

Minutes

Council of Lifesaving Clubs

VENUE: LSV Ian Potter Room

DATE: Saturday, 15 August 2015, 9:05am.

1. Preliminaries

a. Present

Delegates

Frank O'Rourke; Apollo Bay SLSC
Simon Tucker; Black Rock LSC
Judith Silom; Chelsea Longbeach SLSC
Dianne Montalto; Edithvale LSC
Trevor Baxter; Fairhaven SLSC
Paul James; Hampton LSC
Angela Malan; Inverloch SLSC
Peter Murrhly; Lorne SLSC
Russell Rees; Mentone LSC
Grant Rattenbury; Mordialloc LSC
Aaron Beckham; Mornington LSC

Proxies

Michael Corrigan; Elwood LSC
Simon Merrigan; Point Leo SLSC

CLC Executive

Peter Williams; Director
David Schultz; Director

Observers

Prue Weber; Anglesea SLSC/LSV
History Officer
Mike Martin; Anglesea SLSC
Tom Mollenkopf; LSV President

Staff

Andrew Foran; General Manager,
Lifesaving Club Development

b. Apologies

Warren Clarke; Anglesea SLSC
Sandra vander Pal; Dromana Bay LSC
David Rylance; Elwood LSC
Greg Goulet; Gunnamatta SLSC

Chris Paterson; Ocean Grove SLSC
Matthew Ponsford; Point Lonsdale SLSC
Stuart Rayner; Portsea SLSC
Malcolm Freake; Sandridge LSC
Bree Ambry; Sandringham LSC
Darren McLeod; Seaford LSC
Barrie Smith; Seaspray SLSC
Mary Veal; South Melbourne LSC
Jeanette Lambert; St Kilda LSC
Bill Johnson; Torquay SLSC
Iain Dickson; Williamstown S&LSC
Mark Scott; Wonthaggi LSC

Ryan Towers; Wye River SLSC
Lisa Curran; Altona LSC

Ian Fullagar; Chair

Steven Brooks; Port Melbourne LSC
Graeme Hurrell; Woodside Beach SLSC
Robert Madeley; Edithvale LSC

Tom Mitten; Volunteer Support Officer

Cameron King; SLS Lakes Entrance
John Harvey; Mt Martha LSC
Craig Watson; Venus Bay SLSC



2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 9 May 2015
 - i. Moved: M. Veal
 - ii. Seconded: B. Ambry
 - iii. Carried.
- b. Business arising from these previous minutes
 - i. None.

3. Agenda Items

- a. Members Portal update
 - i. LSV has been working with SLSA for the implementation of the Portal. Aims for one sign on system for all SLSA IT systems. Progress has been made to make use easier for members.
 - ii. LSV will move completely to the Portal when the Family Membership function is released. The function is in testing phase, with release anticipated in 2 weeks. Further instructions will be provided when released. Families will only need one Portal account to manage their children's membership. Each Family Group needs to be approved by the club to be accepted. It will allow for blended families. Once 18yo members must have their own Portal account.
 - iii. **ACTION ITEM:** A request will be logged with SLSA IT regarding previous surnames in Portal.
- b. Board update
 - i. Board has met twice since last CLC meeting and has discussed the following:
 1. By-laws are being reviewed to make consistent between councils. This won't impact operation of boards or councils. Norm Farmer and Michael Kennedy are working on this.
 2. LSV working closely with Royal Life Saving Society of Australia Victoria Branch to make LSV fully affiliated with Royal Life Saving Society of Australia.
 3. Members Portal has been discussed.
 - ii. To discuss at this month's board meeting:
 1. Budget
 2. SLSA Sport Review
 - iii. To discuss at next month's board meeting:
 1. LSV Marine Rescue role.
 - iv. Request that LSV board look at promoting all life saving club open water swims as a series, or something similar. Noted that all clubs, whether running an event or providing water safety, should be submitting a Special Event Application to LSV. Reminder that Special Events Application Process session at next weekend's Conference.
 1. **ACTION ITEM:** This request will be taken back to board for consideration.
 - v. Concern raised that Membership and Leadership Development and Aquatic Sports AGMs were scheduled for the same time.
 1. **ACTION ITEM:** This feedback will be noted by board.
 - vi. Concern raised regarding which high visibility vests are appropriate. SLSA has released a paper listing 5 different colours. LSV has chosen pink for carnivals because

Aussies is pink. AS is waiting for final SLSA recommendation. Clubs can choose colours at their club within the range. Generally, the recommendations at end of May stay for that season. This question should be referred to the Aquatic Sport Council by those interested.

c. Government update

i. Funding bid process has just begun with the following goals:

1. Facilities is primary focus. Government is interested in this. Thank you to clubs for talking to local members, ministers and premier regarding your needs. Keep this up.
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** LSV will create a package for clubs about how to approach local members to ensure everyone stays on message.
2. Lifesaving in Schools programs
3. Volunteer training
4. VSOs

ii. Funding will be formally decided at next State budget.

iii. Administration grants have remained stagnant and will be looked at.

iv. Request for LSV to update Lifesaving Clubs of the Future document.

