

MINUTES

Board of Surf Sports Meeting

Thursday June 17th, 2010 at 6.00pm – SLSSNB Branch Office

1. Attendance

As per Attendance Book – Ross Tester

2. Apologies

Nigel Penn, Glenn Stone, Marty Quinn, Thecla Haven, Chris Dooley

3. Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes of the May Meeting accepted. Moved by Mark Stanton, seconded by John Fahey

4. Business Arising

- 4.1 Arising from 5.8 a name change needs to be recorded for what was formerly the Collaroy Services Beach Club, it is now called The Beach Club
- 4.2 Arising from 6.7 Sue Rossi got clarification from State centre in regards to the make up of the interbranch touring management team. State policy requires that there be an even mix of gender in the management team to be as close to 50% as possible. The minimum management team is as follows but management teams may be larger than this if the team size requires it.

Team Management

- 1 x Coach (minimum level 1)
- 1 x Assistant Coach
- 1 x Manager
- 1 x Assistant Manager
- 3 x Chaperones

5. Sectional Reports

- 5.1 R&R – an East Coast R&R series has been developed for this season with points been accumulated from three carnivals over the season – Ocean Beach, Manly and Freshwater. There will be no extra events or time consumed at these carnivals only the results from each carnival will be accumulated to form the series. A special presentation will be done at the conclusion of the R&R events at the Freshwater carnival.
- 5.2 R&R – there will be a training day to be held at Sydney Branch on the 17th October, more information will be made available to the boss in the coming weeks.

6. General Business

- 6.1 Water safety Draft paper from SLSA was presented to the BoSS. Safety to competitor ratios will be changed significantly, the BoSS believed that while some change was necessary, the draft paper has gone too far where it would be almost impossible to run events such as Big Swims.
- 6.2 Discussion arose from this topic where more water safety is definitely required for our senior carnivals in the coming season. If the conditions are really bad then it should not be a matter of increasing water safety but either relocation to a safer venue or cancelling/ postponing the event.
- 6.3 The election of Branch Team Selectors was held by way of secret ballot with the following four people elected into the role: Bob Langbein, Marty Quinn, Geoff Lyall and Craig Susans. They will make up the selection panel with Ian Miller having already been elected as the Chairman of the Selection Panel.
- 6.4 A meeting will be held for all elected officers including the newly elected selectors before the July BoSS meeting.
- 6.5 The interbranch levies were brought up after the attire of the team was questioned by the floor in that other branches look a lot better than SNB. Don Gain responded that other branches budgets are much larger and thus the better clothing. Competitors from other branches are required to pay in order to have the privilege of competing for the branch, whereas in the past we have not charged levies due to our successful fundraising. Budgets are being reviewed at the moment.
- 6.6 The East Coast Surf Festival dates have been finalised: 23rd October (Sydney Branch), 20th November (Central Coast), 4th December and 5th December (Hunter). Sydney Branch will work with Bondi and Waverly Council in the hope of running the first round at Bondi.
- 6.7 Senior Officials' appointments have been called for this year's Aussies and Coolangatta Gold. A circular was sent out on Wednesday morning.

- 6.8 Level 2 officials' course – nominations for the course close on the 25th June so anybody interested must complete an application and send it through to Branch and State centres. Successful applicants will be notified by state soon after nominations close.
- 6.9 Pool Championships – very important to get this under way and much support will be required from clubs. It is to become an integral part of interbranch and every representative team. SNB is still holding talks with Central Coast and Hunter for a combined pool championships after Sydney had to cancel their championships due to lack of numbers.
- 6.10 Avalon and North Narrabeen were commended for their wonderful results at the recent State IRB championships held in Woolgoolga. The results were very good with Avalon getting two gold, and north Narrabeen a second and third. There was a decent contingent from SNB but there is always room for improvement.
- 6.11 Allan Tier asked for clarification on the decision made at the last BoSS meeting in regards to male vs female chaperones for the interbranch team. Marianne troop mentioned that it had already been addressed earlier in the meeting. Ross Tester responded in saying that it had been dealt with and that the gender compared to the number of people within the management team was in accordance with advice obtained from State Centre.
- 6.12 Allan Tier believes this is sexual discrimination and thought Glenn Stone and the manly club were treated disrespectfully. Manly will be putting in a protest in regards to the action taken by the Board by not allowing Glenn Stone to stand as a Branch Chaperone.
- 6.13 State centre have asked all branches to take into consideration the opening of the Junior and Masters State Championships to interstate competitors – making these open carnivals like the State Open Championships have been since 2005. After some discussion the Board were asked to vote on their preference so it could be relayed back to state. Geoff Lyall put forward the motion to oppose the move which was seconded by Michael King. The board agreed unanimously. Tony Haven abstaining from voting.
- 6.14 Some BOSS members have not been receiving emails – there has been a problem at the branch office since the change of venue and if any BOSS members are not receiving emails they should contact Marcial to ensure their email addresses are correct in the system.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Next Meeting 15th July from 6pm at Branch Headquarters.