

MINUTES

**Board of Surf Sports Meeting
Thursday April 16th, 2009 at 6.15pm – Dee Why SLSC**

1. Attendance

As per Attendance Book – Michael Bate in the Chair

2. Apologies

As per the attendance book. Craig Susans, Steve Haggett, Geoff Lyall, Phil Thomas, Simon Moriarty, Gary Cook, Martin Lynch, Michael King

3. Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes of the 26th March Meeting accepted. Moved by Mark Stanton, seconded by John Fahey

4. Business Arising

- 4.1 Al Tier queried the price rise that was passed by the Board (6.16) He made it known that Manly did not want to raise their price in order to encourage more participants. Manly were informed that the price rise was moved and seconded at the previous meeting as well as been adopted by the Executive and BOM at last weeks meeting. NOTE
- 4.2 In regards to 6.11 Bob Langbein wanted to know how Michael Kember's letter of recommendation was going in regards to his application for the National High Performance Squad. Letter to be forward to HPS management. Attn M Bate

5. Section reports

- 5.1.1 R&R: Mark Stanton reported the success of the Australian Titles in particular Collaroy who named champion R&R club at the titles due to their number of medals won and finals made. There are now two carnival dates finalised for next season Nov 7th at the Kracka Carnival and Dec 5th at Ocean Beach the third carnival date is yet to be finalised with Illawarra approached to try to use one of the Sydney water rounds.
- 5.1.2 Beach: Circular is to go out calling for nominations for inclusion in the NSW Beach Advisory Panel. SNB BoSS members were urged to put in their expressions of interest, Marcial will send out the circular on Friday Morning.

6. General Business

- 6.1.1 Pool Championships will be held at Orange and there has been a call from NSW for extra officials due to the increase in competitor numbers. Marcial will circulate the officials' nomination form on Friday Morning.
- 6.1.2 The Craft subsidy/ Fuel Refund circular has been sent out to inform clubs on what they can claim back from attending the Aussies in Perth this season, this circular will be sent out to all clubs again by Marcial on Friday Morning.
- 6.1.3 The Draft Surf Sports Calendar for 2009/10 was presented to the Board with changes to be made and the document sent out to all clubs on Friday Morning. Clubs have been asked to let Marcial know of the dates for their ocean swims so they can be added the calendar.
- 6.1.4 Branch Championships – the dates have been set for the season with Nth Steyne and Queenscliff currently in negotiations to run the championships together. Proposition was made to run the beach events of the Branch Championships on Friday evening as a twilight event and even under lights. It was decided by the board to trial the twilight carnival but there will be more discussion on the program in the coming months. There are a few concerns on timing especially the 2km run. March Past will still be held on the Saturday as part of the Opening Ceremony.
- 6.1.5 There are currently three proposals on the table for Surf Sports concepts.

1) The East Coast Surf League which is to be run a by an individual from the Hunter, this concept focuses more on the elite and is very expensive for clubs to buy a license to take part. Participation is Limited to 32 competitors per team.

2) A Surf League run in conjunction with Hunter, Central Coast, Sydney and ourselves with an event in each branch running a series with prize money in every round and for overall points. All four Branches are looking at the viability of such a series.

3) An opportunity has arisen to become involved with the Sydney Water series run by Illawarra and the South Coast Branches. The series has been around for a number of years and has proven itself to be a well run and

managed series. The board agreed that it would be a good idea for Michael and Marcial to meet with Sydney Water Series representatives and discuss how we can be involved.

- 6.1.6 Doug Lucas mentioned that the 1st option would be out of reach financially for the majority of clubs and this was backed by Michael Kirkby who also mentioned that the concept is too elitist and we should be involved with concepts that encourage everyone in the clubs to be involved. John Woods mentioned that the third option would be best since the series has a proven formula, with an established sponsor.
- 6.1.7 Keith Abraham mentioned that Nth Steyne will be putting a team in the Pool Championships and are training at Manly Pool at 2.30pm on Monday 27th April, all clubs are welcome to join them on the day.

Meeting Closed at 7.05pm

Next Meeting - Thursday 15h May @ Dee Why