

SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH Inc.
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 8th APRIL 2009, AT THE BRANCH OFFICE.

SUMMARY

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

Decisions Made:

- Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Terry Legg from the SLS Chaplaincy to address the meeting. (R McDonagh / D Napper) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That the Mick Masland rescue be referred to the Branch Meritorious Awards Committee for investigation. (S Croad / P Rayner) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That the Branch purchase a second suction unit to the value of \$150 for use in Advanced Resuscitation training. (C Stewart / K Fisher) CARRIED.
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- Resolved: That the missing anchor be replaced at a cost of approx. \$300. (K Wilson / R McDonagh) CARRIED.
- Resolved: That the Branch purchase First Aid equipment to the value of \$1335.00, as per the quote supplied. (P Rayner / K Rayner) CARRIED.

Notices of Motion: nil.

Actions Required:

Action	Resp.	Status
Coordinate a meeting of the Competition Review Committee	Ken	
Meet and discuss Mick’s competition recommendations	Committee	
Organise meeting regarding North Coast Boat Series	DOS	
Discuss Carnival Concept with LNC and NC Branches	DOS	
Seek quotes to replace the Senior Gear Trailer	Executive	
Meet regarding Ocean Swim	Judiciary Committee	
Meet regarding Interbranch issue	Judiciary Committee	
Send yellow copies from Patrol Logs to Director of Lifesaving	Clubs	
Prepare Draft Branch Calendar for 2009/10	Ken	
Process awards and proficiencies sitting in Surfguard	Clubs	
Forward outstanding award and proficiency paperwork to Bruce	Clubs	
Write letter of thanks to Mobil Service Station – Lighthouse Beach	Ken	

Upcoming Events:

- Branch Senior Championships – 26 April 2009 @ PM SLSC
- Education Committee Meeting – 7 May 2009, 6.30pm @ the Branch Office
- Branch Dinner – 23 May 2009 @ Westport Club
- Liquor Law Presentation – date TBA @ SWR SLSC
- Branch Conference – details TBA

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Kempsey Hotel on Thursday 14th May 2009 commencing at 7.30 PM.

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The meeting was opened at 7:30PM with President Dennis O'Sullivan in the Chair.

Attendance:

Branch Officers

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

Club Presidents/Delegates

MSH	Chris Stewart.	PM	Geoff Hurkett, Rob Hiatt
SWR	Kerry Fisher.	TP	.
HH	Sue Croad, James Burnett.	WBH	Jan Clingleffer.
KCH	Maurie Fuller.	CH	Dave Napper.

Visitors Terry Legg (SLS Chaplaincy), Ryan Rosenbaum (Support Operations Officer), Andrew Jones (SLSNSW).

Apologies: Kim Gregory, Greg Bell, Bob Smith, Roger Wilkinson, Richard McGovern, Greg Kings, Robert Oakeshott, Tony Hayes, Roger Wilkinson, Mitchell Dawson.

Resolved: That the apologies be accepted.
(C Stewart / P Rayner) CARRIED.

Proxies: Kerry Fisher for Roger Wilkinson (SWR SLSC)
James Burnett for Mike Stevenson (WBH SLSC)
Rob Hiatt for Rob Oakeshott (PM SLSC)

Resolved: That the proxies be endorsed.
(C Stewart / R McDonagh) CARRIED.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Terry Legg from the SLS Chaplaincy to address the meeting.
(R McDonagh / D Napper) CARRIED.

Terry spoke about the Surf Life Saving Chaplaincy, who they are, what they do and the steps involved in setting up a Chaplaincy locally if the Branch or any of the Clubs are interested.

A copy of a Surf Life Saving Bible was made available for each Club. Contact details for Terry and the Chaplaincy will be forwarded to Clubs.

DOS thanked Terry, and Standing Orders were then subsequently resumed.

Previous Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2009 be adopted.
(K Rayner / C Stewart) CARRIED.

Business arising from the minutes:

- The Branch Championships will be held on Sunday 26th April, but the venue will now be Port Macquarie (Flynn's Beach) rather than Wauchope Bonny Hills (Rainbow Beach).
- A letter from PM SLSC regarding their 2008 Ocean Swim was tabled and read. Noted that Branch will write to SLSNSW as previously directed, PM SLSC asked to see what correspondence is sent.

- Discussion was held on the Interbranch Disciplinary matter, and where to Branch goes to from here. Decided that the Judiciary Committee will meet as previously directed, with a date to be set and those involved advised accordingly.
- Clubs advised that they are interested in supporting a Branch Conference in the coming off-season, details of which will be prepared and input sought..
- Carnival Dates discussed. A draft Calendar will be prepared for review.
- The date for the Liquor Law presentation has yet to be set, and will be advised once it has been confirmed.

