Delegate	Bob McComb	Apologies
Spectator	Sam K	Attended

2 | USFA meeting minutes

2.1 | General Business

- USFA 75th anniversary
 - Created sub-committee to organise
 - Finding right venue
 - Venues are wanting up to \$20K
 - Lee to negotiate Long Reef Golf Club, can run service from Manly to venue
- Spearfishing community
 - Freediving as an activity is increasing
 - Converting to associating membership and to clubs is challenge
 - Safe selected and sustainable (SSS)
- Being engaged by Freediving group, Sydney Apnea Hunting Club
 - 300 people max, lead by Peter
 - Visited San Souci Dolphins
 - USFA happy to happy all fledgling start ups and offer guidance and assistance
 - Two clubs
 - Freediving Club
 - Sydney Apnea Hunting Club
- Membership – Annual vs monthly
 - Rolling memberships support members in reducing admin
 - Monthly membership no longer being considered

Constitution

- Need meetings to get across the line
- Simon to request Mel Brown for assistance in delivering finality



2.2 | President Report

The high of the Kingfish Cup is still around us, to say it was successful is an understatement. Divers came from all over NSW to fish this weekend event. The stats – 184 registered – in that mix were 9 ladies and 6 juniors, this was a record sign on for ladies largely thanks to the Orcas Spearfishing Club who have a strong female presence. More in the KFC Report. The KFC definitely helped the financial coffers as will see in the Treasurers report. The USFA Mahi Muster will be looking at starting in 2024.

We had a spearo clean up at Little Bay that was highly successful, this was again organised by Alex Sehrig, who does such great community work, Alex is a long time Dolphins member.

Our new club, The Mulloway First Nations Spearfishing Club have enjoyed a cultural camp at Mystery Bay

A reminder to USFA members of their 10% discount at Adreno.

Freediving Eastern Suburbs – FES, an extraordinary large social media chat group on facebook having up to 300 active divers have reached out to USFA and are exploring membership and possible affiliation with USFA, a number of the divers in FES spearfish.

Reminder ongoing that the USFA AGM is set down for June 8th and all USFA members are welcome to attend.

Thank you,

Simon Trippe

President

3.0 Committee Reports

Treasurer report

- June saw 18k in the accounts with the KFC registrations coming in and expenses out being Insurance paid and with website and TIDYHQ fees sees \$15584.75 in the account.

3.2 VP Report – Parry Gryllis not present

3.3 SECRETARY Report - Ian Buck not present

3.4 SPORTS Secretary – Lee Dalli – not present

Competition Dates for 2023

- Sydney Cup – 22nd January
- Canada Cup – 12th February
- State Titles – 20/21st May
- State Pairs – 16th July (tentative)
- Kingfish Cup – 11/12th November

4.1 KINGFISH CUP REPORT

Kingfish Cup report

The USFA and Adreno enjoy running the Kingfish Cup.

Some Statistics first

184 spearos registered

In that mix were 9 Ladies and 6 juniors. This was a record sign on for Ladies, largely thanks to the Sydney Orcas spearfishing Club who have a strong female presence. On Juniors, Matt Lewis registered his 3 sons! Matt if you're reading this, please reach out to me I'd love to have a chat with you.

Saturday the diving conditions, as we have realised, were tough going, cold water, terrible visibility, raging current in areas, and importantly next to no bait at the majority of the dive locations.

121 divers fished the first day averaging 4 hours 50 minute per diver, which sees 586 hours of diving effort for 1 kingfish, yes one Kingfish of 4kg. Vuki Vujanic presented this fish and I must tell you I was relieved when I saw him appear at the Adreno weigh in station with a smile on his face.

Sunday we were hoping the strong NE'r promised would arrive later in the arvo and it did. However the conditions were still "same, same but different" the different was this day the water held Kingfish!

70 divers fronted up, and they averaged 4 hours and 40 minutes per diver today for 327 hours of combined effort for 11 Kingfish, for a total weight of 68.6kg, this breaks down to 29.7 hours of effort per fish.

