

Minutes Council of Aquatic Sports – February Council Meeting

VENUE: LSV
Auditorium
DATE: Monday, 15 February 2016
7.00pm

1. Preliminaries

Attendance

22 Delegates and Proxies were in attendance (see attached)

Executive and Observers

5 observers were in attendance (see attached)

Apologies: Max Collins (Waratah Beach)

LSV Staff: Luke Gavin (LG)

2. Minutes of the previous Aquatic Sports previous Council Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Business Arising: None

ACTION ITEMS – completed

Motion: Paul Heather

Seconded: Bill Johnson

Carried

3. Executive Member Reports

- RR - Pool Panel Coordinator
Pool dates for the upcoming season are:
19 June – short course
17 July – Seniors
31 July – Juniors
14 August – Juniors
20 August – Seniors
28 August – Junior States
16 October – Senior States
- MJC – Surf Boat Representative
Surf Boat State Team has been selected - three crews from Torquay, two crews from Anglesea and Moridalloc as reserves. Tamara Brawn and Peter Van Dueren have been selected as the key officials for the event.

The Torquay open women's team has been selected to represent Australia in the trans tasman event against New Zealand.

- **HH - Chief Referee**
Senior State Champs program has been finalised.
Trained Surf Observer (TSO) training in Victoria took place in January with a number of our officials attending the course, SHR information is being collated across all states throughout the season.
- **EL - Junior Referee**
Junior carnivals have been well attended, bringing up some new officials into key roles. Bernadene has done a great job as powercraft coordinator.
Any clubs that have any officials that they want in certain positions at the Junior State Champs can put their names forward to EL or through the online google document, we'd like officials finalised by the Lorne carnival.
Qualifying events that were not completed at the Western regional qualifier at Ocean Grove will be completed at the Lorne Carnival.
- **AG – Swim Representative**
U14s/U15s tube race has been very successful, particularly at the U14 level. We need to consider the qualification process for this event for the State Champs.
- **MM – Beach Representative**
In regards to the masters competing in beach events at the Anglesea and Pt Leo carnivals, we will need greater support from the clubs and a greater number of competitors if it to be run again. A question was raised from the floor, as to whether we would consider running masters for water events as well. This could be considered for next season, but will depend on support from clubs with entry numbers.
At the Senior State Championships, Saturday will include the beach sprints (finishing gates), relays and 2km run and Sunday will be beach flags.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Competition Rights Transfer Briefing Paper

Luke Gavin spoke to the paper. The proposal has been designed for athletes to transfer between clubs for summer and winter competition.

There will be two transfer periods per year and transfers need to be submitted in Surfguard within these dates, doesn't matter if it is finalized afterwards.

Motion: LG

Seconded: MJC

Motion carried

ACTION ITEM: Send out the briefing paper to our members via circular.

b. Aquatic Sport Strategic Plan - feedback

The plan was circulated to Council Representatives for feedback.

The feedback on the key areas of the strategic plan included:

Attraction, participation, retention (all areas officials, team managers, athletes etc.)

- Bruce Sampson - the priority is participation.

- Bill Johnson – carnivals need to be fun, focus on targeting the broader groups and attract participation.

- Development opportunities (mentoring) for officials and coaches.

Improve and refine our systems and processes

- Timing system - could be a cost per athlete to assist to implement
- iPads for finish judging
- Accuracy of results important
- Would support an increase in entry fees if improved technology was available
- New entry system to be released by SLSA - need to investigate what this is. Ideally this would assist to reduce the burden on team managers by allowing athletes to submit their entries.
- Grading - need to ensure that results are recorded, need divisional listings produced.
- Ensuring that warm up flags are put up with designated warm up time
- Powercraft rosters, set up and pack up rosters - ensuring local clubs are rostered

Programming

- There is a big jump from U14 to U15 at a crucial age. We need to consider this transition and take this into consideration when selecting carnival venues (e.g. not Fairhaven).
- Can we look at running some Youth Carnivals? Twilight carnivals?
- Would like to see U13 and U14 compete at a senior carnival next season at a surf beach (maybe Torquay of Jan Juc, rather than Pt Leo), also not on the same weekend as a junior carnival.
- Junior, youth, senior competitions - should we follow the national framework?
- District/regional carnivals
- Is there a way to leverage club swim events that are run by clubs?

Safety

- PFDs, Helmets,
- Reminder that PFDs must be worn whilst training for surf boats and surf skis when not in sight of a manned lifesaving club.

ACTION ITEM: circular for wearing of PFDs during training.

Cost

- Entry fees: Can these be arranged through individual entry into the carnival?
LG said we are waiting on the new Carnival Manager System to be released by SLSA after this season
- Funding – Sponsorships and grant opportunities.

ACTION ITEMS:

Any further feedback regarding the strategic plan can be sent through via the feedback app or via email to sport@lsv.com.au.

Development of KPIs and measures for tracking success.

c. Club Carnival requirements – Powercraft duties, set up and pack up

We are having some issues with Clubs not fulfilling their rostered powercraft, set up and pack up duties at carnivals (particularly senior carnivals). We need to identify ways to prevent this from continuing to happen.

Current 15 minute rule should be implemented for senior carnivals only, whereby competitors from a club that have failed to report for powercraft duty, are pulled off the line and unable to compete until their club provides the necessary personnel.

Set up pack up crews are working at junior carnivals, more numbers required at seniors. If a club fails to provide set up or pack up crews, they will be fined an amount equal to their entries fees of that carnival.

The Powercraft Panel is working on alternate ways to do the IRB roster for carnivals. Suggestions include; allowing clubs to apply for which carnivals they want to do duty at (after the number of shifts per club has been identified) or having host clubs provide crews for their

carnivals. Any further suggestions can be sent to Justin Burton and the Powercraft Panel for consideration.

d. Combined teams for junior/state carnivals

A number of clubs would like to see the Combined Teams Policy implemented for the Juniors next season. Following this season a review of the policy will take place and options for the juniors will be considered.

5. General Business

a. The executive would like clubs to consider the Jan Juc carnival being the Qualifying Carnival for the following events – U15, U17, U19, Opens: Tube race, Rescue Tube Rescue, Board Rescue.

General feedback was that this was too late in the season for it to be considered.

LSV asks for expressions of interest from clubs for these events to determine how many individuals/teams will be competing in these events. This will assist with planning for the Championships.

b. There will be a Level 1 Officials Course held at Lorne 2/3 April on the weekend of the introduction to IRB Racing.

A number of clubs would also like an additional officials course (with IRB focus) to be held in Melbourne. RR said that we could organise this if there is a club that is willing to host this - we will just need to arrange a facilitator.

6. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 8.48pm. The next meeting to be held on Monday May 16, 7pm at LSV.