

Branch Council Meeting

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NEW SOUTH WALES



Meeting: Branch Council Meeting	Date: 29 March 2016
Venue: Surf House, 64 Smith Street, Wollongong	Start Time: 7.15 pm Finish Time: 8.55 pm

MINUTES

1. ATTENDEES

President	Val Zanotto
Deputy President	Peter Evert
Director of Education	Joanne Massey
Director of Finance	Maria Caldwell
Director of Surf Sports	Keith Caldwell
Director of Member Services	--
Director of Life Saving	--
President's Advisor	Bill Seay
Administration Assistant	Amy Vella
Office Manager	Maria Sewell
Wollongong City	David Forst
Coledale	Anthony O'Donoghue
North Wollongong	Lance Tarrant
Coalcliff	Grant Smith
Corrimal	--
Bulli	Keith Caldwell
Bellambi	Craig Kershaw
Woonona	Stacey Paddon
Scarborough/Wombarra	David Denton
Windang	--
Port Kembla	David Erskine
Sandon Point	--
Fairy Meadow	Tony Chapman
Helensburgh/Stanwell Park	Steven McDonald
Towradgi	--
Thirroul	Jeff Body
Austinmer	Michael Idstein

2. APOLOGIES

Anthony Turner, Director of Life Saving
Gary Chapman, Interim Director of Member Services
Bindi Adams, Scarborough-Wombarra
Adriana Gervaise, Towradgi

3. VISITORS

Nil

4. PROXIES

David Denton, Scarborough-Wombarra

5. MINUTE TAKER

Maria Sewell, Office Manager

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None declared

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of Branch Council Meeting held 23 February 2016 accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Grant Smith

Seconded: David Forst

Carried

7.20pm - SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

SLSI President, Val Zanotto, welcomed Brett Davis representing the Christian Surfers

Moved: Steven McDonald

Seconded: Grant Smith

Carried

PRESENTATION BY BRETT DAVIS, CHRISTIAN SURFERS

Brett gave a rundown of how the Christian Surfers originated and said they proposed to conduct their annual Paddle Against Poverty (PAP) on 7 May 2016. Brett noted the event attracts over 100 participants and usually runs from Wollongong to Thirroul but last year had to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. He apologized to surf life saving for proceeding with the event last year despite the adverse weather and sea conditions. He noted it had been a great partnership with surf lifesaving especially with Coledale SLSC. Brett mentioned that this year they have a number of private people bringing their jet skis and boats. Participants would be wearing hi vis vests as well as numbers on their arms for sign on/off purposes. A risk assessment meeting would be held the day before at Coledale, for the existing CS committee and surf lifesaving to assess conditions. Brett stated PAP had its own public liability insurance. Brett was advised that in future his committee should endeavor to hold the event during the swim season, for reasons such as having full patrols on the beaches, and it is also more convenient as it required four people to lift the jet ski, when not already on duty. Brett left a number of flyers which he said were displayed at a number of locations.

The president advised that the event would be discussed by the council in general business, later in the night.

7.40pm - RESUME STANDING ORDERS

Moved: David Forst Seconded: Anthony O'Donoghue Carried

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING

Nil

9. CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE & PORTFOLIO MINUTES

Executive and Portfolios Minutes of 16 February 2016 confirmed as tabled.

Still waiting on the sport review.

David Forst asked if the plumbing leakage at their Club had been addressed. Peter advised that every time someone reports a maintenance issue to WCC they are given a reference number. David noted it has been an ongoing issue for quite some time and Peter Evert said he would raise it at the next WCC Liaison Meeting.

David Erskine asked when State would be meeting with Port Kembla and Corrimal SLSC. Peter stated Anthony had contacted State requesting a meeting however Andy Kent was overseas so were awaiting a reply. Peter will ask Anthony to follow up.

Moved: Craig Kershaw Seconded: Stacey Paddon Carried

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Surf Sports

Nothing to add Executive Minutes

Education

Nothing to add Executive Minutes. Keith stated no expressions of interest had been received from Officials willing to run the Officials Course.

Finance

Balance Sheet and P&L report as at 29 February 2016 tabled.

Moved: Craig Kershaw Seconded: Grant Smith Carried

11. CLUB REPORTS.

Bulli

- Patrols going good
- Long weekend fair few rescues
- Few medals won at State Championships
- Team going to Aussies
- Riding the Wave Program was a great success, presented children with a medal and certificate
- Motor Neurone walk went well
- Junior participated in fun run
- Sportsman's Luncheon coming up
- WCC building works put back a month

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park

- Rescue on 28 February was nominated for Rescue of the Month but unsuccessful.
- Obtaining ATV through BRP Grant
- Ocean Swim this Sunday commencing 10am
- Patrols are good
- Visit from Japanese lifesavers
- Good results at State Championships
- Less swimming at schools starting to impact children coming through with awards

