

**MINUTES**

**Board of Surf Sports Meeting**

**Thursday May 19th, 2011 at 6.00pm – SLSSNB Branch Office**

**1. Attendance**

As per Attendance Book – Ross Tester in chair

**2. Apologies**

Jenny Drury, Jeff Hewitt, Allan Tier, Brian Ward, Rhonda Lycett, Geoff Lyall, Mark Stanton, Michael King, Louis Tassone, Chris Dooley, Adrienne Lowe, Gary Beauchamp

**3. Previous Minutes**

Previous Minutes of the April Meeting accepted.

**4. Business Arising**

4.1 In response to points 5.2, Tony Haven reported that there are 9 level 2/3 officials at SNB with none of those officials applying for the higher jobs at Kurrawa. If people do not apply they cannot get the jobs.

4.2 Invoices have been sent to clubs who have lost branch gear throughout the season as set out in 5.3 at the last meeting

4.3 Wording needs to be rephrased in 5.2 where it states that IRB support at the Branch Championships was not adequate. The support was fantastic but there is a need for more clubs to support with IRBs and drivers to help lighten the load on what is there. A quota may be introduced where clubs with a large number of competitors may be asked to provide an IRB at some stage of the Branch Championships or a driver and crew.

**5. Sectional Reports**

5.1 Director of Surf sports reported on the recent State directors meeting.

- There was a suggestion from the South Coast Branch that there be a \$5 levy put on all interbranch team competitors to help out the more remote branches with covering costs of a touring team. Craig Susans moved that we should support the suggestion not only because we are financially strong but also because Interbranch competition is very important and the best from each branch should be there. The motion was seconded by Gary Cook and carried unanimously (Tony Haven abstained from voting). Bob Langbein asked if \$5 was enough and maybe we should pay more – the amount is to be discussed by the state directors.
- Early drafts have been put in place for a junior officials' course and has the backing of the state directors. The qualification will not allow them to be able to officiate at state but will allow them to help out at local carnivals. The course will be shorter with less responsibility for that particular award. There will be a bridging course for those junior activities officials who would like to proceed to a level 1 qualification.
- Officials' quota – there were 8 clubs in the state who did not meet the required officials' quota, one of those being from SNB. There were officials who could not afford to officiate at state and aussies which was a valid point. Peter Gard raised that in order for the officials' pool to not be a problem we must set course dates early, put in place mechanisms where new officials get support and also ensure that clubs know their responsibility before the start of the season.
- Michael Bate mentioned that there were clubs who blatantly disregarded the quota system and this will no longer be tolerated. There will be larger punishments from this point on such as large fines or disqualification from competition.

**6. General Business**

6.1 There have been six formal nominations to run 4 rounds of the boat series. Only the first three rounds will decide the SNB crews to represent at the interbranch titles. The matter has been referred to the Boat Panel to decide on venues.

6.2 Palm Beach presented the only formal nomination to conduct an Open carnival in January. This was approved by the board with the open carnival to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, there will also be a masters twilight carnival held on the Friday night before.

6.3 Queenscliff will not be holding any R&R events at their carnival. This will allow the original date for the Ocean Beach R&R day to stand on the same day as Queenscliff open carnival.

6.4 The Newport Ocean swim has been confirmed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012.

6.5 Michael Bate informed the meeting that if Nth Narrabeen wish to hold their boat carnival on the same day as the Interbranch Titles they will need to seek approval from SLSNSW well in advance. Last minute applications as was done last season will be denied in 2011/2012

