

NEWPORT SLSC

MINUTES

Meeting held Wednesday 14 September 2011

At Newport SLSC Barrenjoey Rd Newport

Meeting commenced: 7.34 pm

Attendance:

Rob Emerson, Doug Menzies, Brett Budd, Tom Kellaway, Sandy Menzies, Grant Dargue, Bev Barnes, Josh Hayward, Lauren Budd, Rob Barkley, Tim Francis, John Guthrie, Jan Proudfoot, Ray Bratton

Apologies:

Jess Menzies, Kieran Menzies, Michael Maley, John Greenhill, Alana Smithies, Sharon Smithies, Nick Carroll

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Grant Dargue requested that the previous minutes be adjusted to include the comment that "Patrol 10 did a great job of sweeping out the Clubhouse on their last patrol" as this should have been included in the October minutes and was omitted.

With this adjustment the minutes were confirmed as a true record.

Moved: Brett Budd

Seconded: Tom Kellaway

Carried

2. Business Arising from the Minutes:

There was an enquiry as to whether the safety in the carpark had been better on Sunday morning during nippers since patrols had been monitoring the traffic. Brett Budd will follow up and report.

3. Correspondence:

Out:

- Letter to Branch requesting reduced patrol hours and late proficiency for Michael Maley due to his tour of duty in Afghanistan
- Letter to Sydney Northern beaches Woodturners thanking them for the donation of a wooden bowl for raffle.

In:

- Westpac Helicopter newsletter
- Letter from the Office of Trade and Industry re changes to the Liquor Act and its effect on surf clubs
- Letter from the Minister of Policy and Emergency Services advising we were unsuccessful in our grant application

4. Reports:

President's Report - Submitted by Rob Emerson

Meetings attended:

- 12 November Last induction day for Newport Surf Rowers Youth Development Program
- 18 November Dinner engagement with Rob Stokes
- 20 November presentation of uniforms new bronze members
- 27 November presentation of uniforms new bronze members
- 1 December Newport Executive Committee Meeting
- 6 December Board of Management Meeting
- 11 December Ski & Board sponsorship presentation
- 13 December Nippers Committee
- 14 December Newport SLSC Management Committee

Reports Prepared:

- List of actions that require attention report

Treasurer's Report – Submitted by Tom Kellaway

- Member numbers as at 8/12/11 have been calculated and were circulated. Based on these numbers funds will be transferred from the Nippers account for their use and spending during the 2011/12 nippers season as outlined in the One Club paper.
- We have had a quote from AON Insurance for the Club's insurance policy. To increase our insurance from \$120,000 to \$250,000 will cost an additional \$525.05. It was agreed by the management committee to proceed with this quote.
- The following sponsorship items were presented for Committee approval:
- Jarvis Constructions – sponsorship of \$7,700.00 for the water and board team
- Back to health Physiotherapy – would like to enclose a letter to all members with our next newsletter offering all Club members a free session at Back to Health physiotherapy in Newport. They have also offered all members of our competition team a 10% discount
- Temperzone – Sponsorship of the Newport Competition Team, and they will provide funding for a team shirt for all competitors from Nippers to master in all events.
- Discussions at the Bar sub-committee meeting resulted in an agreement that we should look to raise money to cover the cost new fridges and works to improve the bar area
- A new IRB motor has been ordered and a deposit of 50% has been paid.
- The Club is currently performing very well. Membership fees are currently fractionally down, however spending has decreased. We also have 20 paid bronze candidates to start in January who are not showing on Surfguard, this will take our numbers past the total of 12303 from 2010/2011.
- I would like to request that planning for the Club's golf day begin now with a view to making this a major fundraiser. If we are able to build two major fundraisers into the calendar rather than relying on the sportsman's lunch alone I feel this could be of great benefit to the Club.

Club Captain's Report – Submitted by Brett Budd

News:

Belated thanks and acknowledgement for Peter Tullet who performed a board rescue of a guy in distress struggling in a rip near the pipe, early on the day of the Newport Boat Carnival. Peter had just finished board training but thankfully had 'some left in the tank' to complete the rescue. Peter's quick response kept the rescue at being one of a conscious patient. Well done Pete.

