



Minutes Surf Club Council Meeting

Monday 7:00pm 3 December 2018
Port Kembla Surf Club

ATTENDEES	Dave Erskine, Gary Staples, Dan Pretzler, Nathan Boscaro, Brett McLellan, David Edwards, Rod Leary Noel Gracie, Ray Simpson, Daniel Pretzler, Simon Rocchi, James Haigh, Ian Graham, Mick Imrie, Jamie Rogan
DISCUSSION ITEMS	
<p>Previous Minutes – Moved RS second GS that previous minutes be accepted - carried</p> <p>Incoming Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved JH second DP that the correspondence be accepted and the invoices listed are paid. 	
Apologies	
Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP – Moved for to acquire accounting software application for \$300 per year. Second NB – carried RS – 30 members passed their proficiency test last Sunday. None of the members indicated that they would be able to attend Saturday Patrols. JR – IRB proficiencies have been completed. Course for new drivers will be held in the new year. BM – Nippers have 180 registered members. Membership now closed for new members due to availability water safety personnel. 	
General Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEr – Response of our position regarding Saturday Patrols – refer attach email sent to SLSI. 	
Meeting Closed 8:15 pm	Next Meeting: Monday 7 January 7pm

Correspondence

<u>Date Sent</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>From</u>
26-Nov-18	PKCIF grant rejected by council	PKCIF
8-Nov-18	Payment \$170 Membership	Russell Crighton
9-Nov-18	Payment Pilates hall hire	Sharlene Grahovac
8-Nov-18	Dates for water safety	Tri club
9-Nov-18	Payment \$30 Membership	Gregory Flack
12-Nov-18	Payment \$30 Membership	Issaac Villella
12-Nov-18	Payment \$1,300 donation	Westpac referral program
12-Nov-18	Public performance licence	WCC / APRA AMOCOS
14-Nov-18	50% funding (\$6500) to buy a IRB hull is approved	NSWG
14-Nov-18	Payment \$50 membership	Mick Sadler
15-Nov-18	Passing of former Club President Mr Fred Finch Life Member SLSA	SLSA
9-Aug-18	Invoice \$6,549 Capitation Fees	SLNSNSW
19-Nov-18	Update of lifesaving agreement	SLSI
21-Nov-18	State Champs entries open	SLNSNSW
22-Nov-18	Good sports position statement	Good Sports
26-Nov-18	Branch Champs Circular	SLSI
27-Nov-18	Scrutineering Branch Champs	SLSI



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28-Nov-18	Aussie Entries open	SLSA
30-Nov-18	Memo Coaching & Officials re-accreditation	SLSNSW
30-Nov-18	Payment \$30 Membership	Kiandra Kaiser
30-Nov-18	Payment \$30 Membership	Anjonique Kaiser
8-Nov-18	Invoice \$6 Card Fee	Kel Campbell
3-Dec-18	Invoice \$19 BBQ repairs	B&E Gas

Attachment 1 Email sent to SLSI 5 December Peter

Port Kembla Surf Life Saving Club held a proficiency day on Sunday 2 December and requested members able to patrol for the 2018/19 attend to be assessed. This process was completed to gauge the Club's true patrolling numbers for the upcoming season and verify the Club's ability to perform Saturday patrols. As expected, our active (i.e. those who are able to complete patrols) numbers are lower than initially suggested in Surf Guard. We realise these figures will not be final with some members potentially re-engaging with the Club come December.

As a result of Sunday's proficiency we estimate that the number active members who will be completing patrols this year will be approximately 45-50 members. Some of these maybe long service members which would result in a further drop if they are unable to perform patrols.

Based on the above, the Club Council voted last night that we currently lack sufficient proficient members to cover the Saturday patrol requirements as outlined within the current Surf Life Saving agreement. We feel it important for SLSI/SLSNSW to take into account not only active members, but the mix of awards among this membership group to facilitate the additional Saturday requirements. We understand that not all the awards are required on the Saturday patrol, however, moving our resources around to facilitate the Saturday patrolling hours places additional burden on all members within the Club. Completion of Saturday patrols results in either more patrolling hours for members, or less resources (in line with award requirements) on the beach of a Sunday. Both of these outcomes will result in continued erosion of our membership base. This impact seems to be lost at both the SLSI and SLSNSW level.

We also completed a survey with those members who attended on Sunday and asked whether these members had the capacity to assist with Saturday patrols in addition to their current Sunday rostered patrols. We were unable to obtain a single 'yes' in response to the question.

We would like Surf Life Saving Illawarra to initially advocate for our Club for a Saturday patrol exemption at the SLSNSW level. If this is not approved by SLSNSW, we would like direct feedback as the reasons why this result was reached with respect the data used to make the decision. This is so the Club Council is able to understand the decision as well as to communicate this back to our members.

If this initial step is unsuccessful, we would like to offer the following call-out proposition for Saturday patrols:

1. Call-out period 9am to noon – this directly aligns with Wollongong City Council's staffing arrangements. The Council life guards have two on the beach from 9am to noon, with a third joining for the remainder of the day. Have an overlap of our Club with three Council life guards seems to excessive and will not result in improved safety on the beach.
2. A member of the Club to check-in with the Council life guards at 9am and assess whether the Club's presence is required. This will be on a case by case basis. If support is not initially required, patrolling members will be required to be on stand-by off the beach until noon to provide assistance. We are happy to work with Council/SLSI to refine these conditions.
3. Same award and resourcing requirements as outlined within the current Surf Life Saving Agreement.

This is a tried and proven method. The call-out system allows the Club to manage resources over the whole patrolling season much more effectively and with flexibility, as well as assist in maintaining our patrolling membership base, and future of our Club.

Happy to discuss

Regards,
David Erskine
President – Port Kembla SLSC