

First Annual Report

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc. Board of Competition

1998 - 1999 Season

First Annual General Meeting Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc. Board of Competition Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 1st Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc., Board of Competition will be held at the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club on Friday, 30th July 1999, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Agenda

- Welcome by Dick Bignold, Director of Competition. 1.
- Apologies and Leave. 2.
- Confirmation of Minutes of the inaugural General Meeting held on 26th June, 1998. 3.

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- Presentation of the 1st Annual Report for the 1998-1999 Season. 4.
- Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the 1999-2000 Season. 5.
- 6. General Business.

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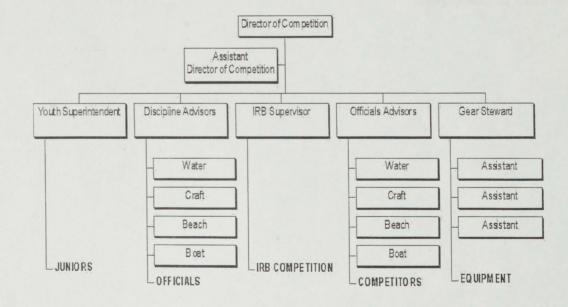
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BOARD OF COMPETITION STRUCTURE



Director of Competition Report

Administration

This season, alterations to the Board of Control were introduced to mirror that of Surf Life Saving NSW and Surf Life Saving Australia.

Two (2) Boards were put in place for a two (2) year trial – Board of Life Saving and Board of Competition.

In reviewing operations of the Board of Competition, it can be said this was an outstanding success. Although, it should be noted a number of areas need to be refined and new procedures adopted to ensure continuous improvement.

The current structure (chart 1) allows for discussion in all competition disciplines and encompasses the Juniors as well. This meets the requirements of State in relation to full integration.

Most pleasing was the input from our competitors. These advisers were frank and open and were the conduit that resulted in enhanced relations between officials and competitors. This growing rapport saw only one (1) protest lodged at an Open Carnival this year – an excellent result and the envy of other Branches.

Currently the Management Team is investigating a number of matters relating to competition in an endeavour to streamline, make attractive and conform to a set time (where possible), with the end result being a marketable product giving customer satisfaction.

Training

A Level 1 Official's Accreditation course was held in September. Excellent lecturers were arranged but only a small number of participants were in attendance. It has been decided to hold another course during Winter with a view to attracting greater numbers.

Names of members wishing to undertake Level 2 training have been sent to Surf Life Saving NSW for approval and conduction of this course.

Finding a suitable date to conduct a Scrutineers course was difficult. Unfortunately it was not possible to conduct this most valuable course, however every effort will be made during the forthcoming season to hold the course, as we are desperate for accredited scrutineers.

Arising from Management Team meetings was the need to conduct a Starters course. Geoff Martin will be coordinating this course which will be held at Coogee during Winter. The course will be divided into two (2) sections; the theory session will be conducted at the Holiday Inn and the practical component on Coogee beach. Invitations will be sent to all Metropolitan Branches with an emphasis on Junior Groups. Further training modules for the other positions will be gradually introduced subject to time constraints.

Everyone would be aware of the changes to re-licensing. Log Books have been distributed to all Officials who must achieve their points over a set time in relation to their license level. It is pleasing to see the acceptance of this change by the majority of officials. Please note that our database will be set to use your license number as the primary driver, so that when renewing membership you **must** quote this number.

Initiatives

Following on from implementing "coloured shirts" for Sectional Referees and specific officials, a new starting system was introduced for the Boat Area. The cost of bullets and draconian requirements to house starting pistols was the impetus to provide a suitable system that would contain costs. Frank Ridley's effort in constructing the lighting system and air horns is greatly appreciated. Feedback from competitors has been positive and minor alterations are being made to further improve this method of starting.

To eliminate on-going debates regarding course distances, a laser range finder has been purchased. Distances can now be measured with great accuracy and should satisfy all competitor concerns.

