

	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>1. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>1.1 Raja Ampat trip is now full and will take place from 28 Oct to 13 Nov.</p> <p>1.2 Christmas Party proceeding on Sat 3 December at the Masonic Club, 23A Coleman St. Members \$50, non Members \$70. Full FFD turn out needed.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>2. <u>WELCOME & NEW MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Twenty members and guests attended the meeting. Since the last meeting the following people have joined FFD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zita Ong • Philip & Christiane Duckworth • Keith & Liz Hamilton • Paul Barfield • John Munro 	
<p>3. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>PB reported that after settling all debts and making the following provisions :</p> <p>Xmas Party \$1000 FFD Stickers \$ 570</p> <p>There are net funds available of \$2160. It was agreed that subsidy of social events should continue.</p>	
<p>4. <u>FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS</u></p> <p>4.1 Sat Nov 26 – Sports Section Party. Cost \$80 less FFD member subsidy of \$30. Those so far confirmed :-</p> <p>Paul & Sheila Blackburn Philip & Christiane Duckworth Keith & Liz Hamilton Goetz & Gitta Von Dresky (plus 1?) Nick and Heather Jackson Marc Schurch and April Kian</p> <p>4.2 Sat Dec 3 – Red, Green & Glitter (Xmas) Party. Over 40 members have so far confirmed attendance.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

4.3 New Year's Eve Party at the British Club :-

Paul & Sheila Blackburn
Philip & Christiane Duckworth
Keith & Liz Hamilton
Nick & Heather Jackson
Bob & Brenda Marshall
John & Gwen Gillies

Any member wishing to attend these events should advise Paul asap.

ALL

5. **FFD WEBSITE**

Members reviewed the excellent draft site created by John Gillies. Feedback was obtained as follows :-

- Keep it simple and easy to maintain
- Recognize main purpose is to have an easy to find website to attract new members
- Logo should be more prominent and easy to see
- Top and bottom pictures to be reef fish and more colourful
- Main menu should read :
Home – Events – Trips – Links – Gallery – Contact Us – Join Us.

It is hoped that the site can be operational by year end.

6. **2006 TRIPS**

Members recommended the following trips :-

- New Caledonia (Goetz)
- Bali – Tulamben (Paul)
- Palau (Michael)
- Redang Redang (Goetz)
- Perhentian (Goetz)
- Layang Layang (Paul)
- Manado
- Oman
- Ningaloo Reef
- Tahiti Aggressor (Paul/Greta)
- PNG
- Christmas Island
- Puerto Galera
- Donsal
- South Africa Sardine Run 2007

An outline calendar will be produced for 2006.

PB

7. ARTIFICIAL REEFS

PB presented an article from the latest issue of Asian Diver regarding artificial reef laying by the NUS. Members agreed that it was probably a waste of money as too much damage from silting has already occurred. Nevertheless PB was asked to follow up with the organizers.

Members felt that it might be better if FFD supported efforts to reduce sharks fin consumption in Singapore.

8. PHOTO SHOOT OUT

Unfortunately only Marcel and Paul submitted entries from the photo shoot out weekend in September. Therefore a competition was not undertaken but both members were awarded with dive books.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Members agreed with Gitta's suggestion that we should devote a meeting to the sale or auction of our unwanted dive gear.

9.2 Members liked the idea of a FFD Dive Log.

9.3 Members noted that Paris Dive Shop in Lucky Plaza is closing and so there are items at sale prices.

9.4 It was suggested members check out an informative website – www.starfish.ch

10. NEXT MEETING

Date for the November meeting to be advised.

ALL

PB