

Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches
Board of Management Tuesday 13th January 2009
 Warriewood SLSC

ATTENDANCE

Gordon Lang (President), Michael Bate (Director of Surf Sports, Michael Wasley (Director of Education and Assessment), Ross Tester (Director of Youth & Membership), Phil Cullis (Director of Administration & Finance), Steve Faddy (Director of Rescue Services), Alan Mason (Director of Sponsorship & Marketing), Jen Huston (Manager), Damian O'Shannassy (North Steyne), David Piper OAM (Queenscliff), John Swan (Freshwater), Adrienne Lowe (Dee Why), Peter Madden (South Narrabeen), Tracey Lake (Narrabeen Beach), Michael McDermott (North Narrabeen), Matt Sheridan (Warriewood), John Woods (Mona Vale), Ted Smithies (Newport), Geoff Raper (Bilgola), Jason Millett (Palm Beach), Terry Kirkpatrick (North Palm Beach).

Delegates and visitors as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES

Steve McInnes (CEO), Greg MacMahon (Collaroy), Christine Hopton (Avalon Beach), Martin Armstrong (Whale Beach), Robbie Williams (Manly), Bryn Russell (South Curl Curl), Ian Thurgood (North Curl Curl), Doug Lucas (Long Reef), Phil Brown (Bungan Beach),

PROXIES

Wilson Gamble (Avalon Beach), John Lewis (Whale Beach), Peter Gard (Manly), John Cassidy (South Curl Curl), Graham Hart (Collaroy), Steve Reilly (Bungan Beach)

NEW DELEGATES

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Branch Board of Management Minutes of 2nd December, 2008. - Carried

Outstanding actions and Business Arising from Minutes - as per Attached Board Management Report

MINUTES

Item	Area	Discussion	Action	Date
1441	General	President spoke on the way voting was conducted at the December 08 meeting. Clubs were advised that as per the constitution certain members of the Branch Executive are entitled to vote including the President, Member Services Director, Surf Sports Director and Rescue Services Director. If Clubs do not feel this is correct the Constitution will need to be changed. President spoke of the Branch having the right to have a compliance program, as Clubs have agreed to be members of the Branch, clubs are bound by the Branch Constitution and by-laws Noted: Queenscliff President advised he had no problem with the way the December meeting and vote was held.	Info	n/a
1442	Executive Report Item 1417	South Curl Curl delegate was advised by Director of Rescue Service the updated Life saving agreement had been received and signed and had since been delivered to SLSNSW.	Info	n/a
1443	Executive Report Item 1420	Queenscliff President advised the Queenscliff club would not be taking legal action against Creaata regarding the faulty rescue tubes. The Queenscliff President did question whether Branch should continue dealing with Creaata and asked if there were any other suppliers. It was advised that none of the other suppliers were approved. Director of Rescue Services advised the issue was raised at the recent State Life Saving conference; the 11 Branch Directors were unanimous in their support for the State Director to take recommendations to SLSA, those being tubes should be stamped with manufactured date and improved webbing.	Info	n/a

