

Minutes Council of Aquatic Sports – November Council Meeting

VENUE: LSV
Ian Potter Room

DATE: Monday, 20 November 2017
7.00pm

I. Preliminaries

Attendance

Paul Puhar	Phil Mawkes	Nicholas Tissot	Bruce Sampson
Mila Martin	Conor Hayes	Glen Watson	Aaron Green
Darren Hill	Stuart Hamill	Elizabeth Pratt	
Jemma Harrison	Jo Pfister	Bill Johnson	
Ben Herdman	Iris Cassell	Neil Morarty	
Malcolm Freake	James Greig	Max Collins	

20 Delegates and Proxies were in attendance

Executive and Observers

Rachael Rylance (RR)	Bruce Sampson (BS)	Ben Griffin (BG)	Sally Dawson	Alison Wyatt
Brian Happ (BH)	Maurice McCutcheon (MM)	Leonie Newey (LN)	Bernadette Kean	
Matt (Jan) Culka (MJC)	Joanne Teagle (JT)	Natalie Hood	Judy Silom	
John Clinch (JC)	Peter van Deuren (PVD)	Sandra Madeley	Allan Holmes	
Aaron Green (AG)	Tamara Brawn (TB)	Barbara Morgan	Michael Artz	

11 observers were in attendance (see attached)

Apologies:

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LSV Staff: Kirsty Clark and Alex Winterbauer

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

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held in August 2017

Moved: BS

Seconded: Max Collins

Carried

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Reports

a. Pool Panel – Jo Teagle

- JT advised that the pool panel members are James Evans, Lisa Happ and Barb Morgan,
- Karen Dale was thanked for her service to the pool panel committee.
- JT advised that Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre has been identified as a potential 50m course pool.
- State and Development Pool teams have been selected and will be published shortly on the LSV website.
- Leigh Ryan has been selected to deliver a pool coaching course in Malaysia.

b. **Sports Development – Brian Happ**

- Winter Development Squad and High Performance Squad have finished their programs for the season.
- The high performance camp was run at Lorne SLSC and was a successful weekend.
- State team trials are on Sunday, 26th November at Torquay SLSC for the Weiland Shield, Youth Pathway Cup and Interstates teams.

The floor asked if the Youth Pathway Cup has been confirmed. KC replied that Youth Pathway Cup is going ahead.

c. **Board and Ski – Bruce Sampson**

- BS advised that he will be at most senior carnivals this upcoming carnival so please feel free to approach him if you have any questions or feedback.
- If there is anyone interested in joining the board and ski panel please let him know.

d. **Surf Boats– Matt Culka**

- MJC discussed the youth camp and that it went well with 5 crews attending the U19's age group.
- MJC noted that there is a third surf boat available for use if there are clubs wanting to start up surf boat rowing.

e. **Beach – Maurice McCutcheon**

- MM discussed that we won't be running the new Aussie events as they haven't been ratified for next season.

The floor asked why can't we run the events without them being ratified. MC responded that they won't be running the events until Aussies 2019

- MM advised that the mixed open beach relay will still be going ahead with sponsorship.
- MM noted that on carnival day if there is a high tide in the morning then they will run the 2km beach run first followed by beach sprints.
- In regards to the Pt Leo program they may try to run a masters events however this is still to be confirmed.

The floor asked if we would be running separate master's events. MM advised that they will try to add masters events into 2 carnivals a season however this is to be confirmed.

f. **Powercraft and Gear – Ben Griffin**

- BG advised that IRB competition dates will be put forward to the executive for approval shortly.

g. **Chief Referee – John Clinch**

- JC advised that there will be more age group events than division events at senior carnivals this season.
- String of 9 will be set at carnivals.
- Finishes will be as per the surf sports manual.
- JC noted if there is anyone else that would like to join the officials panel then please let him know.

The floor asked about the new officials' courses. KC responded that the technical officials level will be required for senior carnivals.

