

Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc

**Minutes**

BOARD OF LIFESAVING MEETING

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

Main Hall, Warriewood SLSC @ 7.07pm

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**1. ATTENDANCE**

Steve Faddy (Director of Rescue Services), Shannon Job (Nth Steyne), Barry Antella (Queenscliff), Paul Milinkovic (Freshwater), Kevin Moffat (Sth Curl Curl), Shane Stewart (Long Reef), Luke Hochkins (Collaroy), Tim Woolnough (Mona Vale), Brett Budd (Newport), Peter Tomkins (Bilgola), Nathan Wellings (Avalon), John Lewis (Whale Beach), Sandy Menzies (Lifesaving Coordinator)

**2. APOLOGIES**

Richard Andjelkovic (Emergency Services Officer), Alex Wye (Nth Curl Curl), Darren Armitage (Dee Why), Josh Buckton (Narrabeen), Beverley Tilbury (Whale Beach)

**3. PROXIES**

Daniele Chapman (Nth Curl Curl), Denise Gammie (Dee Why), Richard Whipp (Narrabeen)

**4. CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

As the last meeting of the Club Captain's in September 2008 was the Club Conference, the last minutes available were from February 2008. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved Richard Whipp, Seconded Luke Hochkins.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

It was asked that the current Patrol Uniform be clarified as many Clubs are being penalised points during Patrol inspections for not wearing the full uniform. The correct uniform for Patrol is as per the SLSA policy. – Red DHL Shorts, Red and Yellow DHL shirts and Patrol cap tied under chin.

Many Clubs are still having issues with entering some proficiencies into Surfguard, particularly IRB driver proficiencies as many drivers do not have crew listed. If a list of members affected is send to the Branch Office their crew awards can be added to avoid any further problems. Any other missing awards can be added if proof is provided.

**7. STATE BOARD OF LIFESAVING TELECONFERENCE**

Minutes of the teleconference were sent back to Cubs via the Club presidents after the last Board of Management meeting. Main points to note were:

IRB Towing Protocols – there was a mix of tow rope options this season, but from next season Clubs will need to have the quick release shackles on all tow ropes.

ATV's – Quad bike style ATV's will be phased out over the next 2 – 3 years. Panel want to move to side by side seating ATV's as the centre of gravity is lower.

Many Clubs have also experienced problems with rescue tubes from Creaata. The webbing is not UV resistant and as it fades the webbing is breaking. Branch will investigate other suppliers.

## **8. NEW SLSA POLICIES**

Spinal Kits including spinal collars, headblocks and spider straps will be compulsory for all Clubs from the beginning of next season. It will also be compulsory for all Clubs to have a defibrillator.

Photography – The policy outlines guidelines in regards to photography in Public places. There is no law to prohibit photography at the beach, but if you are concerned it is of an indecent nature you are able to contact the police. Policy can be found on the SLSA website – policy number 6.18.

Policy 5.4 - Competition requirements for competitors was distributed to all Club Captains late last year.

## **9. AWARD MEMBERS**

SNB has been offered the opportunity to trial new uniforms for award members. It was thought that a lot of Clubs probably didn't have enough award members for the trial. Whale Beach thought they may be a suitable candidate and will discuss with Steve later. Clubs have also questioned the current policy of no patrol caps for award members as it will encourage younger members not to be bronze proficient as they are not in favour of caps.

## **10. PRIDE CAMPAIGN**

Could all Clubs please ensure they display the Pride Campaign posters.

## **11. PATROL ASSESSMENT COMPETITION**

Patrol Assessments are underway. Two assessors are running behind schedule, but all Clubs will complete five assessments before the end of the season. Point scores will be adjusted for those Clubs with broken DHL tents.

## **12. SUPPORT OPERATIONS**

Refurbishments to Surfcom are currently underway.

## **13. SHARK SIGHTINGS**

SLSNSW brought in a new shark log at the beginning of the season. This is being completed by Surfcom, but they need all available information from the Clubs for each sighting. They need information on the number of sharks, distance offshore and direction headed as soon as possible after the sighting.

## **14. INCIDENTS AND REPORTING**

All major incidents on the beach need to be recorded into the incident log book and then data transferred onto Surfguard. This data is used for statistical purposes. Major incidents include major first aids, major rescues and member injuries.

All IRB driver and crew members need to be proficient on Surfguard to undertake IRB duties.

It was clarified that when conducting IRB training it is no longer a requirement to have a qualified IRB driver in the IRB with a trainee driver as long as the trainee is deemed capable. It is not permissible to have both a trainee driver and a trainee crewperson in the same boat.

## **15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Whale Beach was the Club audited by SLSNSW this year. They reported a lot of the policy is left open to interpretation by Club/Branch/State/National in regards to patrol classifications eg. Rostered Patrol, deficit hours, makeup patrol etc. the Club Captains requested that SLSNSW be contacted to clarify these issues.

Due to Spinal Kits becoming compulsory Clubs have asked that more spinal management courses are run before next season. Club Captains also want to be included on the mailing list for all Branch courses so they are aware what is available.

It was noted that the award list box on the sign in sheet of the Patrol Log is too small to list all of some member's awards. There is a current review of documentation, so Steve Faddy will pass this feedback on.

Warringah Clubs were informed that Warringah Council is still looking towards removing Lifeguards on weekend. This may be phased in over the next two seasons. Club Captains from Warringah have requested they receive a copy of all information on this circulated to Clubs

Three Clubs have reported that their DHL tents are broken, and one Club has an exemption. These Clubs will have their patrol Assessment point score adjusted.

It was recommended that when erecting the Streets tents Clubs remove the square base plate from the centre poles. Many Clubs are also using the old tent pegs from the DHL tents as these seem to work better, and one Club has ordered spiral pegs.

Patrol Inspection Reports. Most Clubs should have had at least two patrol inspections. The yellow copies of the report are left with the Patrol Captains to pass on the Club Captain. If you need copies of any of these reports they can be scanned and emailed on request.

Whale Beach reported on heavy radio traffic days they have had to relay messages to Surfcom from Nth Palm Beach.

Steve Faddy reported that patrol breaches are down on last years numbers and requested that all Club Captains continue keep their patrols motivated as we approach the end of the season.

Meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Next Board of Life Saving Meeting  
**TBA**