1444	Executive Report Item 1439	Queenscliff President advised clubs should be aware of unauthorised people taking photos of children at Nippers and carnivals. Director of Youth & Membership Services advised this had been brought up at the Carnival format meeting held earlier in the evening. Photo and media tags will be required at Narrabeen, Manly, Freshwater, and Branch carnival. Any suspicious person taking photographs should be referred to the carnival referee on the day.	Info	n/a
1445	Finance & Admin	Financial reports for the Branch were presented. Director advised the Branch was ahead of budget. Director advised Branch was working hard to stay in front and thanked the Sponsorship Committee for their work in obtaining new funding. Motion: Board of Management to accept financial reports presented.	Motion	Carried
1446	Finance & Admin	Financial reports for the Surf Life Saving School were presented. Director advised the budget for school was still being finalised and would be included in next months reporting. Director advised school costs had been restructured to improve bottom line, it was also advised the sponsorship committee was speaking with a potential school program sponsor and the FBT issue from last year was still to be resolved. Motion: Board of Management to accept financial reports presented.	Motion	Carried
1447	Finance & Admin	A list of all transfers as listed in Surfguard from 1 st November to 31 st December was circulated to the Club Presidents	Info	n/a
1448	General	North Palm Beach President advised the board the club had problems with the new patrol tents and have had to take down the patrol tent down on 3 occasions. The new tents only have 4 ropes where it was agreed at previous meetings the patrol tents should have 6 ropes. Whale Beach delegate advised Whale Beach club had also had problems with the new tents. Clubs were advised CEO was following up on these issues	CEO	3 rd February
1449	Lifesaving	Director advised the list of patrol infringements provided was incorrect and should have read as: 6/12 North Palm Beach - sign on 36 minutes late 20/12 South Narrabeen - sign on 22 minutes late 20/12 Warriewood - IRB sign on 23 minutes late	Info	n/a
1450	Lifesaving	Director noted the small number of ATV Induction proficiencies and reminded clubs that should an incident occur with the ATV and the operator has not done the induction there could be serious consequences for the club.	Info	n/a
1451	Sponsorship	Director advised the first invoice for new Coke contract had been paid. CEO is looking at new patrol tent issues Director is in discussions with potential school sponsor	Info	n/a
1452	Youth & Membership	President advised nominations for 2009 National Recognition Awards close on 30 th January. Considering the size of the Branch we have the lowest amount of nominations for these awards. It was felt there would be many members who would be worthy of a nomination for some of these awards. Director of Sponsorship & Marketing suggested Branch should use the winner nominations from last years Branch awards, any additional nominations would also be welcome. Director of Youth & membership to follow up with SLSNSW.	Director Youth & Membership	30 th January
1453	Surf Sports Executive Item 1426	Director advised State Championships would be held at Swansea Belmont next year. Director also advised the change to proficiency date is a recommendation only	Info	n/a
1454	Surf Sports	Discussion on officials at State carnivals. Some clubs had been advised there would be a penalty of \$500 imposed on clubs who were competing without sufficient officials. Clubs asked whether it was only this penalty or would clubs be stopped from competing. Clubs were advised Official ratios were available on the State website and would also be re-distributed to all	Info	n/a

		clubs.		
	Surf Sports	Director advised R&R events for Branch championship would be held on Sunday 1 st February with Lifesaving events at Palm Beach as had been requested. Director advised that due to the distance of Palm Beach, papers for Champion life saver and patrol competition events would be held at Dee Why Surf Club during the week. Director thanked Dee Why club for their assistance. Director advised Branch championships circular were ready and distributed and would be sent out Thursday morning to all clubs.		
1455	Youth & membership	Director advised interviews had been held for Junior Life Saver of the year nominations and winners would be announced at the Narrabeen Junior carnival on Sunday around 9.15am. Director advised the decision was very difficult due to the high calibre of nominations and thanked all clubs who put nominations forward.		
1456	General	President advised Branch would be holding Presidents' dinners again this year, proposed dates being 10 th February and 28 th April. All Presidents are welcome or a senior member of the club would be welcome. An email will be sent out reminding Presidents of date and a request for numbers.	Info	n/a
1457	General	President advised he would be hosting a Pittwater Councillor tour of Pittwater clubs this Saturday 17 th , this is an opportunity to raise any major concerns with the council, 20 minutes has been allocated to each club. President advised the Board he had been advised by one club the councillors are welcome to attend however he would not be welcome there. The President advised he would be attending with the councillors and as the President of the Branch had the right to visit any on the Branch clubs. The club in question advised there were issues with the Branch Executive regarding unresolved matters.	Info	n/a
1458	General	President advised a nomination for Deputy President had been received from David Murray and asked the Board for Endorsement.	Motion	Carried
1459	General	Director of Sponsorship & Marketing distributed copies of Hanson Media Report, these had also been distributed previously via email. It was generally felt the Branch was receiving good coverage. A number of Presidents requested the report be re-emailed as it had not been received	CEO	3 rd February
1460	General	Question was asked on what happened to the "Between the Flags" column which used to appear weekly in the Manly Daily. President advised he would look into this and advise at the next meeting	President	3 rd February
1461	General	Discussion was held on the recent publicity in a number of papers; it was acknowledged sharks would always be there and there would unfortunately also be some attack during the season. It was advised the number of sharks this season were no higher than previous years. It was also felt the article regarding Lifeguards vs Lifesavers in the Sunday paper did not hold much weight.	Info	n/a
1462	General	Discussion on sponsorship compliance. Clubs were asked if they thought it was a good idea for Surfcom to run a basic check on compliance issues such as if the patrol tent and signage had been put up. Whale Beach Delegate thought there was enough to do on the beach without Surfcom checking on sponsorship issues; it was felt if there was an issue the club would have reported it. Director of Sponsorship advised he thought having Surfcom ringing the clubs would make it easier for clubs to management sponsorship arrangements; it would also provide a consistent process for reporting back to sponsors. Manly delegate advised it was not just one radio call, it would hold up the radio network for a considerable amount of time. Narrabeen Beach President suggested he did not have a problem with	Director Sponsorship & Marketing	3 rd February