BS asked how the practical components of the officials course will work. KC responded that the practical component needs to be done in a replication of a junior carnival setting.

The floor highlighted that there are people signing on at carnivals that aren't accredited officials. KC advised that we can look at identifying unaccredited officials and notifying clubs.

ii. **Carnival Programs**

- RR advised that as a junior referee has not been appointed there will be a volunteer group of members that will work on the junior carnival programs. Therefore, there will be a delay in releasing the junior carnival programs.

iii. **Local Rules for Senior Carnivals – including CCT Policy**

- RR discussed the CCT policy and local rules that is in the senior team managers and officials handbook.

iv. **Handbook's**

The floor asked if the footer of the handbook can include when it was updated and if we could notify clubs when the handbook has been updated. KC responded that the handbook shouldn't have too many more adjustments made to it however we can notify club through circulars of any updates to the handbook.

BH discussed the state team and high performance handbook and provided an insight into what the information includes. It was noted that this document may also be updated in the coming weeks.

The floor asked if the state team and high performance had been circulated to clubs. BH responded that a circular with the link to the handbook was released.

v. Policies 1.02 and 5.04

RR discussed the updated 1.02 and 5.04 policies. It was noted that the new policy includes updated patrol obligations.

The floor asked if the updated policies is applicable to all carnivals. RR responded that it is applicable to the Championships only.

RR noted that non-award members must have completed their pre- swim to be able to obtain their award for non-award members. The award must be processed in SurfGuard for them to be eligible to compete.

The floor asked about Option B and if it included water safety in policy 5.04. RR responded that it is an alternate option than only water safety requirements.

BS asked how the carnival entry system (SEMS) will register the member not having the required patrol hours. MC responded that it will be flagged via the entry system and clubs will need to provide explanations for not reaching patrol hours.

vi. Aqua Cameron

BH discussed if we make a change to the local rules for U14's and cameron relay. The request for the change is so that it aligns with Aussies and the surf sports manual. It was noted this will help with transition into U15's as well as Aussies.

BH asked the floor if we should continue with the aqua cameron or change to the cameron relay for U14's.

The floor highlighted that in the cameron relay you are not teaching any new skills and are removing a position. The floor noted that it doesn't matter when you do the transition to the cameron relay however it does add complexity for clubs. BS responded that to avoid confusing parents and coaches we should change to the cameron relay.

BH motion: To introduce the cameron relay into the U14 age group

Secunder: Stuart Hamill

Carried.

Qualifier for Aqua Cameron:

BH discussed the aqua cameron and the cameron relay and how it may need become a qualifying event for state championships due to large competitor entries. Options for prequalifying may be that we need to limit number of teams per club.

BS asked would be it possible to make the capping of competitors call after the cosy corner carnival when we have a better idea of competitor numbers and who id participating in the event from each club.

BH noted that we had teams missing out in aqua cameron last season.

The floor highlighted that it is also subject to number of competent officials and if they can run through the event efficiently.

AG noted that when we start to have a high number of teams wanting to compete in the event the problem then is clubs are searching for clubs/competitors to fill teams which is time consuming.

MJC discussed that we want to limit competitors at state championships but then we don't want to limit competitors at normal carnivals. If we don't want to limit competitors then we need to look at running a third day at state championships.

RR sought clarification on what the outcome of this should be and noted the CCT Policy.

The floor asked why do you want composite teams in aqua cameron?

The floor responded that other composite team events do not have qualifying events.

Greg Schmidt Motion: No composite team in the aqua cameron at state championships

Secunder: Bill Johnson

Carried.

vii. 2 Person R&R

RR discussed the proposed carnival dates for 2 person R&R with the championships to be conducted at the South Melbourne carnival.

viii. Age Groups/Categories

RR discussed that in the youth age groups their date of births are being entered incorrectly into SurfGuard which then has a flow on effect as kids are competing in the incorrect age group.

The floor suggested that parents are required to supply a birth certificate when they enroll their children into nippers.

The floor noted that at Mornington LSC parents are required to supply a birth certificate. In the nippers program children can partake in different age groups to be with their friends however if they compete then they must compete in the correct age group.

The floor highlighted that the onus is on the clubs to ensure that the correct date of births have been entered. If LSV have a concern they need to directly contact the club for rectification.

Judy Silom motion: A circular to be sent out to inform clubs that all junior competitors must supply their birth certificate to clubs to confirm competitors date of births.

Secunder: John Clinch

The floor noted that this was an issue a few years ago and that it should be raised a national level.

The floor suggested that this circular and action takes place at the beginning of next season.

The floor noted it is the parent's responsibility to check their members portal account to ensure date of births are entered correctly.

The floor suggested that a penalty be put in place for those clubs caught offending or that there will be ramifications for competitors caught competing in the incorrect age group.

BH amendment to motion: To change the timeframe of the circular to be sent out to the beginning of next season.

Secunder: Jo Pfister.

BH noted that we need a process in place for next season.

The floor suggested that we need a check box in SurfGuard to state that the birth certificate has been sighted.

BS amendment to motion: To change the timeframe of the circular to be sent out at the beginning to next season on the proviso that the date of birth verification check box has been added into SurfGuard. Included in the circular if clubs are found to have incorrect age groups in the season a penalty will be incurred.

Secunder: Greg Schmidt

Carried

ix. Board Riding Competition

RR discussed that we have been approached about board riding competition. The Aquatic Sport Executive are seeking feedback from clubs if there is interest to run this competition.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Junior Referee

RR noted that we are still looking for a junior referee and if clubs could please let us know if there is anyone interested in this role from their club. If there are any officials that are interested in being a junior area referee than please let the aquatic sport team know.

KC noted that we do have members that are prepared to offer assistance and support to the junior referee.

Panels:

Officials: John Clinch, Brian Happ, Maurice McCutcheon, Judy Silom, Dwayne Cananzi, Barb Morgan, Bill Johnson
Seconder: Bruce Sampson

Carried

IRB: Ben Griffin, Simon Wilson, Jake Powell
Seconder: Iris Cassell
Carried

Pool: Justine Birchall, Barb Morgan, Mark Patterson, James Evans, Lisa Happ
Seconder: Neil Morarty
Carried

Surf Boats: Matt Culka, Rod Costa, Scott Tannahill, Barry Hill, Sean Voss, Brian Millman, Paul Scherf, Pat Spinazzola
Seconder: Bruce Sampson
Carried

Sports Development: Brian Happ, Bruce Sampson, Sonia Kinsey, Greg Schmidt,
Seconder: Iris Cassell
Carried

KC noted that Tom McFarlane has been appointed as our new sports officer.

Belt and Reel

The floor asked if it will be run at junior carnivals and will it be at the states championships. RR responded that it will be held as a championship event before states.

Victorian Sports Awards

KC advised that information regarding the Victorian Sports Awards will be sent out via a circular.

Events

The floor asked if we could start the cosy corner carnival later as we finished early last season. BH noted that we have to finish the carnival by 3pm. RR advised that we will look into this as an option.

The floor asked about the qualifiers for lifesaver relay. The floor responded it is a requirement of SLSA. JC noted that we are adding additional time to the program to allow for the lifesaver relay.

Junior Officials

The floor highlighted that we need to validate that we have enough officials. BH responded that we do have processes in place.

KC noted that we have already started checks as we did this at the Endurance Championships.

The floor noted that we clubs provide helpers however they don't hold their officials award. Parents can't be upset and complain if we don't have qualified officials.

The floor suggested to include the penalties in the team managers emails for carnivals.

KC discussed that by running officials courses we hope that clubs nominate people that will officiate at carnivals. Officials courses are now online and we can provide an assessor for the practical component.

6. Next meeting

Monday, 19th February 2018