

**Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc.**

**Special Board of Management Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

SNB Headquarters, Unit 9/1 Vuko Place Warriewood 2102

**ATTENDANCE**

Gordon Lang (President), David Murray (Deputy President), Phil Cullis (Director Finance & Administration), Steve Faddy (Director of Rescue Services), Ross Tester (Director of Surf Sports), Glenn Langley (Director of Youth & Membership), Steve McInnes (CEO), Jen Huston (Manager), Damian O'Shannassy (North Steyne), Stephen Bennett (Freshwater), Bryn Russell (South Curl Curl), Simon Moriarty (Dee Why), Doug Lucas (Long Reef), Rohan Fisher (South Narrabeen), Jason Oakes (Narrabeen Beach), Matt Sheridan (Warriewood), Matthew Lloyd (Bungan Beach), Christine Hopton (Avalon Beach), Martin Armstrong (Whale Beach), Sam Burton Taylor (Palm Beach), Graham Howard (North Palm Beach)

**APOLOGIES:**

Michael Wasley (Director of Education & Assessment), Daniel Mulcahy (Manly), David Piper (Queenscliff), Ian Thurgood (North Curl Curl), Richard Trim (Collaroy), Michael McDermott (North Narrabeen), Jon Dibbs (Mona Vale), Rob Emerson (Newport), Peter Tomkins (Bilgola),

**PROXIES**

Peter Gard for Daniel Mulcahy (Manly), Ray Williams for David Piper (Queenscliff). Julie Tassone for Ian Thurgood (North Curl Curl), John Fahey for Greg McMahon (Collaroy), Brendan Reedy for Michael McDermott (North Narrabeen), Bobbie Winger for Jon Dibbs (Mona Vale), Doug Menzies for Rob Emerson (Newport), Geoff Raper for Peter Tomkins (Bilgola).

**MINUTES**

Item	Area	Discussion	Action	Date
001	Australian Championships	President advised a discussion paper regarding the 2013/14 Australian Titles had been circulated to Club Presidents prior to this meeting. A copy of discussion paper was attached with agenda.	Info	n/a
002	Australian Championships	Question was raised on the timetable of events listed in the discussion paper. President noted the document was only a draft for discussion and pointed out Manly Beach would be the best stretch for the finals with the other days spread over other beaches. Aim was to form a taskforce. Indication needed by March 2011, final submission needed by November 2011. SLSNSW President Tony Haven advised two other States had indicated an interest however NSW had preference. Funding from Events NSW was being negotiated by SLSNSW and was essential for a NSW bid to be considered.	Info	n/a
003	Australian Championships	President advised the event is run by SLSA, not by the clubs or branch. Clubs tender for services including clubhouse facilities, work parties, etc. SLSA decides – clubs are paid for services.	Info	n/a
004	Australian Championships	Question: Who underwrites the event if it is called short or cancelled? President was unsure but suggested that SLSA would be responsible.	Info	n/a
005	Australian Championships	President advised he was looking for an agreement tonight to get a working party started on the submission	Info	n/a
006	Australian Championships	North Steyne advised they require more time to discuss with their committee.	Info	n/a
007	Australian Championships	Question: Does the event have the full support of all councils? President advised the event has the support verbally from all three councils. Once SNB Clubs decide Councils will be approached on a formal basis. SLSNSW CEO is talking to Events NSW about their contribution.	Info	n/a
008	Australian Championships	Question: How will SLSNSW interact with SNB? SLSNSW President advised SLSNSW do not have anything to do with the tender process.	Info	n/a
009	Australian Championships	President asked for a show of hands for support to form a working party; 14 Presidents supported.	Info	n/a

