

Minutes

AQUATIC SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting was held at Level 1, Life Saving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne commencing at 7.00pm on Monday 20th May 2019

1 Welcome

2 Preliminaries

Delegate Attendance

Paul Puhar	Chloe Hardman	Jo Pfister
Sam Hume	Owen Smith	Bruce Honey
Alison Wyatt	Brett Thompson	Iris Cassell
Jemma Harrison	Peter Van Deuren (PVD)	Nicholas Tissot
Nicole Tregellis	Aaron Hamstead	Whitney Michael
Allan Banks (AB)	Jono Holt	Mark Patterson
Martin McCorriston	Max Collins	Shaun Leith
		Sandra Madeley

16 Delegates and Proxies were in attendance including 6 via remote log in

Executive and Observers

Bill Johnson	Rachael Rylance (RR)
Phil Mawkes	Maurice McCutcheon (MC)
Kirilee Wilson	Dinah Boswell (DB)
Kate Walsh	Natalie Hood (NH)
Ric Mitchell	Brian Happ (NH)
Jo Wicks	Harry Hannas (HH)
Jason Balfourt	Leonie Newey (LN)
David Palazzolo	

15 AS Executive members and observers were in attendance

Apologies:

Barry Hill	Jo Teagle	Tamara Brawn
Bruce Sampson	Cliff Goulding	

LSV Staff: Kirsty Clark, Sharon Rich, Alex Winterbauer, Kate Simpson

3 Business arising from previous minutes / action items

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held in February 2019.

Moved: Jonathon Holt

Secunder: Jo Pfister

Carried

4 Agenda items

1. Officer Reports

IRB Report – Allan Banks

- We are currently halfway through the 2018-19 season.
- Remaining IRB round 2 carnival events will be completed at another carnival which is still to be determined.
- A key change moving forward will be communication to competitors. Moving forward we will be utilizing the PA system as a communication channel.
- The 2019 Aussies IRB circular has been released and Victoria are questioning two items; point score and entry restrictions on age groups.

Surf Boat Report – Barry Hill

PVD read out a report provided by Barry Hill.

- Since the last Aquatic Sport Council meeting the main carnivals of the season have been held.
- We had the VSRL Open at Anglesea, ASRL Open at Eloura, Victorian Lifesaving Championships at Warrnambool and Aussies at Broadbeach.
- The VSRL would like to thank the host clubs, LSV staff and all Officials involved.
- These carnivals were well attended and well run.
- In the interstate competition at the ASRL Open, Victoria placed second. Many crews reached semi-finals and many masters crews medaled at the national carnivals. Lorne was ranked as the fourth best performed boat club at the Aussies.
- 55 crews rowed at the Victorian state titles with a good number of junior crews.
- The surf rowing community would like to acknowledge the support received from everyone involved in lifesaving following the tragedies at Port Campbell. LSV helped and continues to help in many ways. Thank you.
- Three people attended the ASRL forum at Queenscliff SLSC on 11th May. All states were represented, and a number of issues were discussed. These will be followed up the ASRL executive.

Swim Report – Natalie Hood

Nothing to report.

Development Report – Brian Happ

- IRB Team Management positions are now open and close this week.
- Head coach position for interstates and YPC team will be released in the upcoming weeks.
- It is still to be confirmed if we will send a team to the SLSA Pool Championships in August.

Beach Report – Maurice McCutcheon

- Victorian youth and masters beach competitor numbers were down at Aussies this year.
- Mixed relay and 2x1km relay will most likely be included into the Aussie program for next year.
- Victorian beach officials were well represented at Aussies this year.
- Fantastic turn out for beach officials across the season.

Junior Referee Report – Leonie Newey

Nothing to report apart from agenda item 6 which will be referred to later.

Director Report – Rachael Rylance

Nothing to report.

Chief Referee – Harry Hannas

- Thanked all Officials for their attendance and assistance at carnivals across the season.
- The new U14 format was trialed this season, thank you to Phil Mawkes for running this area in the new format.
- This season we had some venues that were restricted in running full courses.
- Thank you to clubs for supplying accredited officials and fulfilling their powercraft duties.
- This season we ran a table top scenario for our emergency procedures and we will continue to run more scenarios throughout next season.

