

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

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 15th October, 2009 commencing at 6.58pm
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.

Moved: Ross Tester Seconded: Barry Antella

Adopted

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was a question as to the defib component of the bronze medallion. The basic consensus was that it is an overview only not the certificate course, so it needs to be kept simple. This component is not assessed as part of the bronze medallion. Sandy will check with Pamela Simon on Monday and advise if there is any change to this.

5. NEW MEMBERS

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- New bronze resources are available on the SLSA secure website.
- Transition to new ART resources. Training for ARC and Defib should continue as normal until further information is received. SLSNSW will run courses throughout 2009 to update trainers and assessors to ART.
- The awards and qualifications charts have been updated. They are available on the SLSNSW website in the Academy section
- The Anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy has been updated. It is available on the SLSNSW website.

7. REPORTS

Nil

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

BM resources:

The SLSA secure resources website now has the new bronze medallion power point presentations available to download. There are also revision questions for participants.

Info Guide:

Info guides have been mailed out to members – one per household. Many members from the meeting had not received these. If you are one of these members or need further copies they are also available from the Branch Office.

Junior Proficiencies:

Assessors may be asked to take part in junior skills evaluations for their Clubs. There is now no time limit on the pool swim, and distances have changed to comply with requirements for awards. Assessors, Officials and Coaches can sign these off for the age managers and it is important that they are recorded on the salmon coloured proficiency cards. There are two categories of evaluation – a basic one to participate in nippers and a competition skills evaluation for those that wish to compete. It is important that these are done straight away. If you need an extra copy of the Junior proficiency info pack please email Sally at the Branch Office.

Induction Passport:

These passports have been developed to induct members into Clubs and encourage participation in every area of surf life saving through a structured point system. These passports have already been distributed to some Clubs and all Clubs should have them within the next week. Patrol Captains will be in charge of signing off completed tasks. Information of skills is listed in the front of the passport.

Assessors Update:

There will be an additional assessors update held at Dee Why SLSC in the next couple of weeks. Details will be emailed to assessors.

Assessors course:

There will be an assessor's course for new assessors held prior to Christmas. Details will be emailed to Chief instructors.

Centralised venues:

Clubs are asked to advise the Branch Office of dates they would like to have assessments so they can be advertised to other Clubs. Clubs are asked to also try to liaise with neighbouring Clubs for wet component assessments. Senior assessors are asked to try to attend assessments outside their zone as often as possible. Branch Office will try to organise temporary parking permits for those assessors.

Signalling for assistance:

The new manual on page 140 indicates that the candidates only need to signal for assistance when they reach the shore after a rescue. It was decided that we as a Branch will continue to signal in the water when we reach a patient as well as when they reach shore.

Tows:

There is now no tired swimmer tow or armpit tow as part of the bronze of SRC.

IRB assessment papers:

It was noted that IRB written paper questions are ambiguous and the answers are open to interpretation making it very difficult to mark these papers. Michael Wasley has referred these on to Pamela Simon and they will be reviewed by Henry Scruton from the powercraft panel.

Meeting finished at 7.33pm.

Next Board of Education and Assessment Meeting
Thursday 19th November, 2009
7pm at Dee Why SLSC