

NEWPORT SLSC

MINUTES

Meeting held Wednesday 14 September 2011

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm

Attendance:

As Per Attendance Book

Apologies:

Jess Menzies, Sandy Menzies, Doug Menzies, Michael Maley, Bev Barnes, John Guthrie, Tim Francis,

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the August 2011 meeting were confirmed as a true record.

Moved: Josh Hayward

Seconded: Tom Kellaway

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Masters competition fees:

Rob advised he has sent an email advising all master competitors of the new fee

IRB Motors:

Kieran is applying for a grant for new motors, Brett raised the issue of 4 blade prop being required pre-season and advised that branch will be contacting State to request that the policy be phased in over a number of years.

Correspondence:

Out:

- Nil

In:

- Fineprint- discount clothing apparel brochure
- Warwick Evans- re renewal of Club membership
- SLSA- Awards of excellence invitation
- 2011 – Defibrillator brochure
- SLSA – Clubbie of the year information

Reports:

President's Report - Submitted by Rob Emerson

Rob advised that outstanding actions will be discussed at next meeting as it seems some things are not being actioned.

Meetings attended:

- 10th August Newport SLSC Management Committee
- 20th August Newport SLSC Committee Drinks
- 21st August Newport SLSC Rowers Preseason Meeting
- 21st August Gear Inspection
- 23rd August Pittwater RSL sponsors presentation

- 28th August Pub to Pub fundraiser
- 1st September Newport Building Committee meeting to organise the public forum
- 6th September Board of Management Meeting
- 9th September Newport SLSC Youth development surf rowers preseason meeting
- 10th September Club conference Narrabeen SLSC
- 11th September Newport SLSC Youth development surf rowers induction day
- 14th September Presidents meeting with Pittwater Council
- 14th September Newport SLSC Management Committee

Club Captain's Report – Submitted by Brett Budd

Activities, Meetings and events attended:

- 10th August – Surf Sports review meeting
- 10th August – Committee Meeting
- 21st August – Gear Inspection. Big thank-you to those that helped before with preparation and on the day getting gear ready; Kieran, Sandy, Doug and Jessica Menzies, Robert Timar, Craig McDougal, John Greenhill, Rob Emerson, Matt Edwards, Bernie Howard, Ian Hamilton
- 27th August - Pub to Pub raffle books collected and reconciled
- 27th August – Setup router and WiFi at Surf Club on new TPG Internet service. WiFi will be used for Registration day
- 28th August – Pub to Pub fun run help. Well done yet again to Ian Crutch for co-ordinating Newport resources.
- 28th August – Parking Permit list updated and sent to Branch
- 1st September – Building Master Plan Committee meeting
- 5th September – Draft Patrol Roster created (thanks Lauren for helping) and sent out to all Patrol Captains. Feedback to be finalised by 9th Sept and Revision 1 to be sent to all members.
- 10th September – Clubs Conference at Narrabeen
- 11th September – Network and Laptop setup, thanks to Matt Edwards for loan of additional Laptops
- 11th September – Registration Day 1
- 11th September – Pool 2 Peak Committee Meeting
- 12th September 2011 – Vice Captains Meeting
- Patrol Captains Meeting booked for 21st September
- New Patrol list (thanks Alana for updating this) will be sent out and posted on the web-site prior to start of the season.
- This season's first Patrol is on Saturday 24th September and is lucky Patrol 13.
- Don't forget the Back to the Beach function for Patrolling members and their family on the 25th September – RSVP essential, refer to the Club web site.

Registrar's Report – Submitted verbally by John Greenhill

Registrations are going well. We need more help this weekend as there are always lots of questions. Brett and John recommend advising members to register online.

Competition Organiser Report – Submitted by Tim Francis and delivered by Brett Budd in Tim's absence

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Surf Sports was held on Tuesday 12th July. The purpose of the Committee is to represent all competitors with the minutes and recommendations taken back to the Club Management Committee. Minutes from this sub-committee will be distributed prior to Management Meetings with other reports and agenda items.

