

Minutes – Lifesaving Operations Council Meeting

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

DATE: Thursday, 9 February 2017

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Delegates

Neill Blake (Aspendale LSC), Margaret Hewett (Beaumaris LSC), Catherine Paulsen (Carrum SLSC), Kerry Bell (Edithvale LSC), Angela Montebello (Elwood LSC), Katrina Antony (Portland SLSC), Simon Lewis (St Kilda LSC), Robert O'Brien (Waratah Beach SLSC), Marcus Stacey (Williamstown S&LSC)

Proxies

Justin Burton (Barwon Heads/13th Beach SLSC), Geoff Thompstone (Jan Juc SLSC), Darren McLeod (Seaford LSC), Mark Scott (Wonthaggi LSC)

Remotely Accessing

Simon Wilson (Peninsula Training & Assessment Officer), Michael Barbarino (Mordialloc LSC), Ash Presser (Bayside Lifesaving Operations Officer), Justin Taylor (Seaford LSC), Rebecca Gould (Portsea SLSC), Matthew Davis (Mount Martha LSC)

Executive

Darren McLeod (Director – Lifesaving Services), David Rylance (Director – Training & Assessment), Julian Meagher (Council Representative/Chair), Justin Burton (Council Representative), Kane Treloar (Lifesaving Services Representative), Kerry Bell (Lifesaving Service Representative), Katrina Antony (State Training & Assessment Supervisor), Mark Scott (State Emergency Management Officer)

State Officers/ District Officers/ Regional Officers

Justin Burton (State Powercraft Officer), Kane Treloar (State Gear & Equipment Officer),



Samuel Hines (State Efficiency & Standards Officer), Katrina Antony (Western Training & Assessment Officer), Kerry Bell (Kingston Lifesaving Operations Officer), Toby Dobell (Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer)

Staff

Andrew Foran (General Manager, Lifesaving Club Development), David Potter (Volunteer Support Officer), Jayden Raab (Volunteer Support Officer)

Others

Hamish Mckendrick (Portsea SLSC), James Nola (Portsea SLSC) Stuart Mckenzie (Mornington LSC), Gareth Johnson (Transport Safety Victoria)

Apologies

Greg Scott, Darcy Manks, Alison Porter, Tony Hodder, Dean Hemburrow, James Quine, Geraldine Wallace, Sally Porter, Shane Ryan, Dominic Santullo, Ash Presser

1) Welcome – Julian Meagher Chair/Council Representative

- i. Julian provided a welcome to the Life Saving Operations Council Meeting. Noted that there are a few people attending the meeting online, called for any further apologies and asked those in attendance to ensure they sign in.
- ii. Confirmation of the minutes from the last Council meeting held on the 10th November 2016
 - a. Accepted as read. Action item, M. Scott was to liaise with J. Meagher on the proxy voting component of the By Law revision. This was passed at the LSV Annual General Meeting.

2) Reports

Directors Report Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services

- i. Provided a thank you to all those volunteers who have contributed thus far in the season.
- ii. Update was provided on the statistics for the 2016/17 season so far compared with this time last year:
 - Preventative Actions down 4%
 - Rescues down 15%
 - First Aids down 10%
 - Attendance down 4%
- iii. Work is currently being done on the 2017/18 season dates and times.
 - a. Port Phillip Bay will commence on the 11th of November 2017, with Coastal to commence on the 2nd of December 2017. All clubs will finish the season on the 15th of April 2018.
- iv. Commencing for 2017/18 season, Christmas day will become a compulsory observational patrol for all clubs. Confirmed details will be released later in year, however club are being advised now.
- v. As many members would be aware, we have had increased shark sightings this year. Through the Department of Justice, a State Shark Hazard Plan has been created and released. Currently LSV is doing all that is required. Note to all members that if there is a confirmed shark bite, Ambulance Victoria will automatically launch the Air Ambulance meaning clubs will need to be prepared with a landing site.



- vi. Patrol Competition Assessments are progressing and on track to complete the first round by this weekend. If clubs have not receive their first round inspection by this weekend, please let Samuel Hines or Darren McLeod know.
- vii. The Gear App – currently looking at the creation and implementation of phase 2. This will be released by the conference. Any feedback clubs have, can it be feed through to Ash Baxter.
- viii. Note there has been a slight revision of the national uniform policy, therefore LSV is giving out a selection of hats per club. These will be available at upcoming council meetings or through your VSO.
- ix. G. Thompstone – Is it a requirement to wear a wide-brimmed 'red' hat or can it be other colours?
Action: D. McLeod to review and respond.