010	Surf Club Tenure	Full Discussion paper attached.	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	President advised that the LPMA (Department of Lands) wants to conduct a workshop to develop a framework for the future arrangements between LPMA, Councils and Clubs.	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>SLSNSW President Tony Haven reported New South Wales has 129 clubs all with varying arrangements, some are on Council Land, Crown Land or Nationals Parks. Four clubs own their land. Clubs have different length leases. There is no common set of rules across the State. Some Councils are seeking a percentage of Clubs revenue – in some cases 100% of items like hall hire. President advised only some Councils are causing problems.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the value proposition of Surf Life Saving to the community and whether this had been taken into consideration. SLSNSW President advised that SLSA were currently undertaking a study to update the findings of the Allen Report. All Clubs should use this information to demonstrate their worth.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>SLSNSW President advised the workshops are being set-up for Clubs on Crown Land focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development of a strategic framework for a more sustainable model</li> <li>• The clear definition of the various roles and responsibilities of each key stakeholder LPMA, SLSNSW, local government, reserve trust.</li> <li>• The development of guidelines to provide a more equitable and consistent approach to local clubs and Councils to ensure certainly, with the flexibility to address local needs.</li> <li>• Identifying a planning framework that balances the sensitive needs of the coastal zone and public use needs.</li> <li>• The establishment of a consultation process for all future dealings.</li> </ul>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	The Department of Lands has employed consultants to conduct workshops across the State, 94 clubs are on Crown Land.	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>There has been several options suggested for future leasing arrangements which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single head lease with SLSNSW ( not favoured by SLSNSW)</li> <li>• Direct lease with Crown lands – not Council</li> </ul> <p>Other consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Length of lease - How long do you want the lease to run?</li> <li>• Commercial Activities – what amount goes to Surf Life Saving</li> </ul>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>Comments: Council collects money from Parking meters which are on Crown land.</p> <p>18 millions dollars funding received from Government grants, Local Council are taking away.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	SLSNSW President advised the Support Officer will supply clubs with dates. Timeframe is to put a report together ready for the State Council meeting in November to form a recommendation to Government. President advised every club on Crown land should have a representative.	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracey Lake from Narrabeen Beach SLSC gave a review on the Narrabeen Beach Club's situation: 20 year lease to Narrabeen Beach which Local Council do not want</li> <li>• There is enormous goodwill and support from Councillors but not the staff.</li> <li>• Local Council want to get their hands on beach front property.</li> <li>• Narrabeen Beach SLSC is happy to take on exterior and interior maintenance and keep 100% of income.</li> <li>• Tracey advised clubs if they are offered a longer lease than 20 years</li> </ul>	Info	n/a

		<p>they should take it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracey also noted if Clubs chose to deal directly with the Crown they would lose support of local council.</li> </ul>		
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>President advised clubs they should show value of building to community services in their financial reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any recognition to what clubs provide their community</li> <li>Councils will recognise value of surf life saving to community, in 2004 this was estimated at 172 million.</li> <li>SLSA Consultants will have a total cost valuation and will deal with clubs directly.</li> <li>Clubs need an agenda as each club will have different criteria, 21 versions is not a problem,</li> <li>Warringah Council originally offered three options.</li> <li>Clubs should have a fair understanding of how much money has been put into the clubhouse as this strengthens argument.</li> <li>Include all key statistics – value of patrol hours based on \$30 per hour.</li> <li>If Club hall is used for community activities these should be listed in Annual report.</li> <li>Allen Consulting report which was done in 2004 is currently being updated</li> </ul>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>Questions was asked on commercial income – this has not been defined, it is not commercial income, it is all fundraising.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>It was noted the Department of Lands can give longer leases (up to 99 years), currently Pittwater Clubs still have ten years to go on current lease.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>Alternative is if money is taken away from clubs this will have to come from members.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>Consider Beach Management between Council and Clubs. Patrols hours – this is what we do, we need dollars to continue doing this, we need proper funding from the Government.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>LPMA designates to the Council any lease signed off by the Crown Land. Crown owns the land, Council has control. Opportunity to secure the future for Surf life saving clubs, consider what is beneficial to each club.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>Councils comment surf clubs are exclusive to members, clubs need to point out anyone can join – this should be into submissions , you are able to look where your members are from using postcodes.</p>	Info	n/a
	Surf Club Tenure	<p>Clubs asked for details on the upcoming workshop with a master list made up of bullet points to cover, so everyone is prepared.</p>	Info	n/a

Meeting closed at 7.25pm