Reports

President

- DHL have re-signed, but the details have yet to be confirmed
- Yamaha are out as national sponsors, BMD? (Sea-Doo, Johnson/Evinrude) are in.
- Mick Masland has contacted the Branch thanking those involved for rescuing him.
- NPBS are reviewing their sponsorships, possibly reducing their involvements

Resolved: That the Mick Masland rescue be referred to the Branch Meritorious Awards Committee for investigation.
(S Croad / P Rayner) CARRIED.

Resolved: That the President's report be adopted.
(D Napper / M Fuller) 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 / D Napper) CARRIED.

Director of Lifesaving:

By now, all clubs should have their March patrols entered into Surfguard.

A reminder to all clubs. In December I asked for yellow copies of patrol logs. To date I have not seen many. Thank you to South West Rocks for adhering to my request.

Patrol inspections have been conducted and will continue till the end of the season. A reminder that Easter Saturday and Anzac Day are Public Holidays and as such, Volunteer Patrols should be ready to patrol the beaches in lieu of Lifeguards.

It is with sadness that I have to report another fatality at a beach within the Branch. An unidentified male person who had been surfing was removed from the water at Bonny Hills this morning by two women who were walking along the beach. The details are extremely sketchy at the moment and it has not been confirmed whether the man drowned, suffered a heart attack or broke his neck in the incident. Police have not released details at this time, and an autopsy will be held to determine the cause of death.

I will be attending the Lifesaving Conference in Sydney during May.

Support Operations applications will be closing tomorrow. Any one wishing to apply should get it to Ryan or myself asap.

The Ironman was held last weekend. It was noticeable that the water safety contingent was down on previous years. Fortunately, we were able to cope with the amount of competitors that were present on the day and I thank all those that gave of their time. A couple of incidents were dealt with extremely quickly and professionally.

The morning of the Earth Concert at Cassegrains is on this weekend.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and safe patrolling period till the end of the season.

The Smoky Cape Repeater has problems still. It is booked in to be serviced within the near future.

I posted a Shark Alert last week due to the murky water, and I will review the status of this alert for this weekend once I check water conditions tomorrow.

Clubs should service their radios during the off season.

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

Director of Education:

Education in our branch is going from strength to strength. In the past month there have been numerous courses run – 2 SFA, Beach Management and spinal management. Just a reminder if you have members interested in attending, they need to advise me prior to the cut off date, so resources can be made available. Also, if you would like to hold any courses in your club, please also let me know.

Upcoming courses this month are:

14 th , 15 th , & 16 th April,	WBH	ARC/Defib
16 th April,	HH	ARC
18 th April	Branch	Training Officers
19 th April,	MSH	Spinal Management
21 st & 23 rd April,	Branch	Advanced Emergency Care
2 nd & 3 rd May	CH	IRB Camp

Last weekend we held a successful Youth Camp. It was a shame that there were only a handful of participants, but these members had a thoroughly enjoyable time. They have taken home some ideas to get their clubs youth committees up and running and I hope that all Club committees embrace this concept and help the future leaders of surf lifesaving clubs grow into their clubs. Next season I am sure that we will get these youth members back and quite a few more. Thank you to Chris Stewart, James Burnett, and Paul Rayner for the assistance and hard work that was put into this camp.

I have today sent to updated IRB Training Officers the draft version of the new training manual for comments. This document is not for distribution. All comments are due back to me by 30th April, 2009.

As requested by the Education Committee at the last meeting they would like to purchase for the Northern Education Cabinet a suction unit at the cost of \$150.00. Could we please have approval for this.

The next Education Committee meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month, the 7th May, 2009 commencing at 6.30pm at the Branch office.

Hope everyone has a safe Easter.

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

Resolved: That the Branch purchase a second suction unit to the value of \$150 for use in Advanced Resuscitation training.
(C Stewart / K Fisher) CARRIED.

Minutes of recent Education Committee Meetings were tabled for endorsement.

Registrar:

65 Senior Awards to be processed this month.

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

2 transfers received this month

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

Can Clubs please process awards and proficiencies which are sitting in Surfguard, and forward the paperwork onto Bruce so they can be processed before the SLSNSW cut off date for the 2008/09 Season.