		<p>checking compliance, if clubs were not happy with the proposed system then all clubs need to come back with ideas on how Branch ensures clubs are abiding by sponsorship obligations to ensure Branch retains the sponsors.</p> <p>Further discussion followed with Director suggesting the Surfcom compliance check be trialled on one weekend, details on this will be supplied at the next Board of management meeting.</p> <p>Clubs to come back with suggestions on compliance at the next BoM.</p>		
1463	General	President reminded clubs there were 5 TAFE scholarships being offered to club members, full details available on the Branch website, applications close at Branch on Friday 16 th January, 2009	Info	n/a
1464	General	Narrabeen Beach President asked if other clubs outside Warringah Councils areas wanted to be involved in the Warringah Council discussions. Newport and Whale Beach advised they would like to be involved in the discussions. Narrabeen Beach president advised there were 5 of the 9 Warringah Clubs in favour of the Lifeguards not being on the Warringah beaches, however a more formal view was needed to take back to Council. Queenscliff President advised Manly Clubs were happy with their relationship with Manly Council and Lifeguards and would not involve themselves in the debate, he further advised he would support the areas in their stand with relevant councils. It was advised there will be a full meeting where all interested clubs would be welcome to attend before going back to council.	Info	n/a
1465	General	President raised the discussion on holding the National Titles within the Branch in 2013/14. President advised he had been approached by relevant organising committee to consider holding the National titles in 2013/2014. Brett Harrod is responsible for recommending suitable club/s and will attend upcoming Manly Carnival and other potential venues. Clubs would need to decide as a group which beaches would be put forward. President advised he would email timetable for the selection process once he has received details as it is a long process. The organisation is run through State and National however there is the opportunity for clubs to organise other fundraising events. Recommendation is to be supplied by the end of March, and will be put on the BoM agenda for next month.	Info	n/a
1466	General	Question was raised whether any clubs received the promised PRIDE campaign posters, to date no club has. CEO to follow up with SLSA.	CEO	3 rd February
1467	General	Queenscliff President queried the template for Annual Report which was to be made available for clubs. He also raised the issue of requesting Department of Fair Trading to increase the amount currently allowed by Incorporations Act, this matter has been referred to SLSNSW. CEO to follow up template with SLSNSW	CEO	3 rd February
1468	General	A number of Presidents raised issue of the amount of SPAM they receive, President advised a new server and SPAM filter had been installed at the Branch office and the issue is being looked at.	Info	n/a
1469	General	Director of Youth & Membership advised Vanessa Brown had resigned at SLSNSW as Manager of Membership services, he requested Branch send a thankyou letter to her for the past 11 years of service.	Manager	3 rd February

Meeting closed at 8.45pm