

SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH Inc.
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 14th MAY 2009, AT THE KEMPSEY HOTEL.

SUMMARY

(For full details, refer to the attached Meeting Minutes)

Decisions Made:

- Resolved: That the minutes of the Education Meeting held 2nd April be adopted.
(K Rayner / K Fisher) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That the request from Macksville Scotts Head SLSC to change the date of their Annual Carnival to the 14/15 November 2009 be accepted.
(G Bell / P Rayner) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That the Branch Survey not be pursued at this point in time.
(M Fuller / J Burnett) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That the Judiciary Report be accepted, and all recommendations be endorsed.
(P Rayner / G Bell) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That a copy of the report and an Invoice be sent to all Clubs involved.
(P Rayner / G Bell) CARRIED.

Notices of Motion: nil.

Actions Required:

Action	Resp.	Status
Coordinate a meeting of the Competition Review Committee	Ken W	
Meet and discuss Mick's competition recommendations	Committee	
Attend meeting with northern 4 Branches on 14 June	DOS?	
Discuss Carnival Concept with LNC and NC Branches on 14 June	DOS?	
Seek quotes to replace the Senior Gear Trailer	Executive	
Meet regarding Ocean Swim	Judiciary Committee	
Replace missing anchor	Paul R	
Send yellow copies from Patrol Logs to Director of Lifesaving	Clubs	
Forward paperwork from assessments and proficiencies to Bruce	Clubs	
Review allocated Proficiency Day and advise acceptance to Kim or propose an alternative	Clubs	
Form Meritorious Awards Committee and meet re Mick Masland rescue	Executive	
Review Education courses and advise whether they are running at or below cost	Kim R	
Write to Clubs re new Special Event application form and approval process	Ken W	
Submit report for Branch Annual Report	Officers and Clubs	
Write to Clubs re underage and unlicensed operators in IRBS and ATV's	Ken W / Paul R	
Forward copies of Judiciary Report and Invoices to relevant Clubs	Ken W / Don M	
Advise relevant members of the Judiciary finding	Ken W	

Upcoming Events:

- Liquor Laws Presentation – 19 May 2009 @ SWR SLSC
- Branch Dinner – 23 May 2009 @ Westport Club
- Education Meeting – 4 June 2009 @ Branch Office
- Northern Branches meeting – 14 June 2009 @ Sawtell SLSC?
- Branch Conference – 23/24 August 2009 @ SWR SLSC

Next Meeting:

The next meeting, including the Election of Officers for 2009/10, will be held at the Branch Office on Thursday 11th June 2009 commencing at 7.30 PM.

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HELD 14th MAY 2009, AT THE KEMPSEY HOTEL.

The meeting was opened at 7:35PM with President Dennis O'Sullivan in the Chair.

Attendance:

Branch Officers

President	Dennis O'Sullivan	Director of Lifesaving	Paul Rayner
Director of Admin	Ken Wilson	Director of Education	Kim Rayner
Director of Finance	Don MacKenzie	Registrar	Bruce Caldwell

Club Presidents/Delegates

MSH	Greg Bell, Chris Stewart.	PM	.
SWR	Kerry Fisher, James Burnett.	TP	.
HH	Sue Croad, Mike Stevenson.	WBH	Jan Clingleffer.
KCH	Maurie Fuller.	CH	.

Visitors Chris Bell (MSH SLSC), Andrew Jones (SLSNSW).

Apologies: Ryan Rosenbaum, Rod McDonagh, Glen Towle, Richard McGovern, Greg Kings, Tony Hayes, Roger Wilkinson, JulieTancred.

Resolved: That the apologies be accepted.
(C Stewart / J Clingleffer) CARRIED.

Proxies: Kerry Fisher for Roger Wilkinson (SWR SLSC)
James Burnett for Tony Hayes (SWR SLSC)

Resolved: That the proxies be endorsed.
(J Clingleffer / B Caldwell) CARRIED.