Director of Finance:

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

Account Balance as at 12 th March, 2009	\$53,630.28
INCOME RECEIVED	\$25,130.00
EXPENDITURE	\$12,390.70
Balance Carried Down	\$66,369.58
PLUS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	\$12,496.78
LESS OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$25,130.000

Statement Balance as at the 22nd March, 2009	\$53,736.36
Newcastle Permanent AccNo. 978650818	\$33,736.36
Newcastle Permanent AccNo. 929522502	\$20,000.00

Additional Accounts for payment

1. The Lake Pty Ltd	\$100.00
2. Coast Care Home Nursing	\$772.00
3. KPR Embroidery	\$200.00
4. Central Coast Business Machines	\$33.00
5. K Rayner	\$77.44
6. K Rayner	\$35.15

Additional Income for receipt

1. Branch Youth Camp	\$120.00
2. C Stewart	\$50.00
3. Education Courses	\$600.00
4. K Fisher	\$25.00

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

Surf Sports:

A number of good results including medals were obtained by Branch members at the Australian Championships

Support Operations Officer:

- A number of applications have been received for the next RWC intake.
- Need to write a letter of thanks to the Mobil Service Station at Lighthouse Beach thanking them for their support.
- 1 new RWC Operator gained his award this past month.
- Patrols going well, continue until the end of April.

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

Youth Development Officer:

The Youth Camp on the weekend was greatly enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic group. One thing which has come from the camp was the lack of information being filtered down from the branch to members. The kids at the camp, who all hold Bronze Medallions or Surf Rescue Certificates, knew little about any state-run development camps or branch-run calendars.

The highlight of the weekend was the rides that Paul gave on the Rescue Water Craft and the kids were grateful for the chance to have a ride.

For the 2009/10 season, I propose that we set the date for the Youth Camp as a weekend in October, November or December. I would like to see it incorporated into next season's Management Plan and Budget.

A recommendation which I will be forwarding to the Rules Committee for consideration prior to the Annual General Meeting is a replacement of the Youth Development Committee with a single position i.e. Youth Director. At the moment there is no designated position on the Executive which represents the voice of our youth, who are without are doubt one of our greatest assets.

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

Club Reports:

Macksville Scotts Head SLSC:

The past month has been quiet busy for the club with 24 members gaining their silver and bronze medallions on the 23rd march as well as 20 members have indicated that they will be doing the spinal management courses on the 18th April

The club has also started renovations on the inside of the club house already this has made a big difference to the club house all the gyprocking was done by students from Macksville high school at no cost to the club except for materials

On Wednesday the 1st April the club hosted a rotary study team from Germany although the weather was bad we were able to show a club dvd as well as we gave them a talk on surf life saving.

South West Rocks SLSC:

Although small competitive contingent to Australian Championships, we came away with two GOLD and one SILVER with a second in the point score in Surf Board Riding events.

Congratulations to Fiona Casey and "Ned" Sanchez.

Also Andrew Packwood made the final of over 35 Beach Flags.

The Annual Gaol Break swim was successful with just over 200 entries. Local SWR SLSC member Kyle Arnott swam a well judged race and won comfortably.

The Juniors, the SWR Stingrays had a successful Presentation Night last Saturday.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

20/6/2009.....SWR SLSC Presentation Night

12/7/2009.....SWR SLSC Annual General Meeting

7,8,9, August 2009.....90th Re-Union Celebration week-end.

IRB Crews in training for upcoming Premiership Series.

Hat Head SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Kempsey-Crescent Head SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Port Macquarie SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Tacking Point SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC:

- Verbal report given

Camden Haven SLSC:

Camden Haven SLSC has continued to full fill its patrol duties and been active within the community during the past month.

Items of interest include:

- examination of bronze and surf cert. groups completed
- Continued Club House modifications with new windows and doors across the upstairs front
- A large group of students from the local High school achieved their Surf Survival Cert.
- Junior members assisted with Iron man water safety

Revised club dates of interest:

- Last patrol and BBQ CLEAN UP DAY 26/4/09
- IRB & CREW weekend at Camden Haven 3/5/09
- Annual Bridge to Beach paddle (Kendall to Laurieton) 10/5/09
- Annual Presentation night 30/5/09 (Camden Haven SLS club house)
- AGM Monday 1/6/09 at 6.30 pm.

Wishing all clubs a happy Easter and safe holiday period.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation

General Business:

- An invitation to the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence has been received. All members are welcome to attend. Branch has submitted 3 nominations for awards.
- Discussion was held on travelling expenses for Ryan Rosenbaum to attend the SLSNSW Lifesaver of the Year judging, noting that Junior Lifesaver applicants received a travel subsidy.

Resolved: That \$120 be allocated to Ryan Rosenbaum to assist with travel expenses for his attendance at the NSW Lifesaver of the Year judging / finals.
(P Rayner / R McDonagh) CARRIED.

- Noted that the cover photo of the Local Directories book is very much SWR focussed, and the Branch RWC hardly features in the shot. As a result, many Macleay Valley community members think SWR SLSC is sponsored rather than the Branch.
- Concept floated of adding a Young Lifesaver of the Year (13-17 years) award to the Branch Awards Night.

