

Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc

Minutes

BOARD OF LIFESAVING MEETING

Wednesday 6th May, 2009

Members Hall, Warriewood SLSC @ 7.06pm

info@surflifesaving.net.au

www.surflifesaving.net.au

1. ATTENDANCE

Steve Faddy (Director of Rescue Services), Paul Mathew (Nth Steyne), Barry Antella (Queenscliff), Brendan Quail (Freshwater), Kevin Moffat (Sth Curl Curl), Shane Stewart (Long Reef), Tim Woolnough (Mona Vale), David Sinclair (Mona Vale), Brett Budd (Newport), Peter Tomkins (Bilgola), Nathan Wellings (Avalon), John Lewis (Whale Beach), Sally Mulligan (Whale Beach), Denise Gammie (Dee Why), Richard Whipp (Narrabeen), Beverley Tilbury (Warriewood), Sandy Menzies (Education, Lifesaving & Surf School Coordinator)

2. APOLOGIES

Richard Andjelkovic (Emergency Services Officer), Alex Wye (Nth Curl Curl), Col Rae (Bungan Beach), Luke Hochkins (Collaroy), Paul Milinkovic (Freshwater), Warren Jones (Manly), Shannon Job (Nth Steyne), Bryn Russell (Sth Curl Curl), Josh Buckton (Narrabeen).

3. PROXIES

Ray Merton, Denise Gammie, Richard Whipp, Paul Mathew, Brendan Quail

4. CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Manly, Collaroy, Sth Narrabeen, Nth Narrabeen, Bungan Beach, Palm Beach, Nth Palm Beach.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUES

Newport has bought and trialled a spiral peg for the Streets tents as they were having difficulties with the ones provided. They have found them to be far superior in keeping the tent up on windy days. The only issue is the pegs are quite small. Brett Budd will contact the company and see if there is a heavier gauge peg that would be more appropriate.

Long Reef reported their tent tore on the last patrol due to the bad weather. They are going to drop it in to the Branch Office for repair/replacement.

Steve Faddy advised the best way to get the tents to stay up in bad weather is to ensure the corner ropes are at a 45 degree angle and the poles are put up without the base plates.

Steve Faddy will be meeting with Clinton Rose (Warringah Council Lifeguards) in the next couple of weeks to work out the details for services on Warringah Beaches. He will advise as information is available.

Rescue tubes are also available for purchase from SLS Queensland. It was requested by Clubs that if could give their order details to Branch it would be more cost effective to place a bulk order through the Branch Office. Steve Faddy will try to get the issue of problems with rescue tubes from Creata put on the agenda for the Directors of Lifesaving conference in mid May.

Steve Faddy presented a slide show wrap up of the season on the Northern Beaches, including rescues, first aids and shark alarms for each beach.

7. OCEAN SWIMS

A memo outlining the new rules for ocean swim was circulated. The main issues will be:

- \$500 levy to cover insurance costs
- No participants aged under 14 will be permitted to compete
- Swims cannot be longer than 2.5km
- There will be no new approvals for swims until the rules are finalised
- There is a checklist to complete prior to the event

There will be some exceptions to the rules if it is an event that has run previously with no issues.

8. SUPPORT OPERATIONS

There will be work performed at Surfcom during winter to update equipment

9. PATROL HOURS

All patrol hours need to be entered into Surfguard by the end of this week to enable reports to be done for both Branch and SLSNSW annual reports and statistics.

10. EXTENDED CARE PARAMEDICS

Ambulance services are looking at adopting an extended care paramedic service to assist in keeping patients out of casualty as much as possible. Where applicable the extended care paramedic will stay with the patient and monitor them until they are well enough to be left by themselves or go home with a relative. To enable this to be possible in the Surf Club setting the paramedics would need to be able to access first aid rooms and facilities at the Clubs. There was some concern over the duty of care responsibility when the patients are on Surf Club premises but under the care of the extended care paramedics. Steve will follow up these details with the ambulance service.

11. SOP REVIEW

There is currently a review underway for the SLSNSW Standard Operating Procedures. Any feedback from Clubs needs to be at the Branch Office or to Steve Faddy by the middle of next week.

12. BEACH CLOSED PROCEDURE

Under the SOP's there is no requirement to have equipment on the beach if the beach is closed, just equipment available. Clubs have asked for clarification. Steve Faddy would like feedback from the Clubs on what equipment they feel is appropriate to have available on the beach in bad weather.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was an enquiry about the re-issue of patrol uniforms for next season. The meeting was advised that as part of the DHL sponsorship it was recommended that uniforms are re-issued to all current members and enough extras given to Clubs to cover the ones who will complete awards in the upcoming season. Club Captains have also requested that more of the smaller sizes are available to the Clubs.

SLS baseball caps and broad brimmed hats are for sun protection only and are not to be worn in place of a patrol cap. These are still compulsory when on patrol.

Some Clubs have looked into the purchase of track pants and jackets for members to wear in bad weather and have found the costs to be too high. They have requested that Branch look towards co-ordinating orders and placing a bulk order on the Clubs behalf to reduce costs. Steve Faddy will take this to the next executive meeting.

Club Captains have requested an extra page be added to the website for them to add the companies they source their supplies from. This would enable all Cubs to have access to the information and share practices. It was suggested that this could perhaps become part of the Red and Yellow pages currently being devised within the Branch. The Red and Yellow pages will be a webpage where members can advertise their business or service for a fee. 50% of the fee will go to the member's Club and 50% to the Branch. Paul Mathew who is on the Sponsorship Committee will take this to the next meeting.

Clubs are encouraged to check the SLSA website to ensure any equipment they are looking at purchasing is approved for use by SLSA.

The length of weeks the last few seasons has run for was queried. Steve Faddy advised the length of the season is traditionally governed by the public school holidays. Patrol hours for Manly and Warringah Clubs are set by their respective councils, but the Pittwater Club's hours are set by SLSNSW. It is possible in bad weather to provide a "surveillance patrol" and let some of the members of the patrol go home. There was a lot of discussion over the hours Clubs in Pittwater are expected to patrol for the season. Steve Faddy has requested the Clubs look at their agreement from last year and provide any feedback on their requests for changes to the hours to him by the end of next week for him to give to SLSNSW prior to the hours being set.

Meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Next Board of Life Saving Meeting TBA
