

**MINUTES**

**Board of Surf Sports Meeting**

**Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6.00pm – Dee Why SLSC**

**1. Attendance**

As per Attendance Book – Michael Bate in the Chair

**2. Apologies**

Michael King, Michael Kirkby, Craig Susans, Gary Cook, Allan Tier, Mark Stanton, Bob Langbein, Martin Lynch, Steve Hagget, Chris Dooley

**3. Previous Minutes**

Previous Minutes of the May Meeting accepted. Moved by Don Gain, seconded by Ross Tester

**4. Business Arising**

4.1 Simon Moriarty mentioned that the wording of 6.12 was incorrect in that Dee Why had actually already put in a nomination to hold the 2012 Branch Championships and it had been put to the Board of Management years ago.

**5. Sectional Reports**

5.1 Although Michael King was not present, Michael Bate mentioned that the minutes to the Boat Panel held in May are now available and will be forwarded to all BoSS members this week.

**6. General Business**

- 6.1 Michael Bate asked for expressions of interest for an Ocean Swim 'series' sponsor for all northern beaches clubs. The sponsorship would not take over naming rights of existing swims but would like the brand name to be mentioned i.e. the XXXXXX ocean swim presented by 'series sponsor'. Simon Moriarty questioned whether the process of running the event would be more difficult with a higher body involved in the running of it.
- 6.2 Michael Bate responded saying that the Branch is only there to help with the marketing of it and by providing a cheaper and easier alternative to take entries through the oceanseries website like the ocean ski series. Clubs will still run their event but would need to allow the sponsor to attend the event to give out product in return for a cash contribution. The general feedback was possible with clubs wanting more information on the subject as it becomes available.
- 6.3 The surf sports concept in conjunction with the Central Coast & Hunter is well on its way with preliminary dates already set, potential sponsors sourced, media partners waiting including television coverage in the form of a highlights package.
- 6.4 Changes to Masters competition are to be advised by state with new age groups and events to be publicised at a later date.
- 6.5 Branch is looking to approach Little Athletics in order to work together so that kids are able to do both sports. We are also looking to hold a couple of special Little Athletics days on the beach to promote our sport and giving them a fun day out on the beach. We will use the electronic beach gates and set tracks of 100m & 200m.
- 6.6 Clubs were handed out a list of Accredited Officials and Coaches and were asked to look through it and let Marcial Know if there are any people that are missing or people that are still on the list but are no longer active members.
- 6.7 Don Gain mentioned the winter surfing competition to be held at Manly in August. The Manly Board were going to decide if they were going to run the event again and will let the Branch know next week. Ross Tester mentioned the importance of advertising this properly and getting it out to the right people. He and Sally Mulligan have developed mail lists for the junior clubs and will send out information on the event directly to competitors to ensure the message gets across.
- 6.8 All Age Board relay is said to be an open event with the best board paddler in each age group from U9s to U14s with a limit of teams entered per club. The event will be held at State this coming season with 16 teams competing in the final.
- 6.9 Ross Tester and Narrabeen SLSC are looking to run the "Narrathon" this year which would involve ski paddling on Narrabeen lakes followed by runs over the dunes, a board leg in the surf as well as a swim leg. More information will be made available shortly.

- 6.10 Clubs were reminded again about the Pool Clinic and Talent Identification day to be held at Ryde Pool this weekend. All strong swimmers are encouraged to attend as well as coaches/ officials looking to get involved in pool events.
- 6.11 There will be a Satellite Beach Clinic open to beach competitors after the National high performance camp to be held later in the year. The SLSA HPS is looking to further strengthen their beach team.
- 6.12 The gear container will be sandblasted and painted thanks to the Navy in time for the start of the new season. Thanks were given to Keith for all the hard work in emptying the container before it gets taken away.
- 6.13 The Oceanseries website is been revamped and will go live on the first week of July. Clubs staging rounds of the Oceanseries were asked to send as much information on their race to Marcial asap so that it can be put on the website.
- 6.14 The March Past Clinic that was to be held at Caves Beach will now be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September for anybody who is interested.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Next Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm