

Minutes – Lifesaving Operations Council Meeting

VENUE: Ian Potter Room
Life Saving Victoria State Centre
200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

DATE: Thursday, 10 November 2016

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Delegates

Dominic Santullo (Altona LSC), Margaret Hewett (Beaumaris LSC), Angela Montebello (Elwood LSC), Shane Ryan (Half Moon Bay SLSC), Simon Lewis (St Kilda LSC), Marcus Stacey (Williamstown S&LSC)

Proxies

Justin Burton (Barwon Heads/13th Beach SLSC), Geoff Thompstone (Jan Juc SLSC), Sally Porter (Rosebud & McCrae LSC), Darren McLeod (Seaford LSC), Alison Porter (South Melbourne)

Remotely Accessing

Mark Scott (State Emergency Management Officer), Katrina Antony (State Training & Assessment Supervisor), Andrew Lawrence (Hampton LSC), Scott McKenize (Port Campbell SLSC), Michael Barbarino (Mordialloc LSC), Nick Wootton (Mount Martha LSC), Ryan Towers (Wye River SLSC), James Nola (Portsea SLSC)

Executive

Darren McLeod (Director – Lifesaving Services), David Rylance (Director – Training & Assessment), Julian Meagher (Council Representative/Chair), Justin Burton (Council Representative), Alison Porter (State Resource Research & Development Officer), Kane Treloar (Lifesaving Services Representative)

State Officers/ District Officers/ Regional Officers

Justin Burton (State Powercraft Officer), Darcy Cummins (Training Strategy & Communication)



Officer), Kane Treloar (State Gear & Equipment Officer), Samuel Hines (State Efficiency & Standards Officer), Toby Dobell (Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer), Alex Judd (Bass Lifesaving Operations Officer), Darrel Gill (Port Phillip T&A Officer),

Staff

Andrew Foran (General Manager, Lifesaving Club Development), Emma Atkins (General Manager, Business Support), David Potter (Volunteer Support Officer), Nicholas Foon (Volunteer Support Officer)

Others

Brian D'Souza (Barwon Heads/13th Beach SLSC), Stuart McKenzie (Mornington LSC), Darryl Gill (Port Melbourne LSC), Darcy Cummins (Sorrento SLSC)

Apologies

Greg Scott, Catherine Paulsen, Stuart Rayner, Phillip Hughes, Tony Hodder, Rebecca Gould, Simon Cartwright, Jake Cooper, Chris Ward, Emily Rogers, Tony Hodder, Dean Hemburrow

1) Welcome – Julian Meagher Chair/Council Representative

- i. Julian provided a welcome to the Life Saving Operations Council Meeting, the last before the season begins. Noted that there are a few people attending the meeting online and called for any further apologies.
- ii. Confirmation of the minutes from the last Council meeting held on the 13th August 2016 Accepted as read.

2) Reports

Directors Report Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services

- i. An update was provided on the Lifesaving Service Protocols. Most have been returned, however a few are still being worked through by the Clubs and LSV. There are still two clubs that are outstanding.
- ii. Update on the new radio network, as per the 2016 Lifesaving Conference, it will not be available this year. It will take approximately 9 months to implement and therefore it is now being forecast for the 2016/17 season. All LSV repeater sites have been serviced and some repairs have taken place this will ensure it is operational for this season.
- iii. Expressions of interest are being sought for LSVComms Operators. Please encourage members to apply if interested.

Directors Report David Ryland – Director, Training & Assessment

- i. Skills Maintenance is charging ahead and going well by all reports. Any issues please provide feedback via the feedback app.
- ii. Conference and the Regional Workshops have occurred since we last meet and all feedback has been positive thus far.
- iii. There has been a bit of talk about Spinal Management being removed as a required award. There is no information of this occurring and courses should still be run as normal.
- iv. Reminder to all clubs that there is a minimum amount of time required for a training course as per the recent circular. This must be adhered to, in order to meet our RTO standards.



3) General Business

J. Meagher – Chair/Council Representative

- i. The LSV Annual General Meeting is on Saturday, 12 November 2016. Council Representatives will be in attendance. The key point of business is the updated LSV Constitution which has been circulated.
 - a. M. Scott – Concern raised over the removal of the proxy voting process, as this is not contained in the By Laws yet.
 - b. Council accepted as an endorsement to move forward with the current version, with the specific amendments made to the proxy voting section returned. The remaining item of By Laws will also be tidied up in this process.