Resolved: That the Branch recognise a “Young Lifesaver of the Year” as part of the Branch Awards Night.
(C Stewart / R McDonagh) CARRIED.

- Noted that Paul (Director of Lifesaving) is happy to take any Club feedback to the State Board of Lifesaving meeting next month.
- Noted that some gear, including 1 anchor in particular, went missing following the recent PM SLSC run carnival.

Resolved: That the missing anchor be replaced at a cost of approx. \$300.
(K Wilson / R McDonagh) CARRIED.

- A donation from the Port Panthers Baseball Club to the value of \$1206.19 has been received. It has some conditions attached to it, namely that it be put towards purchasing First Aid equipment. Noted also that Paul and Ryan received some money for providing water safety this season, which they also want allocated to a similar purchase.

Resolved: That the Branch purchase First Aid equipment to the value of \$1335.00, as per the quote supplied.
(P Rayner / K Rayner) CARRIED.

- Discussion was held on the concept of swapping the dates for Country and Branch Championships, so carnivals follow a natural progression and also to avoid high accommodation costs during peak holiday season. The concept is apparently receiving support in the Far North Coast Branch, and further discussion in the future is likely.

There being no further discussion the meeting was closed at 10:10PM.

The next meeting will be held at the Kempsey Hotel on Thursday 14th May 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 8th April 2009.

Dennis O’Sullivan
Chairman

Minutes of the Support Operations Meeting
Held at Kempsey Hotel on 24th March, 2009.

The meeting was opened at 7:40PM with Ryan Rosenbaum in the Chair.

PRESENT: Tony Silvia, Ryan Rosenbaum, Paul Rayner, Kim Rayner

APOLOGIES: Rod McDonagh, Brent Wilkinson, Matt Scully, Nick Dyet, Nathan Foster, Mitch Dawson.

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2009: These minutes were read and accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Budget – discussion was held on the RWC and the budget that was set. With the Coastline Credit Union money being returned, the ski went over the original budget. It was decided that a new budget needs to be set for this upcoming season as we now have two skis.
- CDSE – Kempsey – applying for fuel for Northern RWC. Need to check with AJ.
- Radios – The technician needs to check the situation with the northern clubs. SWR Coastal Patrol needs to monitor Channel 4 as well. Paul to speak with them.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- All radios need to be serviced and reprogrammed during the winter months.
- Meet with Trial Bay VMR in relation to the where do they sit in the big VMR picture – we need to compliment existing services and win them over.
- Grant – Volunteer Emergency Support Fund – grant for training manikins 2 x adult, 2 x youth would be great for training. Tony Silvia to take care of this.
- Website - a separate section for the RWC would be great. Kim to find out price, feasibility, etc. On the website they would like the following:- Expressions of interest forms, Application forms, Pre-requisites, History, Sponsors, Photos.
- Duty Officers:-
 - Expressions of interest – received approximately 4-5. Clarification will be clearer after Sydney Directors meeting in May. They are still open at the moment.
 - Pager system up and running from State – questions to be asked at State meeting.??
 - Current duty officers to reapply
 - Position description from SOPS.
- Shed Access – Paul has key to SWR Shed.
- Event Watersafety – Gaol Break Swim – need to make sure it is on the Special Event form. This needs to be clarified with Kerry for Sunday 29th March, 2009.
- Both Skis to be used for Iron man on Sunday 5th April, 2009.
- Northern ski needed for Youth Camp on Saturday 4th April, 2009.
- North RWC to be serviced during the week for the 6-8th April, 2009 and returned to North of branch from branch meeting.
- The Northern RWC ski patrols were looked at. All going well.
- Need for regular meetings – once every two months.
- New Members
 - North – Chris Stewart Has all prerequisites
 - Narelle Winn Has all prerequisites
 - Luke Keanie Has all prerequisites
 - Ian Everingham Has all prerequisites
 - Ken Atkins Has all prerequisites
 - David Brunsdon Has all prerequisites
 - South – Tony Wright Has all prerequisites
 - Morgan Nash Has all prerequisites
 - Richard Broomby Has all prerequisites
- Previous applicants
 - Rod McDonagh Does not meet prerequisites
 - Paul Owens Does not meet prerequisites
 - Leon Robinson Has since left area
 - Steve Divall Does not meet prerequisites

Discussion was held on the above applicants. Decision to be made after close off date on next course.

- Discussion was held on holding a specialist weekend – it was decided that this would be good idea and keep all members up to date and enthused.

No further business. Next meeting date – yet to be decided.