1. **ACTION ITEM:** Send through suggestions to either A. Foran or D. Schultz.

v. VESEP launched on Thursday. Successful and unsuccessful clubs will receive letters next week. LSV requested an increase in funding, but government has said there's no more money. LSV has a pool of \$716,200. Overall, VESEP is determined by location, rather than number of volunteers.

d. Community Sports Infrastructure Fund

i. Information to be sent out via Circular next Wednesday.

ii. SLS Foundation is reviewing where opportunities exist.

1. Minor facilities – \$100,000 for project under \$1 million.
2. Female friendly facilities – change room facilities and family friendly environment.
3. LSCs must work with local council for this funding.
4. Susan A from SLS Foundation will be running Grant Writing Workshop at Conference. Grant Seeking Unit is a great resource for accessing grants – strongly recommend someone at your club attends this session.

iii. Bass Coast is looking at this Fund at the moment. Looking at future facilities strategy.

iv. Surf Coast Shire Council process for funding has been drawn out.

e. Child protection update – see document tabled at meeting

i. Thank you to Rob O'Brien for bringing this to LSV's attention.

ii. SLSA and LSV have well developed child protection policies. This isn't any different to how we already protect children. Continue to promote importance of WWCC and child protection at your club. Clubs should keep good documentation on any issues that arise.



- iii. **ACTION ITEM:** LSV will circulate a fact sheet by Circular.
 - iv. LSV is looking at a safe file protected server for clubs.
 - v. Records should be kept by clubs practically for as long as possible and ideally for the life of members. Note associations legislation only requires records and relevant documents to be kept for 7 years.
 - vi. New facilities should be able to cope with multiple users of the one facility. With separation management of junior members and other non-lifesaving community members to be considered as part of the detailed design of each facility.
- f. Member engagement and retention
- i. Nippers – Refer to document tabled at meeting
 - ii. 14-26 year olds
 - 1. A. Malan described Inverloch's tactics to retain members:
 - a. Nippers do SRC in U13-14.
 - b. Former Nippers with SRC or Bronze do Nipper Water Safety.
 - i. Promote as a social event
 - ii. Meet more people at club
 - iii. Rewarded by breakfast at end of session
 - iv. Gift at end of season
 - v. Responsibility
 - c. Assistant Age Managers when <18. Once 18 they become Age Managers.
 - d. Junior Club Captains to transition Nippers to Patrols
 - e. Bronze mentors for SRCs.
 - f. YIPs
 - i. Rewards
 - ii. Recognised by club at presentation nights
 - iii. Honour Board
 - g. New SRCs and Bronze
 - i. Rostered on patrol before finished training
 - ii. PCs, Comp directors come to Bronze camp
 - iii. Eases anxiety in new situations
 - h. BBQ for new SRCs and leaders in club
 - i. Introduced to many areas of club
 - i. Board has mixture of ages and all patrol, meaning board knows what's going on in club

- j.** All patrol members are called before their weekly patrol.
 - i.** Encouragement
 - ii.** Knowledge of numbers
 - iii.** Carpooling
 - k.** Patrol dinners
 - l.** Communication
 - i.** Facebook groups for each patrol group
 - ii.** Emails to age groups for camps etc.
 - iii.** Posters
 - m.** Competition
 - i.** Tool of engagement
 - ii.** IRB racing has kept kids in club
 - iii.** Rowing team for 20yo+ females
 - iv.** Social
 - v.** Many different age groups training
 - n.** 18+ patrollers
 - i.** Core patrolling day
 - ii.** Special weekend
 - iii.** Recognition program
 - iv.** Eagles patrol (higher recognition patrollers)
 - o.** Facebook pages
 - i.** Competition
 - ii.** Club
 - iii.** Community
 - p.** Uni students who can't commit to patrol asked to take on other roles:
 - i.** Administration
 - ii.** Training
 - iii.** Communication
 - q.** Looking at rejigging patrols for this season to engage different people.
- iii.** Request to reconsider Age Managers requirement to be 18+.
- 4.** Next Meeting
The next meeting of the CLC will be held on Saturday, 14 November 2015.
- 5.** Meeting closed 10:30am.



ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
A request will be logged with SLISA IT regarding previous surnames in Portal.	LSV	30 August 2015
Open water swim request taken to board.	CLC Executive	Next board meeting
Feedback regarding AGM scheduling will be noted by board.	CLC Executive	Next board meeting
Create a package for clubs about how to approach local members to ensure everyone stays on message.	LSV	14 November 2015
Send through Lifesaving Clubs of the Future items to be updated to A. Foran or D. Schultz.	CLC Delegates	14 November 2015
Circulate Child Protection fact sheet	LSV	2 September