Lifesaving Events – Dinah Boswell

- We weren't as successful in R&R and first aid events at Aussies this year compared to previous years.
- Participation in R&R has been consistent across the season.

2. Interstates and Youth Pathway Cup State Team Selection Events

BH provided an overview of the briefing paper and went through the two recommendations from the Aquatic Sport Executive (ASE).

- Aaron Hamstead asked what the selection for events would be. BH responded that it is subject to the selectors on what events will be a priority.
- Ric Mitchell asked if results from interstate carnivals are looked at. BH responded that previously we have also looked at Ocean 6 results.
- Max Collins asked if there would be specific selection event. BH responded that it is up to the chair of selectors if they run a selective event.
- Bill Johnson asked if we will run events as per the surf sports manual. BH responded that the events are run as per what the selectors want to see, and how the events will be conducted at interstates, but safety will be as per the surf sports manual.

PVD asked for delegates to vote on the two options presented.

Option 1: 15 votes

Option 2: 1 vote

Option 1 – carried. There will be two selection events – one specific selection event and a nominated carnival.

3. Composition of Selection Panels for LSV State Representative Teams

BH provided an overview of the briefing paper and went through the recommendation from the ASE.

- Motion: Brian Happ moved that the Aquatic Sports Council endorse the change of state team selection panels from three to five people as outlined above in the briefing paper.
Seconded by: Jono Holt
In favour: 15
Against: 1
- Brett Thompson asked if an athlete representative could form part of the selection panel.
- PVD asked for someone to second this suggestion, no seconder to include Athlete Representative as part of the selection panel.

Motion carried.

4. State Team Composition

BH provided an overview of the briefing paper and noted that this is in relation to the senior ocean interstate team only.

- BH advised that the handbook allows up to two state of origin athletes. There is an option in the SLSA rules that permits drafts.
- Max Collins asked if interstate competitors need to have patrolled in Victoria. BH responded that there is no requirement.
- BH noted that previously we have taken high performance interstate competitors that may have started in Victoria then moved interstate. Interstate competitors have been great ambassadors and mentors in the past.
- Max Collins asked if other states are using the draft program. BH responded that yes to certain degrees.
- Ric Mitchell advised when drafts were brought in, Victoria had the view that if we wanted to field the best team we could, then we would need to draft.

PVD asked for delegates to vote on the two options presented.

Option 1: 0 votes

Option 2: 16 votes

Option 2 – carried. State of Origin athletes will be able to be selected in the Open Interstate team.

5. Combined Teams Policy Review

NH provided an overview of the composite teams briefing papers.

- Jo Pfister asked if one age group can form a team in U11's but can't form a team in U10's can they form a composite team. NH responded yes. LN noted if the club only has two U9's it will be up to the club if they bring their U9's up to form an U10 team or if they form U9 and U10 composite teams.
- Aaron Hamstead asked if there are many kids that go into the ballot that miss out on participating in a team. NH responded no.
- Whitney Michael said that South Melbourne had a child in the ballot but was only selected for one event.
- NH noted there is the option for having a reserve list for the ballot.
- Brett Thompson asked if the point score will be from last 2019 Victorian Junior Lifesaving Championships even though the championships wasn't completed. NH responded yes as that is the final point score.

Motion: NH moved that the Aquatic Sport Council endorse the proposed 2019/2020 Combined Club Junior Teams (CCJT) Policy as per the briefing paper.

Seconded: Whitney Michael

In favour: 15

Against: 0

Motion carried.

NH provided an overview of the Seniors as well as Youth Combined Teams Policy.

- NH noted that the question to the council is to have the same rule as juniors for youth which will be pre-entry and audited for clubs that couldn't make their own club team form a composite team. No forming of composite teams on the day it will all need to be pre-arranged.

Motion: NH moved that the Aquatic Sport Council endorse the proposed 2019/2020 Combined Club Youth Teams (CCYT) Policy for U15 Team Events as per the briefing paper.

Seconded: Aaron Hamstead

In favour: 15

Against: 0

Motion carried.

NH provided an overview of the U17's and discussed the options for which composite team policy they should participate in.

