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Minutes of Board of Lifesaving Meeting Saturday 3rd October, 2009, 9:30am

1. Attendance

Shane Stewart *SS* (Dir Lifesaving), Stella Watson *SW* (Club VC/PC P11), Jeremy Keating *JK* (Club VC), Ian Wallace *IW* (First Aid Officer), Nathan Gibson *NG* (IRB Captain/PC P7), Jim Selosse *JS* (PC P1), Michael Fielding *MF* (PC P3), Bruce Gaal *BG* (PC P6), Steve Cox *SC* (PC P9), Stuart Garrett *SG* (PC P13), Dave Watson *DW* (PC P14), Nick Warby *NW* (PC P15)

2. Apologies

Craig Phillips (PC P4), Doug Lucas (PC P5), Julie Moulden (PC P10), James Thom (PC P8), James Sidwell (PC P2), Dave Badlan (PC P12)

3. Visitors

No visitors.

4. Welcome

SS welcomed the Board and introduced the new structure. New PC's were also introduced and welcomed.

5. Business Items

5.1. Lifeguards/ Senior Lifesavers

JK updated the board that Lifeguards will still be active on Warringah beaches and more than likely will stay for the next few years. The board was advised the Senior Lifesaver system will not be used this season due to the advance notice of Lifeguards staying on Long Reef beach. The board agreed the system worked well and should this situation arise with the chance of no lifeguards this system would be put into place.

5.2. Rhino

SS updated board on the new features on the rhino including the siren, screen and utility boxes in the tray. The board was advised that the new rhino needs to be carefully looked after and not to be driven in water.

NW advised the ATV course will soon be changed to an accredited course. All current drivers holding this award would automatically get RPL and gain the updated award.

As the new course will be accredited it will then cost the club a fee for persons to do the course. The board advised if this is the case, only PCs and VCs should be eligible to sit for the award.

5.3. IRBs

NG updated the board on current procedures for uses of IRBs. The board was updated on the upcoming IRB Crew and Driver courses as follows:

IRB Crew Course 1
Theory Wed 9/12/09
Practical 13/12/09
Exam 20/12/09

IRB Crew Course 2
Theory 31/03/10
Practical 3/04/10
Exam 10/04/10

IRB Drivers
Start 10/02/10
Exam 10/04/10

All PCs were advised to strongly encourage their patrol members to up-skill with these awards whilst they are being offered.

5.4. Training/ Education

NW advised that proficiencies will be held on the following dates for all awards:

- o 18/10/09
- o 8/12/09
- o 20/12/09

NW advised that Lachlan Gadd will this season be taking on the roll of Chief Assessor and will be trying to attend some patrols to do proficiencies for those who did not attend the proficiency days. The board strongly advised that all patrollers should complete the proficiency and no exception should be given. PCs advised they will help in the follow up of proficiency updates on their patrols.

NW advised the board of this seasons training dates as follows and there is an U18 and general Bronze courses this season:

- o BM & SRC Course 1- 14/10/09
- o BM & SRC Course 2- 21/10/09

The board was updated on the new initiative of training patrols and that these dates have been put into the roster and the training squad would be responsible for the patrol with assistance from qualified trainers.

5.5. Patrol Roster

SS updated the board on the current patrol roster. The BMT has identified that there are a few patrols that are short on numbers, but decided it would be better to have a few shorter patrols rather than merging some and essentially adding an extra 3 or 4 patrols per patrol.

SS advised that the BMT were looking at ways around the short numbers with the following opportunities identified:

- o SNB will be attempting to host a floating patrol where patrollers from all different clubs will come together to patrol on a beach. SS has advised branch LR would be keen to seek more information on the initiative and this could help some of our patrols with lower numbers of patrollers.
- o We are looking at opportunities of our own patrol sharing initiative with local clubs Collaroy, Dee Why and North Steyne interested. This opportunity will be a working progress over the season and will provide great potential for cadets to experience patrol on another beach, and LR having the opportunity to host others.
- o The new bronze squads should also inject roughly 20 new patrollers into our patrols and will be put onto various patrols in order of priority.

5.6. New Patrol Uniforms

SS displayed the new patrol uniforms and advised these will be distributed on each patrol and will be swapped for old uniforms.

5.7. DHL Tent

SS updated the board the DHL tents are no longer required to be erected and will not be apart of the patrol inspection. The DHL tent will still be kept and patrols are still encouraged to erect the tents on busy/hot days as shade and general use for the public.

5.8. Patrol Demonstrations

IW explained the concept of introducing first aid/CPR patrol demonstrations on the beach. These demonstrations would be conducted by the patrol and advertised to the general public to watch and learn CPR. IW is happy to assist any patrollers that are interested.

6. General Business

Bruce Gaal asked the board that if any patrollers are interested in 'upgrading' to an Active Reserve patrol to contact him.

SS advised that the LR website has been updated with a patroller information section and should be checked regularly. The board was also asked to try and get a lot of pictures this season to start creating a strong database of patroller images at LR.

Meeting finished 11:00 am
Next Meeting: TBA