Activities, Meetings and events attended:

- 9 November – Newport BOSS meeting
- November – Bronze Proficiencies started attendances low and some dates cancelled due to conditions. Additional dates set for December and advice has been sent out by email and SMS
- November – Patrol Uniforms SLSA allocation to Newport for this season was 144 sets. Our order has been received but small and medium sizes are out of stock and not expected till the end of January. We will attempt to contact some other clubs to see if they have small and mediums we can swap and replace at the end of January as we have 50 SRC candidates about to graduate. 34 Bronze this season already + 50 SRCs + 23 Loreto Bronze(from last season), doesn't leave many sets for the new year Bronze group 30-40 and Loreto 30-35. We will likely need to purchase additional uniforms - this will be re-assessed in January/February.
- 1 December – Review meeting with Rob Barkley to assign latest Bronze awardees to Patrol teams.
- 1 December – Executive meeting
- 11 December – Pool to Peak meeting.

Brett also added that we have received some no-lifesaving red shorts in our last allocation. These will be collected as they are found.

Uniforms will be distributed to our new SRC members in mid to late January as the SLSA store is currently out of stock.

Chief Instructors Report – Submitted by Rob Barkley

- Proficiencies

Proficiencies are complete for most active members despite the interruption of poor weather conditions.

- Training program

We have good support available to train groups 3 and 4 after Christmas. We have a healthy interest from members wanting to do extra awards such as IRB Driver /crew ARTC , 1st Aid, and Gold pending the availability of trainers

1 /Bronze Group 1 is complete

2 /SRC group 1 - December

3 /Bronze Group 2 - January 22nd to March

4 /Bronze Group 3 - January 21st to March (Loreto girls)

5 /Spinal Mge on 26th November (5 members completed)

5 /Gold Medallion on 11th December (4 members completed)

- Bronze Squad

We have an additional 37 patrolling members whom have successfully completed their bronze medallion.

We have in excess of 20 applications to commence bronze training in the New Year.

- SRC Squad

The SRC squad of 49 has progress well and will complete their dry and wet assessments on the 8th and 18th of December respectively with our neighbouring club of Mona Vale.

- Resources

We need to review the condition of training equipment and replace damage items. I expect the expenditure will be under \$250 -00

We will need to purchase additional uniforms (Caps, Pants and tops) for members completing their Bronze and SRC awards

Registrar's Report – Submitted by John Greenhill

- Membership so far for this season is 1180. Compared to 1203 last season.
- Nippers is up 18%

- An Email was sent by me on the 23rd November to remind non-financial members that the
 - 30th was near. The response was good and I feel we will exceed last season's figure.
- It's timely that I thank Bev, Chris Borg and Committee members for all the help they have given me so far this season.

House Captain's Report – Submitted by Sharon Smithies

Items attended to:

- Liaised with John Berry re window in bar
- Liaised with John Berry re locks, keys and building work progress
- Prepared thank you letters for Council, Ben Seale and Greg Randall for their ongoing support of maintenance
- Attended to dead phone line in First Aid Room
- Liaised with council electricians re electrical gremlins in club(phone line hand dryers)
- Barrenjoey Locksmiths site visit re cost of total re-keying
- Liaised with Chris re bookings and Yoga intensive program
- Attended to club hirers problems re electrical problems Saturday 26th
- Hirers complaints re members entering Hall with sandy feet whilst they were having a function
- Attended to market day stall holders electrical problems Sunday 27th
- Arranged for Ben Seale to check electrical faults on Sunday 27th
- Arranged for 3 x Hand dryer repairs, covered under warranty
- Showed a potential hirer through the club Friday 2nd December
- Met with Greg cleaner to review cleaning

- Sand Patrol

Please continue to be vigilant when it comes to leaving the sand on the beach. Thank you to patrols that are assisting with this.

- Re-Keying Proposal

Barrenjoey Locksmiths have quoted \$6400 to re-key the whole club API's cost to re-key as last report indicated was \$2690. That included the new slide bolt and padlocks for the IRB shed as requested and 6 new padlocks to bring them into line with what should be fitted at each roller door and the new board and ski shed padlocks as requested. Council has proposed if we met the \$2690 that is to complete the requested changes per ski shed, IRB, etc they would fund the rest of the cost for BLS to re-key the whole club

- Missing Items: Table Cloths and Mop and Buckets

There seems to be quite a few table cloths missing. The three round burgundy ones for the white tables and the 6 white linen ones I donated are MIA. The club coloured table cloths are past their use by date. It seems nothing is safe!! The new mop and squeeze bucket I purchased has also left the building. A replacement set needs to be purchased.

- Additional information discussed:

Pittwater Council will be replacing the north eastern corner of the roof in the hall as the tiles are weak The API Locksmiths quote was discussed and the committee decided more information on the scope of work to re-key was required as Council provides keys and locks for the external doors and sheds usually at no charge to us. The House Captain was asked to provide further information to the Committee when available.