Previous Minutes: held 8th April 2009

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2009 be adopted.
(K Rayner / P Rayner) CARRIED.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Missing Anchor has not yet been replaced.
- Meritorious Awards Committee has not met yet.
- Northern 4 Branches are meeting on 14th June to discuss surf sports matters and the North Coast Boat Series.
- Branch Judiciary Committee has met re Interbranch matter.
- Letter to SLSNSW re Ocean Swim issue has been sent.
- Still some yellow copies of Patrol Logs outstanding.
- Still some paperwork outstanding for awards and proficiencies from Clubs.
- Thank You letter to Mobil Service Station has been sent.
- Liquor Law presentation is on Tuesday 19th, 7pm at South West Rocks SLSC
- Branch Conference – date set for 23rd / 24th August 2009, @ South West Rocks SLSC.

Reports

President

- Branch Championships have been successfully held.
- SLSNSW Election Meeting was held 2nd May, Henry Scruton is the new Deputy President, Gary Chapman was returned as Director of Member Services and John Restuccia was returned unopposed as Director of Lifesaving.
- SLSNSW has released their Coastal Radio Network report

Resolved: That the President's report be adopted.
(K Wilson / G Bell) CARRIED.

Director of Administration:

The list of Correspondence is available from the Director upon request.

Resolved: That all correspondence be dealt with as read, and the Director’s report be adopted.
(K Wilson / G Bell) CARRIED.

Director of Lifesaving:

By now, all clubs should have completed their years patrols into Surfguard, as these should be completed before commencing the next year.

All yellow copies of the patrol logs need to be sent to me asap now for storage at Branch. All clubs should do this after they have completed entries into Surfguard for the past season.

Patrol inspections were conducted by myself and Club Supervisors during the season and the winning club will be disclosed next week at the Branch Dinner.

Applications for new members for the next round of RWC operators have been received and will be put forward to State this weekend, with a course date to be set and finalised. I expect this training completed by the end of May. All candidates will be notified as soon as they are endorsed. I thank those members that applied and were successful this time.

The Local Directories RWC was commissioned during the season and commenced patrols at the end of January. I hope to strengthen the core group of RWC operators in the north in the coming season and maximise hours available to patrol.

A big congratulations to Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC on their successful application and subsequent granting of monies for the building of their new club house. I had the privilege of being in attendance at their presentation night last Saturday. The passion and feeling that something great is happening at this club is hard to disguise. The members all appeared to have gotten a new lease of life, and it infectious.

I will be attending the State Lifesaving Conference this weekend, and will have a full report in next months report.

I thank each and every club for their commitment towards patrolling and keeping our beaches safe this past season and wish you all a happy off season, and hope to see you all back on the beach next season.

Resolved: That the Director’s report be adopted.
(P Rayner / C Stewart) CARRIED.

It was noted that the SLSNSW Board of Lifesaving meets this weekend, and that Club patrol hours are likely to be discussed.

Director of Education:

We held our monthly education meeting last week and it was great to see a member from Kempsey Crescent Head attend, well done Jo. It is important that we have members from every club attend these meetings, so they can be kept up to date of what is happening and new resources, etc.

Since last meeting we have held a Senior First Aid course, Advanced Resuscitation & Defibrillation Course, Training Officer, Spinal Management, Advanced Emergency Care and a IRB Camp. As well as these courses we have completed two community services – the first being First Aid at Cassegrains and an education talk at OOSH (Out of School Hours Care) during the school holidays.

Upcoming courses this month are:

19 th & 20 th May,	Branch	Senior First Aid
29 th , 30 th , & 31 st May	Branch?	Assessor Certificate
6 th , 7 th & 8 th June	MSH	IRB Camp
6 th June	SWR	Silver Medallion Beach Management

I will be setting dates for a training officer certificate for June, so if you have any interested persons, please let me know.

