

**Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc.**  
**Board of Education and Assessment**

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 commencing at 7.04pm  
Dee Why SLSC

**1. ATTENDANCE**

As per attendance book.

**2. APOLOGIES**

As per attendance book.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the January meeting were adopted.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No business arising

**5. NEW MEMBERS**

Graham Carmichael – Warriewood

Alison Christie – Manly

Nicholas Dowsett - Manly

Michael Christie - Manly

It was requested that Alison and Nicholas attend the next BoEA meeting in April to be introduced to the members.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Training forms** – The versions of all forms are now listed on the website to ensure all trainers are using the most recent resources
- **Online Shop** – The SLSA online shop has new workbook resources available for most courses.
- **Cert II Upgrade** – Many patrolling members have still not completed the cert II paperwork upgrade required for patrol. These lists have been sent to Clubs.
- **Laerdal Website** – The Laerdal website now has Heartstart defibrillator video available for viewing on the website.
- **Training Opportunity** – SLSA has an opportunity available for a volunteer trainer to spend 10 months in Bali training their lifeguards. For information contact Norm Farmer at SLSA
- **SLSNSW Elections** – SLSNSW is calling for nominations for President and Directors of Finance, Surf Sports and Education for the 2010/2011 season. Nominations close at Branch on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**7. REPORTS**

**ARC Report**

Gary Beauchamp reported that as a whole the standard of training of candidates for ARC has definitely improved and candidates are generally showing higher levels of competency in the scenario section of the assessment.

It was also asked that Clubs ensure they stay within SLSA policy for the use of all equipment. There have been a couple of Clubs not adhering to the policies for the use of oxygen.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Central Venues.** Feedback on assessments from the Southern end of the Branch has been positive. Most assessments have been reportedly going well with no issues. There have been a few issues in the northern end with lack of assessors and some inconsistencies. For the remainder of the season all Clubs north of Narrabeen will be required to attend assessments in a central venue.

**Oxygen assessment.** There is a variance in what assessors are requiring for the assessment of oxygen use in the bronze medallion. It was generally agreed that in the "dry components" assessment candidates should be assessed in cracking the cylinder and attaching the bottle to the oxyviva, attaching tubing and setting up for

oxygen therapy. It was also generally also agreed that if possible an oxyviva should also be available for candidates to use in the scenarios.

**Central Venues.** Clubs attending central venue assessments are required to bring enough assessors to cover their candidate ratio of 1:6, boards, tubes, oxyviva, spinal board if possible.

**Scenarios.** There was much discussion as to whether candidates should be allowed to resit the scenario on the same day if they are found not yet competent. It was decided that it was ultimately up to the senior assessor in charge on the day to make the call dependant upon the skills of the candidates, conditions on the day and the assessors available time.

**Equipment.** There is concern that some Clubs are lacking equipment specifically for training. We need to talk to the Club's concerned and encourage them to apply for grants to upgrade their equipment so that they can use the old equipment for training purposes. Branch will organise a questionnaire to assist Clubs to identify their needs.

**New Bronze Assessment.** Some Branches have been experiencing difficulties in assessing under the new structure. Michael Wasley asked the meeting if any of them were having problems. No issues identified in this Branch.

**February meeting.** Maz thanked the Branch for providing drinks and nibbles at the last BoEA meeting to welcome new assessors.

**ARTC.** The plan for the new resources is to update all remaining trainers and assessors during winter. They can then update the members at their Clubs who are eligible and then the new resources will be used and assessed from the beginning of next season.

Meeting closed at 7.42pm

**Next Board of Education and Assessment Meeting**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
7pm at Dee Why SLSC

\*\*\*\*\*Please note there is no meeting scheduled for March 2010\*\*\*\*\*