It was suggested that the current bi-locks attract sand and we should investigate other options.

Publicity Officer's Report – Submitted by John Guthrie

- Newsletter no.12 has been issued and we are now looking for stories and photos for the next newsletter. I would like to get the newsletter out mid to late January which will mean working on it before Christmas.
- Special thanks to Sandy Menzies who is now doing the layout for the newsletter reducing the cost of each edition. Sandy is doing a great layout each time and it is making it easier to produce the newsletter.
- A big effort has been put into the promotion of the Pittwater Beaches Ocean Swims incorporating Newport, Bilgola, Avalon, Whale Beach and Mona Vale. Media releases have been sent to Cumberland and Fairfax suburban newspapers.
- Rob Berry an organiser of the Big Swim at Whale Beach has been able to organise some free advertising for the Pittwater Ocean Swims and we are looking for interesting stories for editorial support.
- We were able to organise a special story in the Manly Daily which promoted the Pittwater ocean swims. I am indebted to Howard Moxham for representing Newport in the photo shoot at Bilgola. Howard is doing a power of work regarding the necessary approvals/administration etc for our swim.
- I am now chasing publicity for our own Pool to Peak 2km swim and a media release has been issued.
- We are hoping the **800metre swim** before the main 2km Pool to Peak ocean swim will attract new ocean swimmers. Both swims were featured in the last newsletter and it is important that we promote the swims by word of mouth. Unfortunately weather predictions for the summer season are not very promising. Let's keep our fingers crossed!
- I am delighted to advise that ocean swimmers can now enter our 2km and 800m swims are now available on www.oceanswims.com which gives, at the time of writing this report, four weeks to get entries in for these events. We are again being supported by Harris Farm Markets and the RMYC.
- I have suggested to my Manly Daily contact that they do a story on Nick Carroll with his incredible surfing background spanning many developments in the surfing world.
- Please keep me informed of any activities/events that could be publicised in the media or the newsletter.

Social Secretaries Report – Submitted by Jan Proudfoot

- Boardies Day raised \$61.40 from St Joseph's Nursing Home
- Boardies Night raised \$185 and the bar takings were double from the week before.
- Reminder After Fives Christmas Drinks will be on 18 December and coincide with Twilight Nippers. The Bar area will be decorated and have Christmas music playing, and we will also be selling home-made Ginger Bread Cookies.
- Laser tag will be held in Bert Payne Park on Sunday 29 January at 4pm. This will be \$15 per person for approx. 5 games of 8 minutes each if we have 60 players. Mark Ansiewicz will create a flyer for the event.
- Drink vouchers for after Fives have been given to Nipper of the Week parents - valid for that day only. It is requested these expiries be extended to one month from the date of issue as many have not been redeemed. This was approved by the Committee.
- Presentation evening for 2012 – It is proving hard to find a suitable venue at a reasonable price, however hopefully there will be more information available for the January meeting.

5. General Business:

- Minutes from the Executive meeting on 1 December were circulated to the Management Committee. The committee was also advised our insurance has now been increased as it was insufficient.
- Actions list was circulated and updated

- The Bar Sub- Committee meeting has been held. They plan to take steps to encourage bar patronage and attendance at After Fives as both a source of revenue and a regular social focus for the Club. These include:
 - Application for a full licence for the Club – this will add to revenue when the hall is let for external functions
 - Quote have been obtained for new fridges and improved layout behind the bar. Bar Committee is exploring external funding to pay for these improvements
 - The Acoustics report is now available, so it is recommended we look at implementing the improvements in the bar area
 - A range of different activities to be implemented at After Fives commencing next Sunday 18 December including raffles, \$10 birthday vouchers, theme Sundays, Competition results to be announced or posted each Sunday, weekly specials, RSA course in the New Year, gain Nipper Parent involvement by having a nipper representative on the bar Sub-Committee
- It was noted the window in the gym is breaking – this will be reported to Council
- Pool to Peak Ocean Swim – Club Captain will follow up with the IRB Captain and organise other water safety
- Christmas Day Patrols – emails will be sent out requesting members to assist by volunteering a couple of hours.
- First Aid room has been left dirty and disorganised for the last few Sundays. Members are requested to clean up at the end of each patrol.
- Club Captain tabled feedback from Nippers that patrol 9 did a fantastic job attending to nippers and the beach on their last patrol.

6. Upcoming events:

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day volunteers needed

Monday 2 January – Pool to Peak Ocean Swim

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 7.30pm.

Please remember reports for this meeting will be due on Wednesday 4 January.