The following proficiency dates have been tentatively set for all clubs, subject to approval at this branch meeting and with respective clubs:-

MSH	25 th Oct Sun	PM	27 th Sept Sun
SWR	31 st Oct Sat	TP	17 th Oct Sat
HH	8 th Nov Sun	WBH	21 st Nov Sat
KCH	29 th Nov Sun	CH	8 th Nov Sun

Patrols commence 3rd October, 2009. I hope everyone had an enjoyable season and even though patrols have finished for the season, education still goes on. Thank you to everyone for their dedication, enthusiasm and support this season and hope to see everyone back on the beach next season.

The next Education Committee meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month, the 4th June, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm at the Branch office.

Resolved: That the Director's report be adopted.
(K Rayner / G Bell) CARRIED.

The Minutes from the Education Meeting held 2nd April were tabled.

- South West Rocks requested a change to their allocated proficiency day.
- All Clubs are asked to check their allocated day and respond to Kim accepting them or seeking a change

Resolved: That the minutes of the Education Meeting held 2nd April be adopted.
(K Rayner / K Fisher) CARRIED.

Director of Finance:

The written report from the Director of Finance was circulated at the meeting.

Account Balance as at 8 th April, 2009	\$66,369.58
INCOME RECEIVED	\$7,248.99
EXPENDITURE	\$4,294.80
Balance Carried Down	\$69,323.77
PLUS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	\$5,249.24
LESS OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$2,551.19

Statement Balance as at the 22nd April, 2009	\$72,021.82
Newcastle Permanent AccNo. 978650818	\$52,021.82
Newcastle Permanent AccNo. 929522502	\$20,000.00

<u>Additional Accounts for payment</u>		<u>Income</u>	
1. K Wilson	\$183.10	1. SLSNSW	\$13,097.70
2. Central Coast Business Machines	\$39.30	2. SLSNSW	\$2,200.00
3. K Rayner	\$45.44	3. MSH SLSC	\$150.00
		4. MSH SLSC	\$66.25
		5. Officials Course	\$260.00
		6. Defib Course	\$160.00
		7. Branch Dinner	\$270.00
		8. MSH SLSC	\$300.00

Discussion was held on some of the education and lifesaving costs, and the financial performance of these areas to date, particularly whether they are covering costs or if the Branch is running at a loss.

Resolved: That the additional accounts be approved for payment, additional income receipted and that the Director's report be adopted.
(D MacKenzie / P Rayner) CARRIED.

Registrar:

106 Senior Awards, 9 Senior Proficiencies, 17 Junior Awards and 18 Junior Evaluations to be processed this month

Resolved: That these awards and proficiencies be endorsed.
(B Caldwell / J Burnett) CARRIED.

3 Transfers received this month

Resolved: That these transfers be accepted.
(B Caldwell / K Rayner) CARRIED.

Surf Sports:

nil.

Junior Activities:

nil.

Youth Development Officer:

All clubs please note that there is an opportunity for an exchange program with Marcoola SLSC, which is on the Sunshine Coast. The organiser of the exchange program is very helpful and has all the information, itinerary, etc available upon request. One club from the branch was going to participate last season but had to pull out due to time restraints. I strongly encourage anyone who is interested to partake in this program – the only cost involved is transport. The exchange also has possibilities for a reciprocal arrangement.

Please be advised that approval from Branch and State is required prior to participation in this program. For more information please contact me on theburnetts5@hotmail.com

Also, in response to the Junior Committee's decision to move the Junior Leadership Camp to a later date in the season, I think this is a major mistake on the Junior Committee's behalf and I urge them to strongly consider re-evaluating this decision, especially as little consultation must have been done.

Resolved: That the Officer's report be adopted.
(J Burnett / K Fisher) CARRIED.

