

Minutes – Lifesaving Operations Council Meeting

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

DATE: Thursday, 11 February 2016

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

Delegates

Dominic Santullo (Altona LSC), Jackson Bell (Barwon Heads/13th Beach SLSC), Margaret Hewett (Beaumaris LSC), Catherine Paulsen (Carrum LSC), Angela Montebello (Elwood LSC), Tarryn Thom (Inverloch SLSC), Nick Wootton (Mount Martha LSC), Katrina Antony (Portland SLSC), Rebecca Gould (Portsea), Sally Porta (Rosebud McCrae LSC), Simon Lewis (St Kilda LSC), Bill Johnson (Torquay SLSC) Jameson Trainor (Waratah Beach SLSC), Mark Scott (Wonthaggi LSC), Ryan Towers (Wye River SLSC)

Proxies

Katrina Antony (Port Campbell SLSC), Sophie Riddell (Portsea SLSC)

Alternative

Justin Burton (Barwon Heads/13th Beach SLSC), Geoff Thompstone (Jan Juc SLSC)

Remotely Accessing

Craig Farmer (Frankston LSC), Michael Barbarino (Mordialloc LSC)

Executive

Darren McLeod (Director – Lifesaving Services), David Rylance (Director – Training & Assessment), Julian Meagher (Council Representative/Chair), Justin Burton (Council Representative), Mark Scott (State Emergency Management Officer), Alison Porter (State Resource Research & Development Officer), Katrina Antony (State Training & Assessment Supervisor)



State Officers/ District Officers/ Regional Officers

Toby Dobell (Peninsula Regional Officer), Darrel Gill (Port Phillip District Officer), Samuel Hines (Training Strategy & Communications Officer/Bass District Officer), James Quine (Port Phillip Regional Officer), James Stott (Kingston District Officer), Katrina Antony (Western District Officer)

Staff

Andrew Foran (General Manager, Lifesaving Club Development), David Potter (Volunteer Support Officer), Tom Mitten (Volunteer Support Officer)

Others

Shayan Gunawardena (St Kilda LSC), Helga Stott (Mentone LSC), Robert Madeley (Edithvale LSC), Ben Pope (Bancoora LSC), Sandra Madeley (Edithvale LSC), Chris Malan (Inverloch SLSC)

Apologies

Samuel Adam, Emily Rogers, David Simpson, Andrew Lawrence, Alison Porter, Simon Cartwright, Tony Hodder, Helen Quinn, Greg Scott, Justin Taylor, Dean Hemburrow

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 and called for any further apologies.
- ii. The meeting paused for a minute silence to remember Neisha McLean as well as all those who have lost their lives over the past few months, whether it is on the beach or elsewhere.
- iii. Council was reminded about the Government's Solar Grants Initiative open to LSV Clubs and advised this closes on February 29.
- iv. Council was also advised that Building Leaders Scholarship applications have been extended until Sunday.
- v. Confirmation of the minutes from the last Council meeting held on the 12th November 2015
Moved: Margaret Hewett
Seconded: Sally Porta
Carried

2) Reports

Directors Report Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services

- i. Thank you issued to all Clubs and Volunteers for the effort they have put in over the season thus far. It has been a busy season with high beach attendances as well as a number of unfortunately drownings and fire incidents. Statistics are as follows:
 - a. Preventative Actions – 28,000
 - b. Minor First Aids – 735
 - c. Rescues – 249
 - d. Attendance - 1.06 Million
- ii. Reminder issued regarding the Administration Grants. In order for clubs to be paid they must fulfil all the criteria. Only a few clubs outstanding at this point in time.



- iii. The LIMSOC emergency contacts for clubs were circulated once again last week by the VSOs. If you need to update these, please do so as soon as possible.
- iv. Patrol Audits (round 1) should be completed in the coming weeks. If you are yet to receive the first audit by the 14th of February please notify the State Officer.
- v. I have been informed Club/s are using non-approved equipment. Just a reminder that all equipment must have passed gear inspection to be used. LSOC Executive will be following up with these Clubs.

Directors Report David Rylance – Director, Training & Assessment

- i. Issued a thank you to all Trainers and Assessors for the hard work completed thus far in the season. If you have any issues, for Skill Maintenance please contact your District Officer and for new awards please contact State Centre.
- ii. Outstanding paperwork/ award issues are being followed up every two weeks with the club's Chief Instructor. If you have anything outstanding please send in as soon as possible.
- iii. Some feedback has been received regarding Member Training from anywhere regarding why it does not sit inside the portal. This is because the national system will not allow other systems to feed into it. We are aiming to have items feed into it, but this may take some time and consultation with national.

3) General Business

M. Scott – State Emergency Management Officer

- i. Issued a thank you to all clubs for emergency responses.
- ii. LSV Online Calendar – A demonstration of the LSV Calendar was shown with the council meeting dates included.
- iii. Confirmation of the Bass Regional Officer needs to occur.
 - a. D. McLeod – Waiting on a signed form to be returned and this will occur.
Action: J. Meagher to contact A. Judd in relation to the position.

S. Wilson – Portsea SLSC

- i. Award Processing – There use to be triggers set to follow up outstanding paperwork. 30 days would trigger phone calls to find etc. I found out awards I signed as Assessor 122 days ago has not been processed. What has happened to the monitoring and follow up actions of this?
 - a. D. Rylance - LSV does have a system in place as mentioned prior. In this particular situation, LSV was not notified and therefore was not aware a course had taken place at all.
 - b. S. Riddell (Portsea SLSC) – This course was run prior to Member Training site being live and therefore was not recorded in there. The club is happy with the way it was handled from LSV as the paperwork was held at the club due to an issue with the trainer not being recorded in SurfGuard.
 - c. C. Ward (Otway District Officer) – The online system has improved a lot this year and is constantly evolving to a better state.

4) Open Forum

- i. D. Gill - Enquired about reimbursement for IRB Drivers to obtain a boat licence.
 - a. D. McLeod – Have taken to TSV but will follow up.
Action: D. McLeod follow up with TSV.
- ii. G. Thompstone – Enquired regarding the new radio network and whether this will be in place for the 2016/17 season.



- a. D. McLeod – It is a government managed system; currently it will be in place for the 2016/17 season.
 - b. N. Wootton – Can it be ensured that the radios will work everywhere, as there are current issues with cliff faces and getting a radio signal.
 - c. D. McLeod – No radio network will be able to guaranteed 100% coverage as there will always be black spots, every endeavour is being made to ensure we have like for like or better coverage.
- iii. T. Dobell – is possible for LIMSOC to have a club level of access for adding multiple rescues at once, rather than one at a time.
- a. C. Paulsen – In addition, is it possible for clubs to see what other clubs have available in their vicinity too call on if required.
 - b. We will look further into this and determine the best course of action.

Meeting Close at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting

The next Lifesaving Operations Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12 May 2016.