- 6.6 Freshwater wish to hold their boat carnival on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. There was some confusion as to whether Manly were asking to have a two-day boat carnival again. Michael Kirkby wanted to do what was best for competitors so asked if the matter could be referred to the boat panel for their comments. The question was if boaties would prefer to have manly over one day, with freshwater the following day or if Manly should remain a two day carnival with Freshwater on the following weekend. the matter is to be resolved at the Boat Rowers Forum on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- 6.7 Redhead has been confirmed as the venue for the 2011 Interbranch Championships to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December.
- 6.8 The interbranch trial will be one date only with the actual date to be decided on by the Branch selectors who are to be elected at the June BoSS.
- 6.9 The East Coast Surf Festival looks like it may have a new sponsor sought by SLSNSW. Their role would be to provide the entries system, collect payments, send out information on the event. There is a question over SNB being part of the organising committee this year as we have been since its inception. There was a question on whether it was worth the trouble since it was hardly supported by SNB clubs last year. SNB clubs will be contacted in regards to the ECSF and asked if they would like to take part or host a round. Newport showed interest in holding a carnival this year so they will be contacted first.
- 6.10 John Fahey's nomination was the only one put forward for the role of Director of Surf Sports. The nomination was welcomed by the BoSS but the position will not be ratified until the next Board of Management Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June where Ross Tester officially stands down. As for the rest of the BoSS officers, nominations will be taken until close of business on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June with voting to occur at the June BoSS meeting. A list of available position will be sent out with the May minutes.
- 6.11 A proposal was put in front of the board in regards to the pre-payment of all carnival entries starting this year. There may be some slight changes to the entries system because of this but full training will be provided for all clubs before the season commences. This will eliminate clubs taking months to pay. The rule will be that if clubs have not paid by the closing date of the carnival they will not start the carnival. All late entries will need to be paid for on the day of the carnival to a Branch representative who will be looking after the late entries. Due to the cost of employing somebody to look after late entries, the late entry fee will go towards covering this cost. Craig Susans asked that the proposal be moved, it was seconded by Janine Fahey. The motion was carried unanimously. All Branches will be instructed about the new form of payment to avoid any problems with entries on the day.
- 6.12 A recommendation was also made that clubs be charged an amount to be set by Keith and Marcial for using any branch gear for events that do not go through the surf cans system. This amount does not include any further charges for such incidents as loss of property; it is only to ensure the upkeep of all gear. All events using the surf cans system already put a percentage of the entry fee towards gear maintenance so they are exempt from paying this new surcharge. These events will include ocean swims, biathlons, and other club events. The Oceanseries events will be exempt from this surcharge as it is a Branch-run series. Keith mentioned that the majority of damages or losses to craft come from these special events.
- 6.13 John Fahey mentioned that a radio was missing after the branch championships thought to have been borrowed by the Manly IRB on the day. Peter Gard said that they had looked for it but it had not been found at the Manly Clubhouse.
- 6.14 As part of the debrief notes to the branch championships, Craig Susans mentioned the point of reverting the Cameron relay back to a brace relay (ie, remove the runners). It was moved by Craig and seconded by Peter Gard that SNB be proactive in changing the Cameron relay to a brace relay not only at SNB carnivals but at state level also.
- 6.15 Water safety hours were brought up after some comments in the Branch debrief about water safety. It was thought that if cadets and U19s could get their water safety hours at carnivals count as patrol hours more people would be willing to help out. It would also work the other way, where the younger kids would relish at being around the best competitors that SNB has at all carnivals.
- 6.16 A response from the floor indicated that clubs were able to do this already and it was up to the individual club to put those hours as patrol hours for their club members depending on their own by-laws and constitutions. Branch will help further this year with the re-introduction of a water safety coordinator who will help with organising water safety personnel and taking down their hours on a patrol log.
- 6.17 In regards to the officials' quota it was asked that Marcial resend the officials' quota after modifying them according to SNB numbers so that it can be ratified at the next BoSS. It is believed that the more notice we give clubs the less likely they are to not comply.
- 6.18 In terms of hosting clubs, minimum standards must be set out in the carnival management agreement and in the case of clubs not meeting the minimum requirements to host a carnival, some of the entry fees should be forfeited immediately. It should also disqualify them from hosting a carnival the following season.
- 6.19 Michael Bate mentioned that with the inquest's report being finalised and many other factors, surf sports will be run in a different manner from as early as this coming season. SNB will need to look at evolving in the way in which surf sports is run
- 6.20 Nigel Penn mentioned that officials and carnival organisers should take into account the setting of cans when organising programs and an order of events. Sticking to either board or swim events to begin with would

make it easier to set up the carnival quicker since it only involves three cans rather than starting with the ironman which requires the full set of cans.

6.21 In regards to the Branch Debrief notes and recommendations made at that meeting, Craig Susans put forward a motion that the new Director of Surf Sports go through the document and come back to the BoSS with a recommendation; this was seconded by Keith Abraham and carried. It was also mentioned that all ideas and recommendations made at both this BoSS meeting and the next be taken to the upcoming executive committee planning conference to inform them of the plans for surf sports in 2011-2012.

6.22 Michael Bate thanked SNB clubs for their participation at the NSW State Titles held on Kingscliff Beach whether it was as a competitor or official. The 2012 state titles will once again be held at Kingscliff with their being an extra one year option, of which no decision has been made yet.

6.23 A survey had gone out for the state titles and the findings were that the Junior Championships was a great event, the masters perhaps should have been moved into three areas rather than the two it had run, The Open championships were very tough due to the adverse conditions that were thrown at organisers and competitors alike.

6.24 Keith mentioned that beach events would probably have been better off closer to the clubhouse. Michael Bate replied that that would be the preferred location but due to the high tide it would not have been possible in 2011.

6.25 The State Championships venue selection panel is open for nominations until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and it would be great to get some people from SNB to be part of that committee. Anybody interested should forward their nomination to sate immediately.

6.26 Janine Fahey commented on Katie Williams being named the Female athlete of this year's Aussies. The BoSS wished to pass on their congratulations to Katie through the Collaroy Club

6.27 The Boat Judging stands were brought up again. Keith mentioned that they were doing fine since they were fixed at the end of last year. Tony Haven mentioned that we should look at getting another set like the ones state have as they have proven to be very reliable. We need another set for the Manly Carnival and options should be investigated. State has allowed us to use theirs but we will need to transport them from Kingscliff to Manly and back. The only problem with the state stands is that they are hard to transport due to how bulky they are. It would need to be transported on a flat top truck or a big Ute.

6.28 Ritchie Lytham brought up the issue of the starting guns for boat competition being old and one not working anymore. Dennis O'Toole put forward a motion that the Branch buys two new guns for boat competition in consultation with Ritchie. Cost was approximately \$750 per gun with the cost of shells at approx. \$3 each but prices were to be investigated first. The motion was seconded by Nigel Penn. The matter will be referred to the boat panel in regards to recovering the cost of not only the guns but the ammunition as well. The boat panel will need to put in a recommendation to the Director of Surf Sports for approval.

6.29 Chairing his last meeting, Ross Tester wished to thank everyone for their support over the last twelve months as director of surf sports and the many years prior as an executive committee member.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Next Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm at Branch Headquarters.