

Minutes Council of Lifesaving Clubs

VENUE: LSV
Ian Potter Room

DATE: Saturday, 7 May 2016
9:30am – 11:30am

1. Preliminaries - Present

Delegates

Steven Schofield; Altona LSC
Warren Clarke; Anglesea SLSC
Simon Tucker; Black Rock SLSC
Lloyd Thomas; Bonbeach LSC
John Kerr; Chelsea Longbeach SLSC
Dianne Montalto; Edithvale LSC
David Rylance; Elwood LSC
Tim Cutrona; Frankston LSC
Cliff Goulding; Half Moon Bay SLSC
Paul James; Hampton LSC
Angela Malan; Inverloch SLSC

Ross Dakin; Kennett River SLSC
Kevin Van Deuren; Lorne SLSC
Russell Rees; Mentone LSC
Grant Rattenbury; Mordialloc LSC
Richard Ellis; Point Leo SLSC
Stuart Rayner; Portsea SLSC
Malcolm Freake OAM; Sandridge LSC
Darren McLeod; Seaford LSC
Robert O'Brien; Waratah Beach SLSC
Mark Scott; Wonthaggi LSC

Club Presidents/Other

Ben Rooks; Carrum LSC
Scott McKenzie; Port Campbell SLSC
Dean Manns; Cape Paterson SLSC

Prue Weber; Honorary History Officer
William Blewett; Portsea SLSC

Remote

Katrina Antony; Portland SLSC
Mary Veal; South Melbourne LSC

Matthew Ponsford; Point Lonsdale SLSC

LSV Life Members

Judy Silom; Life Member
Neil Moriarty; Life Member

Mike Martin; Life Member

Council Directors/Chair

David Schultz; Director

Ian Fullagar; CLC Chair

Life Saving Victoria

David Rylance – Training & Assessment
Angela Malan – M&LD

Darren McLeod – Lifesaving Services

Staff

Nigel Taylor; CEO
Andrew Foran; GM-LCD
David Potter; VSO
Nicholas Foon; VSO

Apologies

Sandra vander Pal; Dromana Bay LSC
Trevor Baxter; Fairhaven SLSC
Tim Cutrona; Frankston LSC
Greg Goulet; Gunnamatta SLSC
Wes McDonald; Jan Juc SLSC

Louise Tarrant; Mildura LSC
John Harvey; Mount Martha LSC
Sally Porta; Rosebud & McCrae LSC
Peter Williams; Director
Rachael Rylance; Director

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4 February 2016
 - i. Moved: M. Freake
 - ii. Seconded: Paul James
 - iii. Carried.

- b. Business arising from previous minutes
 - i. LSV profit centres – the budget will be presented at the August meeting, following board endorsement.
 1. Request made that this is circulated with at least a week prior to the meeting occurring.
 - ii. LSV branding of club run open water swims to be taken to board for review.
 - iii. Bay beach carnivals to be referred to the Aquatic Sports Council with Sports executive leading this.
 - iv. LSV calendar – all training courses to be entered into Member-Training-from-anywhere.

3. Agenda Items

- a. Sporting Schools (Dr Bernadette Matthews)
 - i. B. Matthews gave an overview of the LSV Risk and Research Department and explained the Sporting School Program launched by the government to follow on from the active schools program. The program entails \$100 million that is being used to tackle obesity in young people. There are many sports already involved such as AFL and netball.
 - ii. Currently there are 5000 schools (800,000 children) registered with the program with the aim being to connect these schools with endorsed sporting organisations.
 - iii. This is currently seen as an opportunity for SLS as this has the potential to increase participation in both our programs and wider aquatic risk reduction programs. It also has the added benefit of attracting more members into the organisation.
 - iv. The Australia Sporting Commission has provided Surf Life Saving (SLS) with funds to conduct a feasibility study into the program and how this could be integrated into existing programs. SLSA has commissioned LSV to conduct the study on their behalf, of the aim being "To determine the feasibility of Surf Life Saving Australia providing a Surf Life Saving Sporting Schools Program". We have found a number of key factors that influence the uptake of the program:
 1. Focus on Fun, rather than competition;
 2. Social inclusiveness is vital to the program;
 3. Ease of travel between locations or access to aquatic venues, especially between metro areas and rural;
 4. Ease of the program to deal with changing conditions;
 5. Crowded Curriculum;
 6. If a school wanted multiple sessions they were potentially better proceeding through a club, as it had the potential to be at a reduced cost, however this required a large commitment from the volunteer club.