Action: M. Scott to liaise with J. Meagher on this item.

A. Porter – State Resource Research & Development Officer

- i. A presentation surrounding the water safety table was provided which outlined the process surrounding its creation and why it could be useful. The table has been created over the last 18 months bringing together all different procedures, regulations and laws with the aim of making it easier for all members to understand their requirements. A. Porter noted: this is nothing new; it is just the combination of different documents to highlight what is required.
 - a. A. Judd – Definition of manned lifesaving facility?
 - b. A. Porter – A manned lifesaving facility someone specifically watching the training on land who can raise the alarm/help if required. This person also needs to be qualified (current Bronze Medallion at a minimum). This should also be the person completing the risk assessment (paper or using the app).
 - c. S. Ryan – Is this likely to be enforced? Does a social media post e.g. Facebook constitute organised training?
 - d. D. Rylance – We have reports of clubs being given warnings and suspect these will stop and infringements will be issued.
 - e. A. Foran – Those undertaking award training or sports training need to complete these steps. If a person decides to go out for their own personal training, LSV would at the very least recommend they undertake their own risk assessment and wear the appropriate PPE. Most members would complete a risk assessment when going for a swim etc. this is just a way of formalizing it.
 - f. B. D'Souza – Can this form/App be easier to access and if this is not completed are we still covered by insurance?
 - g. A. Porter – Members will still be covered under insurance. App has recently become easier to access, by just emailing SLSA with the person name, email and type of device they use. Records of risk assessments need to be kept for 7 years.
 - h. J. Burton – L25 Lifejackets for competition will be trialled by SLSA in Victoria soon and the opportunity for members to try them will be available.

E. Atkins – General Manager, Business Support

- i. A presentation surrounding the Safeguarding Children Standards was presented (attached as appendix 1). The standards are a result of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Victorian Government's inquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations within religious and other non-government organisations and the inquiry's Betrayal of Trust final report. Each of the 7 standards were then explained from a clubs point of view. LSV value statement re Safeguarding Children is *"Safeguarding Children and young people is everyone's business"*
 - a. G. Thompstone – A culture change was mentioned, what this mean for our clubs currently?
 - b. J. Meagher – It's about a commitment to change via a pathway. Cultural change is not expected to occur overnight, but instead progressively over time.
 - c. A. Foran – We need to consider both the actions and the perceptions of our members and what implications these have, thereby changing process and culture is how we begin.
 - d. M. Scott – How will the screening processes change for both new and old members?



- e. E. Atkins – We cannot interview every member, WWCC are the start of screening processes. Clubs then to ensure that they have practises in place to ensure they are maintaining a safe environment for children.
- f. B. D’Souza – must both the Club and LSV be listed on a WWCC?
- g. E. Atkins – All members need to have at least one of them listed. Both is the recommendation as a safety net.
- h. J. Meagher – Information is still being worked through and will continue to be released as it comes to light.

S. Phoenix – Otway Training & Assessment Officer

- i. Formalisation of Assistant Area Training & Assessment Officers
 - a. D. Rylance – there is a formalised process which has been release. There have also been a number of appointment letters go out today, but we cannot give access to anything until they are returned.

T. Dobell – Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer

- i. Can we use standards for ancillary equipment rather than specific equipment? (That is not comfortable and not fit for extended purpose. Helmets e.g. Gath helmets for long term use cause temporal and occipital pain).
 - a. K. Treloar – SLSA and the states are now moving away from the specific items and instead moving towards specifications. Tomorrow Victoria is moving a motion to re-establishing the national group to approve gear and equipment.
- ii. Can we use the organizational might to ensure clubs have true internet access? We as an organization are becoming information hungry and are slowly moving in to the internet age and require access for major departments of the organization.
 - a. D. McLeod – There are ongoing discussions with the providers.
- iii. Gear inspection App - great product. Android version would be good for those with EPA tablets. Still some teething problems.
 - a. D. McLeod - Was also raised as feedback during the Lifesaving Operations Officer meeting, we will work on version 3 with this feedback.

K. Antony – State Training & Assessment Supervisor

- i. Still currently a vacancy in the position of Bass Area Training & Assessment Officer. If anyone from the area is interested please contact K. Antony.

Meeting Close at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting

The next Lifesaving Operations Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 9 February 2017.