Motion: That the Newport Board of Surf Sports has the authority to make non financial decisions in regards to competition

Moved: Brett Budd

Carried.

The Board of Surf Sports Committee requested funding for transport to Coolangatta Gold.

Motion: That the Management Committee will fund the entry fee and not the transport of equipment for this year's Coolangatta Gold.

Moved: Brett Budd

Carried.

The Management committee asked the Newport SLSC Board of Surf Sports to submit ideas to assist to form a policy for selection and placement of photos on the walls in the bar room. They are asked to submit these ideas to the meeting for the management committee's determination

Branch Delegates Report – As Submitted By Doug Menzies

SLSSNB – Board of Management Meeting Held - 6 September 2011 – items of discussion:

Land & Property Management Authority (LPMA):

For nearly 12-months Surf Life Saving NSW and Branches have been working with the Land & Property Management Authority (LPMA – previously know as the 'Department of Lands') to identify and address issues in relation to surf clubs on Crown Land and lease arrangements with Local councils, who have care and control on behalf of the NSW Government.

Much of Crown Land stock is made available to Charities and community groups, there are a number of for profit entities making use of Crown Land and where this is the case the LPMA has a responsibility to obtain a commercial return for the NSW community.

Many clubs within SLSSNB have expressed a view that any funds that are obtained from the commercial use of Clubs on Crown Land (even if it relates to the sub-leasing to a third party for-profit entity) should be retained by the Club and not returned to Council who are bound to use it for the care and upkeep of the precinct. This is believed to be in conflict with the existing intent of the Crown Lands Act.

The Board of Management (BoM) last night agreed to the President of SLSSNB advising SLSNSW that they were not happy with the current consultative process and the current position in relation to the fact that all revenues would not be retained by clubs and that clubs believe that all revenue should stay with clubs.

New SLSA Water Safety Policy:

The recently issued (Circular 12/2011-12 issued 25.7.11) SLSA Policy Statement - 1.1 Water Safety has increased very significantly the level of responsibility for providing water safety for any aquatic activity, as well as tightening the ratio of water safety personnel.

The BoM resolved to have SLSA review the policy so that it is more appropriate and workable.

It is due to come into effect by the first day of patrols, 24 September 2011.

Constitutions:

Branch will be asking clubs for most recent copy of their Constitutions, to identify and report back to clubs where Branch believes that there is conflict with Branch, State and National Constitutions and request clubs consider bringing theirs into line.

NSW State Championships:

The 3 Manly Council clubs have been working with Manly Council to be considered to host the NSW State Championships. Narrabeen SLSC has also indicated that they are looking to work with Warringah Council to also be considered as possible hosts.

The BoM agreed to support any Clubs/Council within the Branch who may be seeking to host the Championships.

IRB Foot Strap Removal:

- A number of clubs expressed concern in relation to the most recent changes to the IRB policy but particularly the removal of one of the foot straps indicating that this has created a safety concern.
- Branch will write to SLSA expressing concern.

Footnote: Newport has suffered an injury following compliance with the policy in very passive conditions – this was noted.

Club's Conference:

Branch will be hosting a Clubs' Conference on 10 September 2011 at the Narrabeen SLSC commencing from 9.00am.

The format will include a number of strands, including:

- Admin;
- Rescue Services;
- Education & Assessment;
- Sponsorship, Marketing & Media;
- Youth & membership Development;
- Surf Sports

IRB Captain's Report - Submitted by Kieran Menzies

The IRB Captain requested the purchase of 2 new IRB area signs (approx \$60 each), due to our increased activity on the beach (i.e training area and patrol area, surf boats and IRBs, ocean swims/carnivals and patrols)

4 IRB Drivers and 4 IRB Crew complete their awards in the last few weeks.

All our IRB items passed gear inspection. A few comments were made by the inspectors:

- 2 of the fuel cells look like they are a bit old and deteriorated; this causes the interior to break down into the fuel, causing problems with the motors. Recommendation is to look at replacing 2 of them this season.
- Some of the IRB motors have loose brackets which will need to be re-bushed, these are our oldest motors. I have requested prices to get this done but haven't heard anything back as yet.