- v. Rather than developing a new program to fit with the guidelines, we are exploring the option of using existing programs and becoming an endorsed provider of these to the schools. An example of the mapping behind these programs was provided to the meeting.
 - vi. Organisations like Blu Earth would be very keen to talk to LSV and SLSA regarding this program.
 - vii. How does this work in with already existing relationships between Schools and Clubs? The ASC wants all schools to go through the endorsement process as it is a process to check the qualifications and the programs that are being provided to schools. If clubs don't go through the endorsed process this could be an issue in terms of the funding provided to the school for programs like this in the future.
 - viii. This type of endorsement process can potentially be difficult for the smaller clubs, as many of these programs will be running mid-week. It is also compounded by potentially not being able to get the qualified coaches etc. that are required.
 - ix. There is a potential that some of the funding provided could cover some payments for these members. The club would need to decide how best to utilize the funding, as the school will pay the provider per head.
 - x. If programs are currently scheduled for later this year, would clubs need to be accredited soon? This will be taken back to SLSA for comment, but there should not be any issues.
- b. State Budget outcome & implication for clubs (David Schultz)**
- i. The State Government have handed down their budget for 2016/17. Although the entire business case did not get approved. Life Saving Clubs facilities development received \$6 million, which is the highest value ever received. From all reports received it was high on the agenda and therefore we need to continue this process. The funding to re-conduct the facilities audit was not received.
 - ii. David Schultz gave an overview of the criteria for a project to be funded as the facility development committee and noted that the Facilities Development Committee is continuously pushing support for all Life Saving Clubs.
 - iii. Referring to the priority considerations, please explain the term "public demand". David Schultz – based on the demand for rescue services at that particular location. These in particular refer to beach visitation and number of members.
 - iv. We are currently working with government to see the absolute allocation of the funds. The clubs that did not get funding out of this round will be in the next business case. All clubs should continue to contact their local governments and local members to ensure they have good plan moving forward with their buildings.
 - v. The government needs to hear that this is not just about a year to year funding. We need to be on a four-year program.
 - vi. If clubs would like to receive a copy of their building audit, this is available to presidents. Presidents will need to contact Andrew Foran to get a copy. This was conducted in 2011.
 - vii. There is also a need for funding for maintenance of Lifesaving Facilities. This was included as a part of the funding bid, but unfortunately was not successful.
 - viii. It was also noted that Satellite centres in any location have never been discussed at the LSV level.
 - ix. The Clubhouse of the Future document is currently under review.
- c. Season wrap-up (Darren McLeod)**
- i. Quick summary of the 2015/16 was given:



1. Attendance numbers were down, however it was the 3rd warmest summer of record.
 2. Preventative actions were up this year, however first aids were slightly down
 3. Rescues were down this year.
- ii. The question regarding patrol audits being conducted over state championships weekend and whether this was appropriate. Darren McLeod - There are a number of reasons that this would be harder over that weekend, however the auditors are also volunteers and we ask them to conduct these when they have time. The process is going to be reviewed in time for the coming season.
 - iii. It was also raised by some clubs that end of season observational patrols can be seen as more dangerous to the membership. D. McLeod noted that this requirement is only a minimum standard and from an emergency service perspective, we need to ensure we are meeting the public's need for the service.
- d. Updates:
- i. Board (David Schultz)
 1. The latest board meeting was on the 26th of April. The LSV investment strategy was discussed and is currently being reviewed by the FRAC committee.
 2. Risk strategy for the whole of LSV is progressing well. This document is for the organisation not for individual clubs, but will aid clubs in conducting one for their own for their specific environments.
 3. Draft budget will be presented at the next CLC meeting.
 4. IRB injury review has been undertaken.
 - ii. Government relations – Leases update (Andrew Foran)
 1. Minister for Emergency Services - Jane Garrett and Minister for Environment – Lisa Neville are in agreement to resolve the leasing issues.
 2. We are conscious that land managers can interpret documents differently; this is why we are working with EMV, DEWLP, Parks and other leading agencies to enable a simple standard document for all clubs.
- e. Fuel tax rebates (Neil Morarty)
- i. Following discussions with the ATO and Deloitte Tax Services. All clubs are entitled to 39 cents per litre as a tax credit. Deloitte are offering their assistance in this process pro-bono, however only those clubs who are registered for GST can claim the deduction. Forms will be sent out via circular and they need to be returned as quickly as possible in order to get the process moving.
 - ii. The information required includes receipts or proof of purchase for fuel, however if this information is not available it is up to the ATO to decide if the claim is eligible.
- f. Aquatic Sport update – SLSA review (Nigel Taylor)
- i. There were 21 recommendations that were released as a part of this review of which aimed to address two key questions:
 1. What does sport do to make us a better organisation?
 2. Is this delivering for us a better patrol service?
 - ii. Service to the club has been a hot topic instead of simply just saying patrol hours and this has been addressed at multiple levels.
 - iii. The responses from the Victorian clubs have been fantastic for the report with 61% of clubs responded.
 - iv. In support the SLSA board has endorsed these recommendations; however before anything else

further occurs SLISA staff are determining an implementation plan.

- v. These outcomes will not be implemented for some time as it will take time to review, plan and then implement. LSV board discussed before SLISA board and we are in agreement with the recommendations.
- vi. The number of defaults on carnivals days was raised and should be addressed as a part of any discussions.
- vii. It was also made clear to the review committee that this is about making a sport that supports patrols.

g. LSV training systems (Cliff Goulding)

- i. The letter (attached) regarding requirements of our bronze award. Are the current requirements actually having a positive effect on the quality of the lifesaver on the beach.
- ii. As a part of this conversation it was raised that trainers officer course can sometimes push through people that should not be training due to their lack of skill. Any issues like this should be forwarded to the training executive as soon as possible.
- iii. Some of the requirements for the IRB award are currently not being met by some assessors, as they are conducting the assessment within the Bay. This doesn't meet the requirements as per the checklist. David Rylance – LSV should be notified of any assessment that has not completed the full requirements, however it is noted that all and clubs should be ensuring that members are briefed in detail about the local conditions of their beach.

h. LSV cutting lunch – Cliff Goulding

- i. This letter can be taken away for reading following the meeting, due to a lack of time.

4. General Business

- a. Hampton – Wished to have some feedback submitted that \$40 Most Valued life savers event ticket was expensive for acknowledging the volunteers work. LSV noted this and will review for next season.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Lifesaving Clubs will be held on: Saturday, 13 August 2016 at 1pm.

6. Meeting Closed