

**MINUTES**

**Board of Surf Sports Meeting**

**Thursday July 16<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, Nigel Penn, Marty Quinn, Rhonda Lycett, Martin Lynch, Chris Dooley, James Brooks, Jeff Hewitt, Jenny Drury, Jonathan Farrell, Mark Stanton, Glenn Stone

**3. Previous Minutes**

Previous Minutes of the June Meeting accepted. Moved by Ross Tester, seconded by Barry Antella

**4. Business Arising**

- 4.1 The surf sports concept the clash will now be one event rather than a series for this year so it can be done properly and used as leverage for sponsors the following year. The organizing branches will all be putting \$1000 each to get it off the ground and sponsorship money and entry fees will help with prizemoney. There is a meeting of the LOC on Tuesday night at the Central Coast branch office.
- 4.2 Pool championships are still been organized with a Saturday night in late August been the most likely date at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.
- 4.3 2012 Branch championships venue selection was brought up by Janine Black, the issue has gone back to Collaroy and Dee Why and if there is a problem it will come back to the Director of Surf Sports for a decision.

**5. Sectional Reports**

5.1 Bob Langbein and Gary Cook reported that they will be attending the NSW beach advisory board meeting at State together with several other SNB members and they will be reporting on the outcomes at the next BoSS.

**6. General Business**

- 6.1 Craig Susans mentioned the possibility of Queenscliff moving their annual senior carnival to the week before Manly and Freshwater Carnivals in 2011. This would make those two weeks essential carnivals for all surf clubs. There is also the possibility of the Interstate series becoming part of the Manly/ Freshwater weekend and it will also include pool championships.
- 6.2 The Australian High performance team will be attending the Manly/ Freshwater weekend together with other High Performance teams from most states in Australia.
- 6.3 The NSW pool champs have now been moved to Wyong with total support from the Wyong Council. All SNB clubs are asked to support the pool champs.
- 6.4 Bob Langbein expressed some concern with the dates set for the NSWHPS and aksed if there was any information available. Michael Bate stated that the dates and venues will be confirmed at a later stage. Jodi Thomas at state is currently finalising details and these will be published in the coming weeks. Nominations for the NSWHPS close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July so please forward all nominations to Marcial for Branch approval, he will then deliver them to State Centre. Michael Bate mentioned that SLSNSW should be commended for being very proactive this year with the high performance team.
- 6.5 The new Oceanseries website is up and running now and it includes a new race from Bondi to Watson's Bay. The new website is thanks to Craig Susans and his contacts who provided the website and hosting free of charge and looks fantastic. The website is available for all SNB clubs with half of the advertising revenue from the website going to the host club. Contact Craig or the Branch Office if you are interested in the system.
- 6.6 The BoSS renewal form is been revamped and will be made available to everyone by the first week of August. All officials are asked to fill in the form and return it to Branch Office in order to become a member of the SNB BoSS for 2009-10.
- 6.7 Concern was raised in the retention of officials and it was decided that a mentoring system will be put in place for new officials so they are properly trained after the course.
- 6.8 Richie Lytham and a group of SNB life members have been contacting people who completed the course but never became accredited or have stoped officiating in order to have a better insight to the drop out rate of officials.
- 6.9 The NSW Stater Pistols course was held last weekend at Terrey Hills and was very well attended by SNB officials.

- 6.10 Collaroy have been in negotiations with Ocean Thunder to help with water safety, they were of the belief that they could borrow the Jet skis for water safety but have now been told that this will not be happening since they will be used at Branch organised events on the first three OT events. The Jet skis will be made available to them for the final round in February if that date is sanctioned by SLSA.
- 6.11 Marcial is to speak with Ed Kwanten from NSW Maritime regarding Aquatic Licenses for SLSA carnivals this season. It is the belief of the Branch that we do not need to apply for aquatic licenses for Branch Championships, the three major open carnivals, the three major junior carnival and the two major masters carnivals. Marcial will send out note confirming the results.
- 6.12 The High School Challenge will be held on Queenscliff Beach again in Early November during the week due to feedback from participating schools around the area.
- 6.13 The George Bass Marathon is going to clash with The Queenscliff Open carnival this season. Queenscliff will not contest anybody attending the George Bass instead of their carnival due to it being such a unique event, Michael Bate said that this would not be a problem. Queenscliff will be entering 4 crews themselves.
- 6.14 Bob Langbein mentioned that there will be a discussion on developing a sprint series at the next beach panel meeting but was not sure where it might fit into the calendar. He also asked about the satellite beach clinic to be held at Coffs Harbour and was told that there will be some support from the branch to sprinters who wish to attend. There was also a suggestion that we try to organise the Australian Sprint coach to do a course on the Northern Beaches – this will be investigated further by Michael and Marcial
- 6.15 Bob mentioned that the golf day is already taking some booking with some hole sponsorships already purchased. The clubhouse at Bayview is looking great and will provide for a fantastic venue for this year's golf day.
- 6.16 The new Surf Sports calendar has been updated and will be sent to everyone with the minutes. It will also be posted on the website for everyone else on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The calendar has been divided in Branch events and Club/Community events. all clubs are encouraged to send through any oceans swims etc they would like included in the calendar for the season.
- 6.17 Ross Tester mentioned that the Surf Safari camp will be held at Warriewood beach this year to help with costs but will include a host of very special guests and many activities thanks to the hard work from Sally Mulligan at the Branch Office. Clubs will be given final details on the camp and will be asked to pass the information on to their members.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Next Meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm