

Branch Council Meeting

ILLAWARRA
NEW SOUTH WALES



Meeting: Branch Council Meeting	Date: 31 May 2016
Venue: Surf House, 64 Smith Street, Wollongong	Start Time: 7.15 pm Finish Time: 8.50 pm

MINUTES

1. ATTENDEES

President	Val Zanotto
Deputy President	Peter Evert
Director of Education	--
Director of Finance	Maria Caldwell
Director of Surf Sports	Keith Caldwell
Director of Member Services	Gary Chapman
Director of Life Saving	Jayson Norris
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	--
Woonona	Stacey Paddon
Scarborough/Wombarra	Bindi Adams
Windang	Kaye Norris
Port Kembla	Bill Seay
Sandon Point	--
Fairy Meadow	Tony Chapman
Helensburgh/Stanwell Park	Steven McDonald
Towradgi	Adriana Gervaise
Thirroul	Jeff Body
Austinmer	Michael Idstein

2. APOLOGIES

David Erskine, Port Kembla
Matt Quince, Windang

3. VISITORS

Anthony Turner, Thirroul

4. PROXIES

Bill Seay, Port Kembla
Kaye Norris, Windang

5. MINUTE TAKER

Maria Sewell, Office Manager

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None declared

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of Branch Council Meeting held 26 April 2016 accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Lance Tarrant

Seconded: Stacey Paddon

Carried

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING

- Maria Caldwell to be shown as attendee for Bulli.
- Paddle Against Poverty went very well on the day thanks to support from Coledale. No issues surf and weather favourable. Christian Surfers provided the required documentation.

Moved: Stacey Paddon

Seconded: Adriana Gervaise

Carried

9. CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE & PORTFOLIO MINUTES

Moved: *Stacey Paddon*

David Forst

Carried

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Life Saving

- Anthony Turner attended Combined Conference at State. Illawarra looks like the next Branch to go ahead with digital network to go in the towers. Most clubs should now have 3 Hytera radios in stock. Clubs asked to check in the off season and make sure they have adequate amounts. Lance Tarrant noted 2 radios purchased by his club were found to be faulty and had been returned to the supplier in China.

- BRP Grant – Illawarra successful.

Moved: *Tony Chapman*

Seconded: *Bindi Adams*

Carried

Surf Sports

- 73 medals won at State.
- Attended Combined Conference at State, 2 agenda items discussed were
 - i. Open Ocean Swim, now 2.5km. Moved that it should be an open male and female swim. There might be an Ages (not sure).
 - ii. Restructured events – motion that they should not be individual events but it was defeated.
- Branch Championships to be held 11 & 12 February 2017.
- Sydney Water Round 3 clashes with a Cronulla carnival that is held every year so Committee needs to discuss this. May be moved a week to the 26th. Possible a Sydney Water Round may be held at Cronulla if dates cannot be moved. Need to talk to Sydney Water.
- PPE - National Directors Meeting re Surf Sports in July. Will be an agenda item for further information.

Moved: *Kaye Norris*

Seconded: *Stacey Paddon*

Carried

Member Services

Apologies for not submitting a report due to illness. Gary said he intended to visit Clubs and asked the Presidents to identify someone from their Club to be the Member Services contact.

Finance

Balance Sheet and P&L report as at 30 April 2016 tabled.

Moved: *Anthony O'Donoghue*

Seconded: *Michael Idstein*

Carried

11. CLUB REPORTS

Bulli

- 30 people will be attending the SLSI AOE
- 18 June at Bulli Workers Club is club presentation night
- Special General Meeting was held last Sunday and a new Constitution & By-Laws were approved (2 yrs work by Constitution Committee)
- Building Extensions – Council meeting last Tuesday night resolution not to accept 3 tenders, Council going back to them to hopefully request a new quote with decreased prices

Windang

- Presentation night held.
- 3 people going to AOE.
- Couple of issues with Council re parking, members have been fined for parking on grass
- Education paperwork has come into SLSI and disappeared. Heaps of emails sent and no response. Maria Sewell stated that receipt of any future Education paperwork from clubs would be signed for.

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park

- Presentation night a couple of weeks ago, a good night. Thank you to Val Zanotto and Anthony Turner for attending.
- AGM in July
- Council has taken large bin
- A bit of luck with grants this year

Thirroul

- Just started By-laws after completing Constitution
- Presentation night in a couple of months
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Coledale

- Presentation two Saturdays ago, Val Zanotto and Anthony Turner attended
- 20 people going to AOE
- Trouble with Council re camping site, bin also taken away

11.CLUB REPORTS cont.

Fairy Meadow

- Presentation night 2 weeks ago
- AGM in July
- 10 going to AOE
- Uni Club had second fund raiser

Wollongong City

- Just over 20 people going to AOE
- Presentation night held, well attended, over 100 people

Woonona

- Presentation night 25 June 2016
- Council replaced windows at the Club
- 12 people going to AOE

Scarborough-Wombarra

- 5 people going to AOE
- Issues with fire so Club replaced window themselves
- Conversation with Council re Lifeguard room, still looking at standalone concept. Will have use of viewing room.

Austinmer

- Presentation night 25 June 2016
- DA for building, have not given up, sharp increase in costs, quite a dramatic increase in a couple of years.

Towradgi

- AGM date has not been set
- Taken over Remondis bin contract 2 weeks ago
- 11 attending AOE

North Wollongong

- Successful and entertaining Presentation night.

Port Kembla

- Presentation night held
- 20 to 30 new members
- Work in progress, going forward

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Saturday Patrols

Working on request to have someone from State attend Branch Council Meeting to discuss Saturday Patrols. Comment made that a volunteer attend as opposed to a paid employee. Discussion should be between volunteers so the best person would be John Restuccia.

Port Kembla/Corrimal SLSC

Meeting planned on 19 April between Corrimal & Port Kembla's President & Club Captain, 2 people from State (Adam Weir & Andy Kent) and 2 people from SLSI (Peter Evert & Anthony Turner). President and former President from Corrimal turned up so the meeting could not proceed. Because of a confidential process that happened last year Adam and Andy made a call to State and they were told to leave, so the meeting did not occur. Meeting was to look at call out system. State would like to see the matter resolved so they requested clarification from SLSA. Copy of letter received from SLSA re judicial process in the Illawarra handed out to all attendees which confirmed Tony Cartwright cannot be in attendance. Would like to have a discussion as to how to move forward. Waiting on a reply from the new President as to his availability so a meeting can be arranged. Dave Murray has requested a Strategic Planning Review to be held in the next couple of months. Dave has also requested Branch Presidents to write issues to him that can be on the agenda. Val wrote to Dave Murray and included Saturday Patrols in the letter he had written. Val also wrote that WCC had taken a risk assessment and due to that assessment had increased lifeguards which included Saturdays. The assessment did not include our lifesavers at all.

WCC Life Saving Agreement - Liquidated Damages

Email received from WCC regarding the annual payment made to SLSI, which is spread evenly across the Clubs and Branch. WCC is withholding a total amount of \$3434.00 due to a major service issue on 27/9/15 at both Corrimal & Port Kembla beaches. Branch Council agreed that on this occasion they were prepared to wear a reduction, however, they clearly stated that they would not wear any future reductions should a similar situation occur in the future.

Resolution passed that all 17 Clubs and Branch would wear the deduction evenly split so as to not totally penalise the two Clubs therefore each Club will receive \$171.70 less than they were entitled too. Both Corrimal and Port Kembla will still receive their amounts less \$171.70.

Moved: Anthony O'Donoghue Seconded: Lance Tarrant Carried

Aerial Patrol

Harry Mitchell has asked if we would provide him with a letter of support to the Australian Aerial Patrol. The letter to acknowledge the assistance provided to us. Noted that the letter needs to be very specific and care taken as to how it is worded.

Moved: Michael Idstein Seconded: Stacey Paddon Carried

SLSI Constitution

Looking at reducing the number for a quorum. Steve Strange currently overseas and will discuss matter with him on his return.

SLSI Headquarters

Approx 18 months ago had discussions with State re new location for SLSI. Also discussed with WCC premises with a heliport that was now surplus who would look into it if we were interested in purchasing it. State put it to the Board but for now they would focus on other things. Agreed a letter of expression of interest to purchase subject to SLSI getting funding and grants should be sent. SLSI to write to WCC and make an offer.

Moved: Lance Tarrant Seconded: Adriana Gervaise Carried

Combined Portfolios Conference

Keith Caldwell noted that whilst SLS talked about innovation, inclusiveness and good governance then why did the conference not include Finance and Administration even if it was only for a couple of hours. Letter to be written to State.

Moved: Keith Caldwell Seconded: Anthony O'Donoghue Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

28 June 2016 at 7.15pm