

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.
Minutes of General Committee Meeting
Held 3rd May 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 Lifesaving:	Julie Wilcox		

Club Delegates

CrH	Allan Davis, John Garlick.	F	John Quinn, Denise Morgan.
TOB	Laurie Joplin, Richard Everingham.	CaH	Paul Scott
BH	John Edstein.	PP	Kel McCredie, Julie Yates

Visitors

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

Noted that this will be the last meeting for John Garlick. The President thanked John for his many years of involvement as the Crowdy Head Delegate.

Proxies: John Edstein for Bruce White (BH SLSC)

Motion: That the Proxy be endorsed.
CARRIED.

Apologies: Bruce White, Ian Lewis.

Motion: That the Apologies be accepted.
CARRIED.

Minutes of last Meeting: held 3rd March 2010

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Noted that while Forster SLSC, along with other Clubs, have assisted with water safety for the Anaconda Adventure Race, they have never coordinated these activities.
- Discussion on event applications /Need better procedures and more information

Motion: That the Minutes from 3rd March 2010 be adopted.
CARRIED.

Reports

President:

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

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

Administration:

The list of correspondence was circulated at the meeting.

Noted that Club Reports are due with the Deputy President by 31st May for inclusion in the Branch Annual Report.

A letter of offer from Godwins Green Energy was briefly discussed. Clubs to pursue proposal

Discussion was held on the insurance value of the contents in the Branch Gear Shed, suggesting that we are considerably under insured.

Motion: That the Branch raise the Contents Insurance on the Gear Shed to \$20,000.
CARRIED.

Discussion was held on other items of correspondence of note.

Finance:

No formal report was submitted.
Reappraisal of invoice of Fuel costs for Jet Skis

The Deputy President provided a verbal commentary on the Branches' current financial position.

Cape Hawke noted that they are waiting on payment for an Invoice sent to Branch some time ago.

Concerns were raised that proper financial reports are not being regularly tabled at Branch Meetings.

Motion: That Phil Spicer be added to the list of authorized signatories for Branch accounts.
CARRIED.

Discussion was held on funding from the Anaconda Race, and whether it was going towards the RWC appeal to purchase equipment or for ongoing operational costs.

Lifesaving:

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

The recent emergency call out near Crowdy Head was discussed, noting that due to work commitments Crowdy has no personnel available to respond quickly to call outs during normal work hours.

Options for fixing problem discussed /Remote cameras /Angel Rings/Call boxes/

Issue to be raised at the North Coast Emergency Management meeting.

Proposed Jet Ski pontoon at Forster to go ahead now /Funding for Jet Ski slow /Phil to re advertise

Support Operations meeting Thursday 6th May

Noted that 3 support operations radios have recently been damaged beyond repair.

Motion: That the Branch purchase 1 new radio now, and apply through a direct assistance grant for 2 more radios.
CARRIED.

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

Surf Sports:

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

Clarification was sought on some items from the Minutes of the Board of Surf Sports meeting held in March.

Discussion ensued. Determined from advice from State officer that annual proficiency is not enforceable.

Branch can run annual workshops to update officials.

Carnival dates required for Branch and State Callendar

North Coast Tri Series may begin /Clubs to look for old Yarrads trophy

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

Member Services:

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

Arrangements for the Branch Dinner were discussed, with some feedback given. Catering to be organized \$15-\$20. 100-120 members

Discussion was held on what opportunities could be offered so Westpac could get involved with the Branch. Ideas included a 10 Pin Bowling Challenge or a Pool Championships, with a Golf Day preferred.

Arrangements will be made and details of such advised in due course. Clubs are asked to promote this event to members to ensure a good attendance.

Discussion moved onto a follow up Life Members Luncheon, with the meeting not being supportive of the concept as presented. Branch is inviting its Life Members to the Awards night .Suggested Clubs organize their own Life Member activities

Motion: That the Member Services report as tabled be accepted.
CARRIED.

Education:

The written report submitted by the Director was circulated prior to the meeting.
IRB camp cancelled due to no Club interest

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

SLSNSW Support Officer:

Nothing to add in addition to items as included in recent editions of the SLSNSW Club Mail.

Clubs were individually advised of the status of Assessments and Patrol Logs in Surfguard.

Club Reports:

Crowdy Head: written report circulated prior to the meeting . Branch Selection Carnival 20th November

Taree Old Bar: written report circulated prior to the meeting. Objection to SOPs Discussion ensued . Clubs to advise Director of Lifesaving and take decision to State meeting

Black Head: written report circulated prior to the meeting

Forster: verbal report submitted. Weekend of Sport 15th Year Discussion on Club to Club event Good rapport with Cape Hawke

Cape Hawke: written report circulated at the meeting. Board Clinic 9th May 8-10 AM

Pacific Palms: written report circulated prior to the meeting. The Huey.

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

State Council Meeting

A written report from the President following the State Council meeting held 1 May 2010 was circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Discussion was held on miscellaneous items covered in the report. Most Branches opposed to new SOPs with Breach proposals.(Must be discussed at Branches Lifesaving meetings)

Congratulations to Allan Davis for the presentation he made at the meeting – very well done!

General Business :

- Cape Hawke will be hosting a free Board Coaching clinic provided by Berg Boards. Information has been emailed to all Clubs.
- Discussion was held on the draft Lifesaving Standards Policy issued for comment by SLSNSW. Taree Old Bar submitted a letter to Branch outlining their response to the draft.
- Discussion was held on the level of water safety provided for the recent Anaconda Adventure Race, noting that it appeared to be inadequate. It was felt that the determination on the level and the coordination of water safety needs to be better handled and perhaps the event organizers should liaise with the Branch, rather than Clubs making individual arrangements. Julie to investigate charges and adjust accordingly.
- Noted that Taree Old Bar received an Invoice from Branch which was several months after the date of the event. They suggested that prompt Invoicing would be appreciated.
- Taree Old Bar queried the cost of the Level 1 Officials course, and were advised that this is a State set course, and Branch has no input into the fee.
- Branch to Cater for AGM.

There being no further discussion, the Meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, and will be held on Monday 5th July 2010, starting at 7:00pm 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 3rd May 2010 at Black Head SLSC.

Phil Spicer - Chairperson