

Caves Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting held on 20 April, 2009

Meeting opened 7.04pm

Attendance: As per the Register

Apologies: Nil

Brett welcomed Ross Tibbles and Scott Holmsey to the meeting.

Standing orders were suspended.

PRESENTATION by Scott Holmsey, D'Vine Tastes

Scott thanked everyone for their support thus far and spoke about his ideas and goals for the short and long term. Feedback has been that food and pricing has been O.K., numbers declined in the last months of Summer. One challenge is to cater better for families and children. Achievements include gaining a liquor licence, membership of Newcastle Professional Weddings and membership of Newcastle Liquor Accord. D'Vine Tastes have sponsored some Surf Club events and will continue to do so. Feedback and ideas re future plans to be sent to Darryl, also interested members to be asked to join a Club Management Steering Committee. New name to be unveiled at the Bridal Fair in four weeks is 'Ocean Views at Caves'. Richard suggested approaching marketing students at Newcastle Uni/TAFE as a competition to develop a new marketing plan, which could possibly save money.

ROSS TIBBLES, BRANCH ZONE SUPERVISOR re: Feedback and Concerns

Concern re Patrols, particularly re. IRB – Recent inspection on Easter Sunday, the IRB was not on the beach. Also Patrol Captains are not completing the patrol log properly which he has spoken to Richard and Paul about. A recruitment drive/training over Winter may address some of these concerns. Ross was requested to email these concerns to Richard for follow up. Discussion occurred re issues raised and possible strategies to address them. Brett to speak to Scott Bryant re increasing numbers for IRB driver training.

Standing orders resumed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

ACTIONS:

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| 1. Done | 11. Ongoing | 21. Ongoing |
| 2. Ongoing | 12. Ongoing | 22. Done |
| 3. Ongoing | 13. Done | 23. Done |
| 4. Ongoing | 14. Done | 24. Done |
| 5. Ongoing – plus MSDS | 15. Done | 25. Done |
| 6. Done | 16. Done | 26. Done |
| 7. Done | 17. Ongoing – lectern only | 27. Ongoing |
| 8. Done | 18. Done | 28. Done |
| 9. Ongoing | 19. Done | 29. Done |
| 10. Done | 20. Done | |

Gary Lunn provided quote for Honour Boards - \$3,300. \$4,000 was raised from the Telstra promotion which would pay for the boards with some left over.

Tracey P. moved that deceased persons on the boards have a symbol denoting this. Seconded Ross, motion was defeated.

Gary Lunn moved that the Honour Boards be purchased to the value of \$3,300 from E.M. Signs, seconded Tracey D. – Carried. Gary to place order.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report –Tony

Tony tabled his report.

Term Deposits	Newcastle Permanent	\$44,168.37
	Commonwealth Bank	\$21,541.59
Working Account balance		\$19,282.46

Moved Ken seconded Ross that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

President's Report - Brett

- Nominations required for Branch Awards by 5 June. Brett to email Committee Members and reply required by 3 May. Brett to send form for Club nominations for Awards by 3 May.
- Letter received from State Centre re Age Championships. Proposed to fine us \$500 for inadequate Official numbers, however this has been resolved.
- Letter from Anne Ryan from the Lions Club requesting another presentation to Young Lions visiting on 5 July. This was approved.
- Letter received from Duncan McDonald, March Past Coach requesting reimbursement for cost of petrol to attend meetings in Sydney, up to \$50 per trip. Al Wallace moved this amount be taken out of the beach budget, seconded Tony - Carried. Brett to contact Duncan.
- A Judiciary Committee meeting was called recently, re ATV incident. Members involved to seek counselling with Branch Trauma Counsellor, have been banned from using rescue equipment and placed on probation until 31 December, 2009.
- Two break-ins at the Club recently, since then signs have been placed on doors saying 'No Cash / Alcohol on Premises' plus two security cameras purchased.
- Letter received from Stuart Chalmers re rubbish left on Monday morning following the JAC presentation. Brett asked that in future members clean up after any function. Brett to send letter to Stuart outlining our discussion.

Secretary – Ross

- CDSE funding needs to be in asap. After discussion it was decided that this money would be used to purchase a new ATV – Ken to obtain quotes.
- Letter received from Rob Ballard re asbestos in the Boat Shed – he will no longer be doing any repairs on the shed – Ross to approach Council re this issue.
- Annual Reports to be sent to Ross by 4 May.

JAC – Dave W.

- Presentation was held on 29 March.
- Branch has a copy of their DVD.

Life Saving Education Manager – Tracey

- Seven people recently completed their Bronze Medallion with three to do their exam on Sunday. In future Bronze Medallion candidates are to register prior to commencing the course.

Club Captain's Report –Richard P.

- Patrol trailer needs repair to the panelling – Richard to attempt to do so this Saturday.
- Ben Dean nominated for 18-25 year old leadership program.
- Richard has asked Scott to order a fuel cabinet.
- Six rescues carried out this season.
- Preventative actions have increased recently.
- Patrolling numbers need to improve.

Club Manager –Darryl

- Rent payments for Kiosk are up to date.
- Healthy Hoops funding application was successful.

- Funding through Woolworths has been applied for.
- Waiting to hear re Sport & Recreation grant.
- Met recently with Council Disability Officer and others regarding disability access ie. a lift. If costs exceeded \$150,000 we would need to provide this. Brett to follow up with Rhonda Scruton.
- Two new floodlights have been installed at the front of the Club.
- Stools and bar tables have been purchased from the old Caves Beach Hotel.