11 CLUB REPORTS cont.

Coalcliff

- Obtaining ATV through BRP Grant
- Helping Helensburgh-Stanwell Park with Ocean Swim
- Conducted patrol audit on Sunday with Manuel

Coledale

- Rookies going to Jamberoo
- Riding the Wave Program went well, had presentation, keen to do it again next year
- Meeting with WCC re license for camping ground – meeting went better than before
- Had after hours call out last night, thought that there was a body off Sharkies beach

Scarborough-Wombarra

- Patrols have stabilized
- Few late proficiencies
- Presentation held for nippers last Sunday, went well
- Fire at Club on 6 March. Barbecue unit put away which suffered a major malfunction, a considerable amount of contamination to the building had occurred, WCC helping with repairs.
- Reminder re Constitution
- 20 junior going to Wet'n'Wild
- IRBNSW15 Championships on YouTube worth looking at, very slick presentation
- SurfEd, definitely not getting certificates
- Capital Works, one meeting held with WCC, had a look at proposed plans for refurbishment of lifeguards quarters. Another meeting planned.

Woonona

- Patrols going well
- Nippers now finished, had presentation, went well
- Riding the Wave presentation, was fantastic
- IRBC course continuing, +10 crewpersons trained
- Surf Education day at Appin next weekend and Woonona High School the Thursday after that.

Bellambi

- Patrols going well
- Riding the Wave went well
- Put a grant in to get a wheelchair
- Project 291 on again
- A high school advised half their Year 7 students cannot swim
- WCC spending \$15,000 on artwork on the building

Wollongong City

- Patrols going well
- Tri the Gong and Splash & Dash, thanks you to North Wollongong for helping
- Success at Juniors, Seniors & Masters at State Championships
- Held a fun "Race Around the World" event for rookies

Fairy Meadow

- Patrols going well
- University Club going well, forty something members so far
- Held event with MKR
- Master medals at State Championships
- Nippers finished

Thirroul

- Everything travelling well
- Good results for Juniors and Masters at State Championships
- Disco for World Titles team very successful
- Junior presentation held a couple of weeks ago, nice afternoon
- Easter patrols good, very busy, couple of rescues. Will put in for Rescue of the Month

11 CLUB REPORTS cont.

Port Kembla

- Nippers presentation this weekend
- Number of young ones went to Branch Championships which was very good
- Rookies off to Killalea

Austinmer

- Attended Training Officers Course, very worthwhile
- Went through long weekend okay, closed beach on Sunday morning
- Grant with the DA has stalled, Mark Bond said the proposed merge of Councils might be of concern, made a couple of suggestions
- Sean Hendry SLSNSW visiting next Thursday

North Wollongong

- Easter North Beach and Stuart Park Beach patrols went well. Had to close the beach on Sunday, first time in many years
- Unfortunate (drowning) incident last week, but was fortunate that club members were onsite having a committee meeting
- Need to raise with WCC about CCTV, lifesavers should have access as well. Peter Evert advised Mark Bond is talking to the legal people regarding this matter.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Duty Officers

Keith Caldwell asked that the role of the Duty Officers be discussed at the next Club Conference so that everyone would have an understanding of what a Duty Officer does. Keith stated his Club Captain and a Duty Officer have had a disagreement which appeared more of a "power struggle".

Also Stacey suggested that SLSI need to understand how to have Support Operations hours put into SurfGuard. Currently no volunteer hours attributed to Duty officers are logged officially, and this may affect a club members years of service award.

SLSNSW Meeting

President put a proposal forward for discussion at the SLSNSW meeting held in February re Regional Manager to look after SLSI, South Coast and Far South Coast Branches. Decided to come up with a business case for it, nothing in writing yet.

SLSNSW AGM in May, State President's position up for re-election. David Murray, ex Sydney Northern Beaches President (has been out for a couple of year but has been involved with his Club) has put in a nomination. Val noted he was happy to take directions from Branch Council.

Paddle Against Poverty

General discussion regarding last year's event, viz people's lives endangered, and out of season risks. Moved that a letter be sent advising Christian Surfers the need for a formal risk assessment, future events to be held in season and WCC to be contacted by CS re special event permit.

Moved: Anthony O'Donoghue

Seconded: Craig Kershaw

Carried

BRP Grant

Moved to pay 50% for jet ski.

Moved: David Denton

Seconded: Tony Chapman

Carried

State Championships

To be held at Swansea for next two years. Locally look at organising a Committee to look at the prospect of holding the State Championships here in 2019/2020. Will send out expressions of interest to everyone asking if they want to be part of that Committee.

Aerial Patrol

Chief Pilot resigned so because of CASA rules cannot go up in the air. Harry Mitchell has made the comment that he would like to be part of SLS. Letter to be sent to Bendigo Bank to open up sponsorship discussions.

Moved: Keith Caldwell

Seconded: David Forst

Carried

Surf Sport Review

Has not been finalised. Major discussion point was having to do patrols to compete.

12. NEXT MEETING

26 April 2016 at 7.15pm