Directors Report David Ryland – Director, Training & Assessment

- i. Great work being completed by our Trainers & Assessors across the state. We have almost completed the process of skills maintenance for the year.
- ii. New awards are progressing well, with a few outstanding items still occurring, which are being worked through with each club.
- iii. We will also being doing a review of missing awards from patrol defaults, then contacting each of the area T&A officers to work with the club on these issues.

3) General Business

Gareth Johnson TSV – Maritime Safety Victoria

- i. Provided a thank you for allowing him along to the council meeting to speak regarding MSV's paddlers safety sign project targeting the Port Phillip Bay Region. 30% of boating deaths come from paddlers. Unfortunately most of MSVs contact with these user groups is through licencing and registrations which doesn't occur often. Life Saving Clubs are in prime position to communicate with this user group. If members have the capacity to communicate with this user group about the danger messages (e.g. wearing a lifejacket) MSV is requesting that it is done through the use of these signs and pamphlets.
- ii. G. Johnson then ran through to the handouts and brochure.
 - a. M. Stacey – is this program targeting those user groups that leave the beach at about 4am to fish?
 - b. G. Johnson – we find that these users are actually usually well equipped. This is targeting those that are not well prepared, usually leaving the beaches during the day light hours.
 - c. M. Scott – Phillip Island is a slight issue in the Bass area for these users. Have signs that can be put onto side of buildings and access points been considered? Would MSV consider doing safety days, similar to the CFA?
 - d. G. Johnson – we are working with Parks Victoria on that issue preciously. Yes we do safety days; there is a trailer that we take over the state for preciously this cause. We actually find it's hard to engage with some retailers though in promotion of the safety messages.

Action: DP to forward G. Johnson's contact details with minutes.

S. McKenzie (Mornington LSC)

- i. MLSC been rostered on for a Friday morning 10am State Carnival setup at Port Fairy!! Surely it would make more sense for a west coast club to do this. At this stage we are unable to provide anyone. I'm sure we have raised this in the past, having to do setups on the west coast. More than happy to do setups on our side of the bay! Cheers Geraldine Wallace. Club Captain MLSC
 - a. Moved on to aquatic sports.



A. Presser (Bayside Area LOO)

- i. Consequence of Clubs breaching SOPs (Beach Inspections: Clubs with no IRB's on patrol however IRB's are at carnivals?)
 - a. D. McLeod – We are currently working on a document that covers this.

T. Dobell – Peninsula Lifesaving Operations Officer

- i. When are the up-skilling sessions for the incoming government radio network due to be completed?
- ii. When are the club house upgrades (antenna installs) to be completed?
- iii. When are the incoming radios to be in clubs?
- iv. What is the status of the time line for change? Specifically operations officer training, role status in the organization, resource allocation- uniforms, electronic resources, multi-agency training, role and responsibility training.
- v. Can we conduct a review of role and responsibility of officers within the organization; Comms Officers, operations officers, DTO, OPs Employees and their respective role/s at "Events" and have them rolled out in training.
- vi. When are training sessions to be conducted for further improvements within the Communications centre?
- vii. When are Policy and Procedures to be approved and implemented for the communications centre?
 - a. D. McLeod – In reference to all the above questions, as mentioned at the 2016 Conference, there is a 9 month roll out of this project. It is still currently on schedule for the 2017/18 season. Further information will come as the project continues.
- viii. With the events of the recent Melbourne mental health event when was the last multi casualty training our members participated in?
 - a. D. McLeod – a few members attended workshops in the recent past that specialise in scenarios of this nature. No contact has been made with these people yet. We'll come back to this topic at the next LSOC.

M. Scott – State Emergency Management Officer

- i. Enquired as to whether there had been any further movement on the ATV registrations.
 - a. K. Treloar – There will be a document circulated, via circular, to the clubs within the next two weeks outlining this process.

Meeting Close at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting

The next Lifesaving Operations Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11 May 2017.

