

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

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 17th July, 2009 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 previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Adopted

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Trial Bronze resources – These resources were trialled by Nth Steyne SLSC at the end of last season. The feedback from this course has been discussed by SLSA and various state directors, but there has been no decision on the use of these resources as yet. Members will be advised as anything eventuates.

Club and Branch Audits – These have been completed for SNB in late August. Results from the audits have not yet been finalised, but indications from SLSNSW are that our Branch has done very well, achieving around 90% compliance. Clubs are asked to continue to send all appropriate paperwork for courses.

33rd Edition Training manual – The new manual has been released. The main changes will be:

- No workbook to complete
- Defib awareness as part of the course
- Some carries have been deleted
- No written paper for the assessment.

5. NEW MEMBERS

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. REPORTS

Nil

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

IRB assessors update – Two units of competency aligned to the SM IRB driver's award. Current trainers and assessors have been automatically updated with these units, but any new trainers/assessors will need to complete upgrade paperwork for these units. If you are not intending to train or assess IRB there is no need to complete the upgrade.

Pain Management award – The pain management award for the use of methoxyflurane has been endorsed by SLSNSW. As methoxyflurane is a controlled substance requiring extra security for its storage, it will only be rolled out to sites deemed necessary by SLSNSW – these will generally be remote areas with slow ambulance response times. Clubs must apply to SLSNSW stating their need.

Award and Qualifications chart- The chart has recently been changed. Please check the website.

Course Calendar- The Branch has been running courses in spinal and defib for Clubs in the off season. If you require extra courses for your Club please advise the Branch Office. There will also be additional trainer, assessor, basic beach management and advanced emergency care courses run throughout the season due to increased demand.

Jetski Operators- Reminder that all jetski operators must be proficient in all the pre-requisite awards, as well as attending their rescue water craft operator certificate proficiency to operate the jetski. Operators are responsible to ensure their awards are updated as necessary.

Bronze/ SRC Central venues- The majority of the bronze medallion and SRC assessment can be completed at the candidates own beach with an external assessor. The run, swim, run and scenario components will be conducted at central venues throughout the branch to ensure consistency of assessments.

Proficiencies- Members were reminded that the proficiency cards are legal documents and can be used in court for any insurance claims. If you sign a member off as proficient on these cards please ensure they are able to do the competencies.

IRB proficiencies- Please ensure IRB proficiencies are not conducted when there is no surf. The guidelines do provide for those members who drive regularly on patrol or for water safety at carnivals and are known by assessors to be competent drivers to be signed off.

Assessor's update- There will be another assessor's update for bronze, ARC and IRB in the next three weeks to accommodate those that were unable to attend the last ones. Details will be emailed.

Meeting closed at 7.21pm.

Next Board of Education and Assessment Meeting
Thursday 15th October, 2009
7pm at Dee Why SLSC