

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.
Minutes of General Committee Meeting
Held 1st March 2010, at Black Head SLSC

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm with President Phil Spicer in the Chair.

Attendance:

Branch Officers

President:	Phil Spicer	Dir of Surf Sports:	Terry Aldridge
Deputy President:	Jim Tyrpenou	Dir of Education:	Stuart Small
Dir of Finance:	Ian Lewis		

Club Delegates

CrH	Allan Davis, John Garlick.	F	Denise Morgan, Dave Keating.
TOB	Richard Everingham.	CaH	Paul Scott
BH	John Edstein, Mike Bartlett	PP	Kel McCredie, Julie Yates

Visitors

Dee Garlick (CrH SLSC), Andrew Jones (SLSNSW).

Apologies: Bruce White, Mal Flew.

Motion: That the Apologies be accepted.
CARRIED.

Minutes of last Meeting: held 1st February 2010

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Discussion was held on the concept of employing a Branch Admin Officer. Clubs advised that they were not supportive of this, and the issue will not be pursued any further.
- It was noted that in light of the Clubs not wanting to move ahead with a paid Admin position, that they will need to pull their weight, complete all requested tasks on time and assist with the running of the Branch.
- Clubs were asked about their Safety Inspections, with all replying that they have either completed it or have it in hand.
- A Notice of Motion submitted from Crowdy Head regarding towing of the Branch Gear Trailer will be held over until General Business.

Motion: That the Minutes from 1st February 2010 be adopted.
CARRIED.

Reports

President:

The written report submitted by the President was circulated prior to the meeting.

Member Services:

The written report submitted by the President was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Noted that one Club is trying to “double-dip” with funding for patrol rashies. The Clubs agreed that the Branch should not condone this and the rashies shall only be funded once.
- 5 nominations for the NSW Youth Opportunity Makers Program have been received. Branch has 2 allocated spots to fill. Branch will need to prioritize the applications before forwarding them all to SLSNSW.

Administration:

The list of correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Brief discussion was held on the Anaconda Adventure Race and whether any funding had been received from them for our water safety services. Suggested that this was a Club matter (with Forster) and not a Branch matter as the water safety was coordinated through the Forster Club.

Motion: That the three reports submitted by the President be accepted.
CARRIED.

Director of Finance:

The written report and draft 10/11 Budget was circulated at the meeting.

Discussion was held on the community proposal to set up a RWC and pontoon in the Forster Marina in memory of Reg Parker, noting that the Branch needs to formally endorse our involvement in this.

Motion: That the Branch endorses the public appeal to fund raise for the RWC trust. Also, that trustees be appointed to manage the trust, and that an appropriate bank account be established. **CARRIED.** (Noted that J Edstein and M Bartlett abstained from voting.)

In light of this decision, the Branch needs to formulate a position on the future of RWC's in the Branch, and how this one will then fit into that overall vision. Ongoing funding, licences with SLSNSW, maintenance costs and the location / allocation of craft needs to be determined.

Discussion moved onto the draft 2010/11 Budget, the process observed whilst developing it and how the Branch intends utilizing it next season.

Motion: That the Branch accepts the draft 2010/11 Budget.
CARRIED.

Noted that Cullens do not appear to be doing us any favours with the servicing of the Branch vehicle, so the association with them shall be ended.

Motion: That the report submitted by the Director be accepted.
CARRIED.

Director of Lifesaving:

The written report submitted by the Director was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion: That the report submitted by the Director be accepted.
CARRIED.

Education:

The written report submitted by the Director was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion: That the Directors report as tabled be accepted.
CARRIED.

Director of Surf Sports:

The written report submitted by the Director was circulated prior to the meeting.

Black Head was congratulated on their efforts in hosting and also winning the Branch Championships (Junior and Senior).

Motion: That the Directors report as tabled be accepted.
CARRIED.

SLSNSW Support Officer:

The written report submitted by the Support Officer was circulated prior to the meeting.

Key points from the report were discussed.

Each Club was advised of the current status of their Patrol Log entries in Surfguard, noting that 3 of the Clubs are a couple of months behind in their data entry.

Each Club was also advised of the current status of their Junior Surf Ed awards in Surfguard, noting that only 4 Clubs appear to have processed all their eligible Nippers.

Discussion moved onto how many members are bagging the Branch for perceived poor performance when the issues actually lie with the inaction of some Club Officers. i.e many awards remain unprocessed in Surfguard because the paperwork has not been returned to the Branch.

Club Reports:

Crowdy Head: written report circulated prior to the meeting
Taree Old Bar: written report circulated prior to the meeting
Black Head: written report circulated prior to the meeting
Forster: written report circulated prior to the meeting
Cape Hawke: written report circulated at the meeting
Pacific Palms: written report circulated prior to the meeting

Motion: That the Club reports as tabled be accepted.
CARRIED.

General Business :

- The date for the Branch Awards of Excellence evening was set as Saturday 3rd July 2010, with the venue confirmed as being Black Head SLSC.
- Discussion was held on the Branch PA System. It was noted that due to the conditions at the Branch Championships that events were conducted too far up the beach to get power to the PA, so a smaller portable system was used. If cared for and set up properly, the current PA System works fine.
- Noted that Phil will investigate the purchase of a portable generator to power the PA in isolated areas.
- Noted that Phil will re-issue the PA Setup SOP
- Noted that Phil will again review the PA Setup and identify options to address known issues.

Motion: That it is the host Club of the Carnival's job to pick up, clean and return the LNC Branch gear trailer and sundry gear items from where it is stored.

Discussion was held on the Motion, noting that this had been a long standing Branch protocol which is detailed in the Branch "Carnival Agreement".

The Motion was subsequently **WITHDRAWN** and it, along with the Carnival Agreement will be tabled for discussion at the March Board of Surf Sports Meeting.

- Noted the passing of Guy Dumbleton, a great servant of the Crowdy Head Club and of the Branch. His passing now leaves a Casual Vacancy for the position of Public Officer, and nominations were called for.

Motion: That the Branch endorse the nomination of Jim Tyrpenou to the now vacant position of Public Officer.
CARRIED.

- Nominations for Trustees for the RWC Public Appeal were called for. The following nominations were received from the floor: Julie Wilcox, Alan Davis and Ian Lewis.

Motion: That the Branch endorse the nominations of Julie Wilcox, Alan Davis and Ian Lewis as Trustees of the RWC Public Appeal.
CARRIED.

- Discussion was held on yesterday's Tsunami warning, and how each Club coped with it. Noted that the early information provided was good, but some protocols need fine tuning however.
- Thanks to Bruce White and the Black Head Club, each Club will receive a CD of photos from the Branch Junior and Senior Championships, featuring action shots of athletes from all Clubs.

There being no further discussion, the Meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd May 2010, starting at 7:30pm at Black Head SLSC.

These minutes were adopted as a true and correct record of the General Committee Meeting of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc. held 1st March 2010 at Black Head SLSC.

Phil Spicer - Chairperson