- DB suggested to be more lenient and let them compete.
- Bill Johnson suggested that the U17 age group are strong competitors in water area. NH responded that they are smaller numbers in the beach area.
- Chloe Hardman noted that there were very few U17 women's teams.

- Aaron Hamstead noted in their experience that they would struggle to put a team together.
- Iris Cassell noted that they only have 2 open competitors therefore they need to bring up competitors as they are in the top 10 teams and cannot form composite teams.

Open and U19 Composite Teams recommendation:

Motion: Aaron Hamstead moved that any senior team could form a composite team except if they can already form a team.

Not seconded.

NH asked the ASC to vote on whether to include the U17s in the youth permissive rule or with the open rule.

Option 1 include in U19/Open

Option 2: include in youth

Seconded: Iris Cassell

In favour of Option 1: 12

Against Option 1: 4

Motion carried.

Option 1 – carried. U17's to be included in the Seniors Combined Team Policy

6. 2020 Victorian Junior Lifesaving Championships

LN provided an overview of the briefing paper. LN explained that she was asked to review if it was possible to run unrestrictive Junior State Championships over 3 days.

- KC noted that we find ourselves each year struggling to do qualifiers well and that it is not sustainable. We are trying to look for a solution and pilot something that combats qualifiers and is more sustainable.
- DB noted that we technically have gone to 3 days as we keep pulling events out (and running them at other carnivals) to try and keep it over a weekend.
- Jo Pfister noted that there are concerns around a larger club that has to restrict their competitors rather than club that has minimal numbers and they may not be competent to compete.
- Sam Hume advised that it will be very constrictive on clubs.
- Jonathon Holt proposed that if you made the final last year then you automatically qualify. Based similarly on Youth Aussies rules. NH noted that it may only affect one particular age group for one club.
- Owen Smith asked if we could open up and not have restrictions for 2 and a half days. NH noted that clubs need to balance their events.
- Sam Hume noted that we shouldn't be specializing at a young age.
- Aaron Hamstead suggested that we shouldn't run U9 and U10 age groups at state championships.
- Sam Hume noted if we cap competitor entries then competitors will leave bigger clubs and will go to smaller clubs and therefore lose sense of community. BH noted that realistically we can't run unrestricted, as we will never get through the program. We are more restrictive using the qualifying system.

LN agreed to revisit restricting entries by club for certain events, taking into consideration some of the options that were discussed. The ASE will come back to delegates with further options for feedback on this.

Motion: LN moved that the 2020 Junior State Championships be a pilot of a three-day (Saturday, Sunday and half of Monday) program on the long weekend in March, as outlined in the briefing paper – noting that the restricted entries will be reviewed.

In favour: 12

Against: 3

Motion Carried.

6 General Business

- Bill Johnson noted that he thought we should not have large junior carnivals, where competitors may only get to compete in 2 events (qualifiers). Perhaps we should look at

regionals as options. Look at using team events for younger age groups and begin individuals' events from U11's to U12's.

RR noted that if we remove the junior qualifying carnivals, she expects the numbers at those carnivals.

- Jo Pfister asked about HPS and WDS. KC advised that we are advertising our coaches positions and dates are selected. After coaching positions has been allocated we will be sending out the information. BH noted that we are finalising the venues and it will be tiered released of invitations. Jo Pfister asked if there will be a WDS, BH noted that yes run same days as HPS. BH noted that we may look at piloting a craft squad as well.
- HH discussed the Volunteer Conference on the 14th and 15th September to be held at LSV. KS noted that the sport forum we held last year will be moved to the second day of this conference. A circular went out about the club conference including topic suggestions. If you have any suggestions for the conference than please submit them.
- KC noted that venues for the 2020 Victorian Lifesaving Championships will be released by the end of the week. The 2019/20 season calendar will be released in the upcoming weeks.
- KC noted that Team App was trialled at the state championships and we are now looking at bringing it in across the whole organisation. Moving forward this will be a main channel of communication.
- KC provided an update regarding Ocean 6 that the format will no longer exist, with SLSA moving to a 3 pronged series – NutriGrain (invite only), special events (expression of interest), teams events (expression of interest). She asked interested clubs to speak with her for further details.

7 Meeting Close

9.00 pm Meeting Close.