

MINUTES

Board of Surf Sports Meeting

Thursday May 28th, 2009 at 6.00pm – Dee Why SLSC

1. Attendance

As per Attendance Book – Michael Bate in the Chair

2. Apologies

Jenny Drury, Martin Lynch, Geoff Lyall

3. Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes of the April Meeting accepted. Moved by Simon Moriarty, seconded by Gary Cook

4. Business Arising

- 4.1 Gary Cook mentioned that Branch titles under lights may be tricky with shadows (6.1.4)It was said The Beach Championships will be run in the afternoon looking to finish before it gets too dark.
- 4.2 Boats may not be able to have their branch championships on the same day as the rest of the open carnival and date will be finalized soon. As it currently stands the Branch open champs will start at 8am with the lifesaver relay at 8am and the March past at 8.30am followed by all water events starting at 9am. Any change to this will be published on the website.
- 4.3 Bob Langbein informed the meeting of the success of SNB representatives been part of the NSW beach advisory panel; Bob Langbein, Martin Lynch, Michael Kember and Gary Cook were all successful with their nominations

5. Sectional Reports

5.1 Michael Bate congratulated Michael King on the success of the Boat Forum held at Nth Narrabeen SLSC on Wednesday 27th May.

5.2 M King reported that there were some major topics of discussion including the proposed Best of the Best series that NSW would like to hold on the Sunday after Manly where Freshwater is holding their Boat Carnival. The SNB boat panel decided it would oppose the proposed date for the Best of the Best series.

5.3 The series would allow the best 24 open male and female crews to take part and 16 crews for other divisions. NSW are currently looking for a sponsor to ensure that there is some prizes for the event. Michael King let it be known that whilst he will back for Freshwater to keep its boat carnival on that day he is disappointed that the Carnival has been split into two days so that boats are on by themselves.

6. General Business

- 6.1 Michel Bate reported on the recent Directors' of Surf Sports Meeting held by State. Kellogg's have confirmed their involvement with SLSA for another 3 yrs with the event going back to a teams format. It looks like there will be two NSW franchises (Sydney, country) with a wildcard franchise also a possibility.
- 6.2 The issue of swimsuits has been resolved for now with only FINA Approved suits and jammers allowed in surf competition
- 6.3 Masters events – there will be more masters events added including some extra ages such as the 170yr+ women's beach relay. More info to come shortly
- 6.4 World Masters Games – there are very few entries at the moment people were asked to take that back to their clubs to generate more interest.
- 6.5 The idea for a youth Championships (11s, 12s, 13s and 14s) has been welcomed by NSW but it will need to get final approval by the National Executive at a later stage.
- 6.6 NSW Maritime has recently come down hard on surfboats and their requirements when in the harbour They are currently going to target ski paddlers in the harbour during Sydney to Hobart and other events of the sort.
- 6.7 New events for Junior Carnivals will be introduced to this year's State Championships including an all age board relay with only 3 teams nominated from the SNB branch.
- 6.8 NSW High Performance nominations will be called for starting next week for all coaches/ athletes/ and officials
- 6.9 There will be an U17s and U19s female ski relay introduced this year as well as an under 17 female ski race.
- 6.10SNB will be staging a pool championships prior to the start of the season pending confirmation of pool booking. More information on the day will be made available at a later date.

- 6.11 Officials quotas will be sorted out this week so that officials are correctly credited with attending on any day whether it be lifesaving, junior or opens.
- 6.12 Collaroy said that they would like to apply for the SNB Branch Championships in 2012, Dee Why also stated that they wanted to apply for 2012 and had already let it be known to the Branch.
- 6.13 Ross Tester mentioned that there will be a 11s-14s carnival to be held in mid to late November. This format works very well at Hunter and we would like to mirror the concept.
- 6.14 Nigel Penn mentioned that the IRB Champs had been well attended by SNB clubs and there was some success by a number of our clubs.
- 6.15 NSW have confirmed that they will not be conducting the Premiership series again this year but have backed the idea of another surf sports concept between SNB, Hunter, Central Coast and possibly Sydney. Michael Bate believed that this concept was the best option the Branch could see to positively contribute to the growth of the sport and giving competitors some good competition throughout the summer and asked for the support of the Board of Surf Sports. It would mean an investment on our behalf of up to \$25K to go towards the seeding of the series that would be run by a Local Organising committee made up of 2 people from each of the Branches involved. Each round will be run by the same group of officials with the host club providing a work party. There will also be a production team on hand to ensure that they day becomes a spectacle and creates a good atmosphere for competitors and spectators alike.
- 6.16 Simon Moriarty stated that Michael Bate has the power to look into such issues and make decisions without having to go back to the Board and put forward a motion to allow the spending of the money as long as it was in our best interests according to Michael as the Director of Surf Sports. Seconded by Craig Susans and agreed to by all others at the meeting.
- 6.17 Election of Boss Officers for 2009-10 was carried out and the positions have been tabled in the attached slide.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Next Meeting 18th June at 6pm