The ATV has new resources and this award is now treated the same as an IRB drivers award. It needs to be stressed to the patrolling members that they are not to drive the ATV unless they hold the award and are proficient. Highlighted by Kieran!

- Craig to follow up bluebottle signs, all to check signs, and forward to Brett for patrol captains meeting,
- We need to replace two old fuel bladders, Kieran to get costs and replace 1 this season and the other next season.

House Captains Report – Submitted by Sharon Smithies

Club Keying:

Keys that are being phased out:

- B Key Hall Hirer - replaced with swipe
- C key Hall Hirer - replaced with swipe
- D Key Knackers/ swim – replaced with swipe

Boat shed and IRB Shed:

- Boat shed / IRB shed Council is concerned about the serviceability of the proposed lock change
- Padlock on ground with slide bolt is the strongest option, however problems with sand corrosion and urine in locks
- Slide bolt mounted on a panel mid way up the door is the least preferred option as the strength of the roller door is compromised. The door would need to be strengthened and if the lock jams we would need a locksmith to service. Downstream council see this as an expansion of the lock problem
- On inspection today the system we have at the moment is more secure if the boat shed were to be locked as requested

Building Works:

- Restorative work is progressing well.
- Structural Engineer is happy with the work completed to date
- Structurally they have been able to use the existing posts, however stainless steel angles have been secured on posts and chem set, they have used ply wood for bracing
- Rendering is hopefully happening this week allowing time to cure before the frame work and custom made windows to be put in place.
- Membrane is being added for waterproofing as they are not cavity walls
- Doors and new stainless steel panic bars in place
- Located tiles for patching sill of door in bar
- Patching internally will be done
- Repaint of areas affected
- Time to look at repaint of all areas
- Floor will be repaired also by council We need to look at redoing the rest of the floor

General:

- Toilet repair is happening tomorrow
- Battery for alarm needs to be replaced and serviced

Publicity Officers Report – Submitted By John Guthrie

- Newsletter 11 has been distributed.
- Sandy Menzies will be doing the newsletter layout in future to help reduce costs. We will then only be up for printing and distribution costs.
- At the time of writing this report the Manly Daily was taking photographs of a group of Nippers at the club for a story in the Saturday 10 Sept edition. I liaised with Glen Borg and Peter Finn on this project.
- A story has also been submitted to the media re the Junior boat training sessions.
- An Ocean Swim meeting was held on Sunday 11 to start planning the Pool to Peak and coordination of our swim with the other swims on the Peninsula.
- Ideas/topics for media releases and the newsletter are welcome from everyone.
- It is planned to use social media more including President Blogs on the website.
- Now that the season is just about underway we will ramp up the number of media releases being issued.

General Business:

- Nick Carroll asked about the board and ski shed entry way being opened up height wise to enable easy access to equipment, Nick to follow up with Sharon and the Council staff to determine what approvals would be required.
- Josh asked about the senior first aid course, cost wise used to be free and now has to be paid by the candidate. Refresher training for existing senior first aiders will be covered by the Club. Rob Barkley to consider the issue of new candidates and provide a proposal to the management committee
- Tom Kellaway reported that five new crews turned up for Youth Development program and we received \$1500 from Rotary for help at pub to pub
- Brett Budd attended the Branch Club's conference where he also demonstrated our screw in tent pegs to the other Club Captains.
- A Water safety officer needs to be recruited for nippers
- Minutes of meetings to contain discussion of all present summarised accurately and not the results of sub groups away from actual meeting

Upcoming events:

- Sunday 18 September - Registration Day
- Saturday 24 September - Season starts
- Sunday 25 September – Back to the Beach function
- Sunday 9 October - Nippers commences
- Saturday 5 November – 2nd round SNB Boat Carnival at Newport

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 7.30pm.

Please remember reports for this meeting will be due on Wednesday 5 October.