Scrutineering

We were indeed fortunate to have Bill Singleton, Graham Evans and Peter Davis to conduct these sessions at clubs throughout the Branch. Given the number of craft inspected and time taken these men deserve to be congratulated – well done.

However, it is disappointing to learn that our scrutineering is not considered acceptable at the National Championships. The integrity of these men cannot be faulted and their valuable time wasted along with the money the Branch outlaid to purchase equipment is disappointing to say the least.

Competition

Some fourteen (14) carnivals and special events were held during the season. The success of these events could not be achieved without the support of many officials. Approximately eighty (80) officials are required to run a carnival given the number of events and competitors. At times our numbers were skinny, but as usual, the efforts of all ensured a satisfactory result. To all officials, congratulations on your sterling efforts during the year.

Special boat events kicked of the season. First was "Rooster's River Run" held by Burning Palms SLSC. In its 10th year and a record number of crews competed in what became a rather windy finish. The efforts of the "Palms" continue to provide an excellent event with growing numbers.

The Boat Relay at Bundeena followed. Garie SLSC along with the support of Bundeena Progress Association staged this event at Horderns Beach in Port Hacking. While only small numbers attended, reports received showed that everyone had an enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Garie SLSC for introducing this event and it is hoped it will grow when more clubs become aware.

The Yarra Bay Stillwater Classic was held on 21 November, 1998. Again a large number of crews attended from as far away as Newcastle. This event continues to grow in stature and I must thank Bill Singleton for the time spent co-ordinating this event. Also special thanks and appreciation are extended to Yarra Bay Sailing Club and the many sponsors who provided prizes. It is hoped that our association with Yarra Bay Sailing Club will continue to expand.

Open carnivals commenced in earnest during December starting with Cronulla followed by North Cronulla, Wanda, Coogee and culminating with Elouera SLSC hosting the Branch Championships.

Large numbers attended all carnivals and some minor problems were encountered. These glitches have been noted and will be addressed in the coming season. All clubs are thanked for their efforts in hosting carnivals.

Particularly pleasing were the numbers in Board Riding. The success of this event can be attributed to Phil Veitch who was prepared to run this area at every carnival. My sincere thanks is extended to Phil who has intimated that he will again control this area in the coming season. With further support for Phil it may be possible to introduce Body Boards into Competition.

A number of competitions need reviewing. It was disappointing that only one (1) IRB Twilight was held. Poor attendance at the Surf Rescue Challenge and Life Saving Premiership also require a thorough review.

It is not fair to clubs hosting these events nor the officials appointed, to encounter this lack of support. Unless appropriate numbers can be guaranteed, these events will have to be deleted.

Branch Team

It is indeed pleasing to report the success of our Branch Team at the Interbranch Championships held at Shelley Beach on the Central Coast. This was the fist time these Championships have been conducted as a combined team with the Juniors. Performances by both the "Juniors" and "Seniors" were outstanding resulting in a run away success. Congratulations are extended to all competitors, Coach – Richard Garnsey, Manager – Bob Johnson and the selectors on achieving this satisfying result.

Summary

The season has proved to be eventful, time consuming and above all enjoyable. Efforts by all officials are to be applauded. Success can not be achieved without their support no matter what part they play in the scheme of things.

We must not enter into a comfort zone, but, be continually active and strive to improve on all facets of competition. By value adding our customers – the competitors, will be satisfied.

Conclusion

To be able to provide such a positive report is testimony to the efforts of all. It would be remiss of me not to place on record my appreciation to a number of people who went the extra yard. In particular, the Management Team of Grahame Evans, Geoff Martin, John Restuccia, Ron Hammond, Bill Singleton, Steve Swane, Damien Bulian, Daniel McLellan and Kane Heussner. You have raised the bar for others to emulate. Let us not rest on our laurels.

To Don Workman, Ted Cahill and Frank Ridley, thank you for assisting "Singo" with the equipment. The maintenance of these assets cannot be done by one person. Your efforts have not been gone unnoticed.