Club Reports:

Macksville Scotts Head SLSC:

- With the closing of the patrol season the club has had a very successful season with over all membership increasing as well as a large increase of awards gained by members through out the season
- On the June long weekend the club is holding an irb camp, as well as we have a bronze squad starting in mid June
- Our clubs annual dinner and presentation night will be held on saturday the 27th june
- On behalf of the Club, Greg Bell (President) thanked the Branch and in particular the Executive for their efforts again this season.

South West Rocks SLSC:

- Winter activities in place, checking gear, storage etc and getting ready for Presentation Night, AGM and 90th Re-Union Celebrations.
- One more committee meeting in June
- Selecting Award winners/Club Champions.
- Bottom floor renovations should begin soon.
- Annual marathon on 7th June 2009

Hat Head SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Kempsey-Crescent Head SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Port Macquarie SLSC:

- No report

Tacking Point SLSC:

- No report

Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC:

- Written report

Camden Haven SLSC:

Camden Haven SLSC concluded its patrol duties . The Club had a very busy and successful season between the flags at North Haven Beach and surrounds. Our members conducted valuable rescues ,first aid and many preventative actions over the summer period.

Items of interest include:

- A successful IRB weekend was recently held at Camden Haven
- Club House modifications continue with more Council funding forthcoming.

Further revised club dates:

- Annual Bridge to Beach paddle (Kendall to Laurieton) 10/5/09
THIS SUNDAY – 8.30 for a 9AM start All welcome !!
– RING me for more information-
- Annual Presentation AFTERNOON 31/5/09 (Camden Haven SLS club house)
4PM START with light refreshments to follow.
- AGM Monday 1/6/09 at 6.30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bonny Hills SLSC for securing their grant for the new club house. FANTASTIC news and well deserved.

Wishing all clubs a safe, healthy and productive winter period. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation

General Business:

- Noted that Branch shall write to all Clubs reminding them of the new Special Event application requirements and approval process.
- Branch has requested reports from all Branch Officers and from the Clubs for inclusion in the Branch Annual Report.
- Noted that the June meeting will be the Election Meeting, with the AGM to be held in July.
- November 2009 marks the 80th year of the Mid North Coast Branch
- SLSNSW Board of Surf Sports meets on 23+24 May. At this stage Branch does not have an attendee and is not likely to send anyone.
- Noted that senior Branch Championships 2009/10 will be held at Hat Head SLSC, with the date to be determined after the Juniors advise what their plans are.
- MSH SLSC sought a date change to their Annual Carnival, moving the event to the 14/15 November. It was noted that this now clashes with the Settlement City Challenge.

Resolved: That the request from Macksville Scotts Head SLSC to change the date of their Annual Carnival to the 14/15 November 2009 be accepted.
(G Bell / P Rayner) CARRIED.

- Noted that apparently a number of underage and unlicensed members have been driving and crewing IRB's at some Clubs. Branch to write a stern letter to all Clubs advising that this practice is to stop. Noted that this extends to driving ATV's, so the letter shall include references to all motorised equipment.
- Noted that some Clubs have had problems submitting Telstra Assistance Fund applications using the on-line process.
- The future of the Branch Survey as proposed by Julie Tancred was discussed.

Resolved: That the Branch Survey not be pursued at this point in time.
(M Fuller / J Burnett) CARRIED.

- Discussion was held on the Judiciary Committee's report and findings following the Interbranch issue.

Resolved: That the Judiciary Report be accepted, and all recommendations be endorsed.
(P Rayner / G Bell) CARRIED.

Resolved: That a copy of the report and an Invoice be sent to all Clubs involved.
(P Rayner / G Bell) CARRIED.

The Judiciary Committee was congratulated and thanked for their efforts.

There being no further discussion the meeting was closed at 9:25PM.

The next meeting will be held at the Branch Office on Thursday 11th June 2009 commencing at 7.30 PM.

These minutes were adopted as a true and correct record of the General Committee Meeting of Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. held on 14th May 2009.

Dennis O'Sullivan
Chairman