Competition Manager – Al

- IRB season commences 3 May.
- March Past Seminar to be held here on 12 September.

Registrar – Ken

Nil

Lifesaving Co-ordinator – Paul Carter

- Saturday Patrol numbers are still a problem.
- Council to provide some new flag poles.
- Waterproof cases for new radios are missing.

Ski Captains Report – Paul Carter

- Some members made semis and finals at recent Aussie Titles.
- One double ski to be sold – to be advertised on gear trade.
- Paul to put a program together for off-season training.

Boat Captain – Rob

- Season is complete.

Lifesaving Equipment Officer – Mick

- ATV and patrol trailer issues already covered.
- Mick to follow up missing radio covers, including contacting Scott.

IRB Report – Scott

- NSW IRB Premiership begins in two weeks. Venues are:
Round 1 – Ocean Beach, 2-3 May
Round 2 – Pacific Palms, 16 May
Round 3 – Eloura, 30 May
Round 4 – Warilla Barrack Point 13-14 June
- State Titles – Towradgi 3 – 5 July
- Australian Titles – Kawana Waters - 24 – 26 July
- The team has been training well with some new faces. Team consists of 24 members making up 8 crews. We are still trying to fill a couple of spots, particularly in the over 35's and may need to call on some old faces such a Gary Fleming otherwise we will not have sufficient qualified personnel.
- Once again SLSNSW has modified point scores in an effort to reign in the dominance of big teams like Caves. In addition, event rules have again been modified by SLSA meaning a whole new training schedule and method - The season will be an interesting one.
- SLSA announced last week that the 2010 Australian Titles will be held in Tasmania on April 17 and 18. Apparently Penguin in Tasmania were the only club willing to pay SLSA the \$20 000.00 fee for the rights to host the event. This will see the first carnival for 2010 being the Australian Championships then the domestic season will follow. When one of our major safety issues throughout a season is exposure of our patients – it is difficult to fathom how SLSA can send us to Tasmania – obviously money speaks louder than safety.
- I have been speaking generally with Mercury Marine and Monnock Marine who have agreed once again to endeavour to supply all parts necessary for the upcoming season at no cost. They may also have some Mercury T-shirts available and will let me know in coming weeks.

- Neptune wetsuits have also offered to outfit new team members with a club wetsuit and possibly supply some team jackets. I will look into this and advise as soon as I hear anything if this is OK.
- With books about to close for 2009, and being well under budget, I would like permission to purchase a new propeller for the upcoming season (*insert jokes here*). This along with entry fees, fuel and general propeller maintenance are the only foreseeable expenses for the 2009 season.
- As you are aware, I was lucky enough to be honoured by some past and present IRB team members and associates over the weekend at a function at the surf club. It was a great honour and a very humbling experience. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank club management and executive for their contribution to the evening. Words cannot express my gratitude. This night would never have even come about without the many years of help and support from all members of our great club. I am and always have been a very proud member and regard my involvement with Caves Beach SLSC as “THE” defining factor in my life - THANKYOU

Action – Brett and Tony to clarify budget with Scott.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Paul

- Last patrol of the season to be held this weekend.

Ross

- Request received to participate in “Celebrate Volunteers Day” on 16 May at Speers Point Park from 10am to 4pm.

Dave W.

- Toilet access and recent damage are an ongoing problem which may be solved in future by a member’s card system.
- Cadet racing boards are needed for next season. Ian to survey Mal boards and best method to secure them.

Tracey D.

- Requested that Club pay for coffee for Examiners. This was approved.
- Recent negative feedback re the taste of beer at the Club – Darryl said that this was a problem but has been sorted out.

Tracey P.

- Second set of Chief Instructor keys are still missing – Brett to follow up.
- Asked re access to first aid spares cabinet in old men’s toilet area – Richard said that this is not for general access.
- Kids on skateboards outside Café continue to be a problem.

Brett

- Received email re children using a stick to over-ride the shower timers.
- Brett moved that two new rowing machines be purchased from the gym budget, seconded Rob carried.

Meeting closed 10.05pm

NEXT MEETING: 18 May, 2009

ACTION ITEMS (including carried over tasks 1- 10)

1. IRB launch to be arranged.
2. Executive Committee to set fee for bronze medallion course.
3. Mick and Richard to meet re equipment check.
4. Ryan Fitzpatrick to follow up OH&S issue re fuel and oils / MSDS.
5. Brett to check availability of hall for 80th Anniversary Night 5 or 12 September.
6. Tony to send deposit to High Ho Motel.
7. Brett to organise meeting re allocation of rooms at High Ho Motel.
8. Darryl to follow up purchase of lectern and laptop.
9. Gear in clubroom to be moved into the container.
10. Darryl to follow up with Council re emergency lighting.

11. Ross Tibbles to email Richard re his concerns.
12. Brett to speak to Scott Bryant re increasing IRB driver training recruits.
13. Gary Lunn to order Honour Boards.
14. Brett to email Committee re Branch nominations.
15. Brett to send form for Club nominations.
16. Brett to contact Duncan McDonald re petrol costs.
17. Brett to send a letter to Stuart Chalmers re litter issue.
18. Ken to obtain quotes for new ATV.
19. Ross to approach Council re asbestos in boat shed.
20. Annual reports to Ross by 4 May.
21. Brett to follow up disability access with Rhonda Scruton.
22. Mick to follow up re lost radio covers.
23. Brett and Tony to clarify IRB budget with Scott.
24. Ian to survey re Mal boards and storage.
25. Brett to follow up 2nd set of Instructor keys.