Finally, to Liz and Gail, the two (2) people who never miss a deadline, keep me on my toes and ensure no stone is left unturned in any matter relating to competition. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation.

I look forward to next season being even better than the last.

Dick Bignold Director of Competition

Branch Gear Report

The Season 1998/99 has been a heavy one for the Branch Carnival and Competition equipment. More events are being conducted requiring its use.

The cost of replacing equipment is increasing, some of our equipment is in excess of ten (10) years old and needs replacing.

Sydney Branch Carnival & Competition Equipment As at 1 July, 1999

15	50 Lt Buoys	1	Ree
29	20 Lt Buoys	1	100
2	No. 4 Dreadnought Anchors	1	250
4	No. 3 Dreadnought Anchors	2	200
19	No. 1.5 Dreadnought Anchors	6	15 r
18	500 mm R & R & Board Rescue Marker Posts	19	15 r
9	1500 mm R & R Beach Marker Posts	2	200
4	Transistorised Megaphones	1	200
5	Gear Boxes (Plastic)	1	2 m
4	Notice Boards	3	Flas
4	2.5 mt March Past Wheeling Poles	9	200
24	3 mt x 50 mm Flag Poles (Orange Plastic)	9	150
20	Various Finish Flags	2	Bo
1	Reel x 1000 mt Running Lanes (6 mm)	1	Alu

Carnival officials do not look after the equipment in their area, particularly flags, beach markers and loud hailers. Before an event, the gear is placed in the trailer in an orderly manner, but after the completion of the event the gear is placed back into the trailer in any old manner.

The present trailer is becoming inadequate and the Branch is at present looking at a replacement vehicle.

I would like to thank Frank Ridley for his great assistance in maintaining the gear, particularly in repairing the Boat finish stands and fabricating the lights and stands for the IRB Competition and Boat Area.

Also many thanks to Dick Bignold for his unending support.

Bill Singleton Gear Steward

Reel x 600 mt Buoy Measuring Rope (6 1000 x 750 mm Boat Buoy Rope Contai 250 mt Boat Buoy Anchor Rope 200 mt Swim Buoy Anchor Ropes 15 mt Anchor Trip Lines 15 mt Buoy Anchor Ropes 200 mt IRB Buoy Anchor Ropes 200 mt Reel Beach Finish Line (6 mm) 2 mt Light Stand IRB Competition Flashing Lights IRB Competition 200 mm Coloured Floats Finish Line 1500 mm Finish Line Post IRB Compet Boat Finish Stands (Instant Scaffolding Aluminium Boat Starter Stand	iner

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Surname	Given Name	Club	05/12/1998	19/12/1998	15/01/1999	30/01/1999	06/02/1999	20/02/1999	01/05/1999	06/06/1999	Tota
Burst	Peter	Bondi			1						1
Smith	Beverley	Bondi					1				1
Garlick	Patricia	Bronte		1			1	1			3
Graham	Jenni	Bronte	1	1			1	1			4
Voodger	Bob	Bronte	1								1
Cahill	Jeanette	Burning Palms	1	1		1	1	1	1		6
Ryan	John	Burning Palms		1							1
strange	Stephen	Burning Palms	1	1		1	1	1			5
/aughan	Joan	Burning Palms	1			1	1	1			4
Vindsor	Greg	Burning Palms	1			1	1	1		1	5
Briody	Kerryn	Coogee						1	1		2
Cahill	Ted	Coogee	1	1		1	1	1	1		6
aly	Gary	Coogee				1					1
avis	Peter	Coogee				1	1	1			3
itzgerald	Colin	Coogee	1	1		1	1	1			5
lartin	Geoffrey	Coogee		1		1		1			3
Bignold	Dick	Cronulla		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Bignold	Kathryn	Cronulla		1		1		1			3
Bruce	Graham	Cronulla	1						1	1	3
Illiott	Col	Cronulla	1	1			1	1			4
lliott	Fern	Cronulla	1	1			1	1			4
nglish	Ken	Cronulla				1		1			2
vans	Grahame	Cronulla	1	1		1	1	1			5
leming	Mark	Cronulla	1					1			2
iles	Cheryl	Cronulla		1		1	1	1			4
Siles	Graham	Cronulla		1			1	1			3
ohnson	Bob	Cronulla	1	1		1		1			4
larshall	Bill	Cronulla	1	1		1	1	1			5
letti	Daryn	Cronulla							1	1	2
loseley	Albert	Cronulla		1		1	1	1			4
lountain	Merryl	Cronulla	1								1
iggott	Kathie	Cronulla		1				1	:		2