The total hours of effort from 191 divers was 913 meaning 76 hours of effort per fish 🐡. The total weight of fish caught over the weekend was 72.6kg which sees a mean weight of 6.050kg per fish, this is a considerably lower mean weight than our 2020 effort of 12kg. Yet conditions for 2020 and indeed the '19 year too we're sensational compared to this year.



The Kingfish Cup is a credit to all participants that it's become the number one spearfishing event in the nation.

Words such as camaraderie, excitement and anticipation come to mind. Add the diving, and of course the ways of the kingfish make it an event that brings us all together, our spearfishing tribe, to have fun and enjoy each other's company reaping the benefits from what this wonderful recreation gives to us all.

I'd like to thank those who helped out with their time, efforts and gave solidarity to helping build this event.

Thank you's

Weigh in crews:

Central coast Sea Lions crew especially Josh Ward and Wilby Cooke

Little Manly: North Shore Seahawks' Mishin, Ian Buck, Jacinta Morson and Ian Terley.

Paul Roso at Wollongong.

The Adreno team Dave, Eddie and Leo.

Then there's the mighty Dolphin, Pat Mullins for his entertaining approach to the disappearance of many raffle tickets.

Vince Isagba for donating his Kingie for the info night.

Jai Gibbons for the prep of that Kingie

Jason Harris for his designs, thank you mate!

The USFA committee, and USFA members such as Adam Price and Justin Delaney, Martyn Kieselbach, Ben Lake who helped get this event off the ground. Too, the info night speakers who gave their time - Grayson, Derrick Cruz, Marty and Paul Roso.

Adreno staff Eddie Sherb, Pauli, Jase, Tara and especially Greer, who assisted for weeks and weeks and put up with my fervour.

Sponsors

Where do we begin?!! So many great businesses and companies have generously donated superb prizes.

- Rob Allen Spearfishing and their Australian distributor Australian Underwater Products and Neil Dorrian
- Penetrator Fins
- Suunto
- Ocean Guardian - Shark Shield Technology
- Mannysub Spearfishing
- Sharkbanz
- DiveR Australia
- Collins & Co
- McComb Spearguns
- Adreno

The people behind these brands:

Larry Gray of Penetrator - Larry donated 3 sets of fins!!; Neil Dorrian of AUP, Rob Allen, Ray Powell of DiveR, Manny Bova of Mannysub, Bob McComb and his support of the Ladies in spearfishing and his donations to USFA, and of course Adreno. All of these people have long supported the Kingfish Cup and the organisers and USFA committee cannot thank you enough and look forward to many more years of your continued support, you're all legends of the sport thank you!!

Ricardo Casquete, Rico! for his scores of hours developing a seamless website and registration system.

And just quietly, how good is his Paella, the undisputed Paella King!



Adreno's Taylor Slattery gave great support, driving the promotion of the Kingfish Cup. Thank you Taylor Slattery.

Craig Seadog, you're a deadset legend my friend, thank you for all that you do for Spearfishing mate, you make it look so easy.

And of course, thank you to all of you spearos who took any part in the Cup. This doesn't happen without you.

Your positive comments and enthusiastic support of the concept on media platforms; those who attended any of the functions, we had a lot of spearos who didn't fish the Cup but came along to the evenings to learn more and meet like minded people, the social aspect of this event rocks; those who registered and entered the water, and especially those who endured all of day one with no luck to back up and do it all again on the Sunday. I hope you all enjoyed the weeks of the Cup as much as we did.

Thank you everyone 🙏

Cheers!

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

- David Leha our Indigenous Officer and President of Mulloways First Nations is on the Indigenous Fishing Council – well done David, good luck with the position and all the very best going ahead.
- Lynton Howes a Dolphins member has played with some formats and can produce an educational spearfishing training quiz that would be of benefit for newcomers to the sport, and too would be a good induction for any club to have for its new members. Worth discussing this at another meeting.

6 Future Meetings

All members welcome to attend, start time 1900, venues to be announced

- March 9th 2023
- June 8, 2023, AGM

All USFA members are welcome to attend meetings.