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SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF COMPETITION CARNIVAL ATTENDANCE

Surname	Given Name	Club	05/12/1998	19/12/1998	15/01/1999	30/01/1999	06/02/1999	20/02/1999	01/05/1999	06/06/1999	Total
Powell	James	Cronulla	1	1				1			3
Rayner	Denise	Cronulla						1			1
Steer	Jeff	Cronulla					1				1
Allan	Robyn	Elouera	1	1		1		1	1	1	6
Brooker	Ted	Elouera					1	1			2
Gray	Marie	Elouera	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	7
Hormann	Cheryl	Elouera	1	1			1	1			4
Pears	Ronald	Elouera		1				1			2
Simms	Raymond	Elouera	1				1				2
	-	Elouera	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
	Frank	Era				1					1
Lucke	Jeff	Hel/Stan/Park								1	1
Restuccia	John	Maroubra	1			1		1			3
Shales	George	Maroubra			1						1
Turinui		Maroubra	1	1		1	1	1			5
Agnew	Peter	Nth Bondi			1			1	1		3
Cartner	Ursula	Nth Bondi		1	1	1	1		1	1	6
De Cean	John	Nth Bondi					1	1			2
Leahy	Stephen	Nth Bondi							1	1	2
Molloy	Mark	Nth Bondi					1				1
Pearson	Michael	Nth Bondi	1	1		1	1	1			5
Beecroft	Michael	Nth Cronulla	1	1							2
Brown	Harry	Nth Cronulla	1	1			1	1	1	1	6
Edwards	Paul	Nth Cronulla				1					1
Fahey	John	Nth Cronulla	1	1		1		1			4
Francis	Reg	Nth Cronulla		1				1			2
Hammond	-	Nth Cronulla	1			1	1	1			4
Johansen	Barney	Nth Cronulla	1					1			2
McGroder	-	Nth Cronulla			1				1	1	3
Miller	Neil	Nth Cronulla	1	1		1	1	1			5
Oliver	Neil	Nth Cronulla				1	1	1			3

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Surname	Given Name	Club	05/12/1998	19/12/1998	15/01/1999	30/01/1999	06/02/1999	20/02/1999	01/05/1999	06/06/1999	Total		
Ridley	Frank	Nth Cronulla	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8		
Ridley	Rosemary	Nth Cronulla	1	1		1		1			4		
Smith	Donald	Nth Cronulla	1			1	1				3		
Smith	Tony	Nth Cronulla				1					1		
Veitch	Phillip	Nth Cronulla	1	1		1		1			4		
Workman	Delysia	Nth Cronulla		1		1	1	1			4		
Workman	Donald	Nth Cronulla	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8		
Boardman	Terry	Queenscliff								1	1		
Hilton	Geoff	Sth Maroubra	1	1		1	1	1			5		
Steenson	Peter	Sth Maroubra	1	1		1	1	1			5		
Vallis	Pamela	Sth Maroubra	1	1		1		1			4		
Ainsworth	Ann	Wanda	1	1		1		1	1	1	6		
Allum	Greg	Wanda	1	1							2		
Allum	Patricia	Wanda	1	1							2		
Reilly	Mark	Wanda	1	1							2		
Sargeant	Merle	Wanda				1	1	1			3		
Sargeant	Rex	Wanda				1	1	1			3		
Sears	Margaret	Wanda	1								1		
Stephens	Ernest	Wanda	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8		

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