

Southern Chairs Meeting – 28 April 2012

MEETING MINUTES

10.30am – Christchurch.

Present: Peter Gibbons – St Kilda, James Walter – Brighton, Mark Familton – Warrington, Rowan McNaughton - South Brighton, Craig Todd – Sumner, Antony Mason – St Clair, Andrew Budge – Kaka Point, Grant Edwards – Spencer Park, Craig Herring – Waimari, Neil Watts – Rarangi, Paul Dalton – CEO SLSNZ, Mark Weatherall – GM Club Development SLSNZ, Michael Bassett-Foss – Board Member SLSNZ, Matt Warren – SLSNZ, Pat Waite - SLSNZ.

Apologies: Colin Weatherall – SLSNZ Board, Ken Jones – Taylors Mistake, Stu Lockie – North Beach.

1) Welcome

Peter welcomed the Chairs, SLSNZ Staff and the Chairman and opened the meeting.

Matt introduced Paul Dalton the New CEO of SLSNZ. Michael Bassett-Foss thanked the group for their attendance and input to the meeting.

Peter expressed disappointment that some club in the region were not represented.

2) Minutes meeting 13/11/2011

Peter presented the minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved that:

“that the minutes of the 6 November 2011 meeting are a true and accurate account of the meeting”

Moved: Neil Watts Second: Peter Gibbons Carried

Matters arising

Reporting of regional staff outputs CDO's and Business Manage
South Island Sport committees meeting together

Peter thought it would be better to have the discussion about the new regional structure and the answers may be covered in the discussion.

Peter asked that the agenda item regarding the regional structure be the next item for discussion.

3) Regional Structure

SLSNZ Regional Manager Central Region

Mark Weatherall outlined this new position and how the new structure would work. The change was based on discussion from the past round of club chairs meetings.

He stated that the Regional Business Manager role had been disestablished. The Regional Manager Southern Region will manage and develop the CDO team, develop, implement and monitor the regional management plan as well as manage the income and costs associated with the regional delivery. A full position description was tabled for review by Club Chairs. We will look to re define the roles and tasks of the members of each member in the regional team.

Action: Mark Weatherall

There was significant discussion about the current structure and the change going forward.

The meeting expressed disappointment that the Groundswell restructure was now being restructured without consultation or input from the affected membership.

Main point from the chairs:

- Need to know what each staff member is supposed to do and what they should expect.
- The CDO and Local Operational Committees need to have the resources to carry out the outcomes the club need. Budgets need to reflect the needs and activities identified.

Planning

A regional plan is to be developed for the Southern Regional, based on priorities highlighted by Southern Region clubs and committees. The Chairs talked about links with other services (WSNZ).

Pat Waite presented the Strategic Priorities for the next 12 months and asked the Chairs to give feedback if they had any.

Insurance

Matt Warren highlighted the fact that the cost to insure SLS clubrooms and equipment was \$473k in 2011-12. This was substantially higher than in previous years and is likely to increase to over \$600k next season. SLSNZ has set up a working group to provide recommendations for the 2012-13 season. The new insurance proposal needs to be in place by 30 September 2012 and further rounds of consultations will be required prior to that date.

Ideas from the Southern Chairs group to reduce Insurance costs:

- Have a maximum value insured
- Have a formula that works out a member levy

Action: SLSNZ.

Club Constitutions

Matt Warren tabled a paper covering the need for clubs to align their constitution with SLSNZ by June 30 2013. SLSNZ to liaise with clubs 1:1 on this matter as may be required and Matt will send out more information next week.

Peter said they were waiting on some information that tell the clubs the 3-4 clauses in the constitutions that need to align. Matt will send this through next week.

Action: Matt Warren

Club Support Funding Review

SLSNZ is currently updating the distribution formula used to distribute Lotteries Grant Board funds.

Ideas from the Southern Chairs Include

- Coastal Public Safety information
- Have a base rate that each club is paid for each patrol
- Set rate per club for basic needs (Phone, power...)
- Look at opportunity costs outside of the formula. Credit to fund training, incentives to enhance patrolling.

Action: Mark Weatherall

Member Recognition

It was agreed that the current local awards was flawed and did not meet the needs of the members. These could be closer to the season to attract more interest. SLSNZ should review the format of these functions in each area.

Action: Mark Weatherall.

The committee selected a group as the regional Honours and Awards Committee. It was resolved that:

“Neil Watts, Antony Mason and Craig Todd be appointed as the Southern Region Honours and Awards Committee”

Moved: Peter Gibbons

Second: Rowan McNaughton

Carried

SLSNZ AGM

The SLSNZ AGM and awards function would be held on Saturday 22 September in Wellington.

SLSNZ Regulations

Matt Warren advised that the Regulations are currently being revised. This would include a Member Protection Policy to better cover the important issue of the need for clubs to help protect their members from harm.

6) General

There were major concerns that the national trophies were not allowed to be taken by the clubs for display in their clubs and that there was no communication about this on until the presentations were made. Mark would look into this.

Action: Mark Weatherall

Peter Gibbons asked that money be put aside from any surplus this year toward a second Surf Rescue magazine. This is seen to be a good publication and means of communication to the clubs.

There were major concerns about an IRB modification that was not picked up during scrutineering at IRB Nationals, nor actioned once it was picked up. The meeting noted this was not the forum to correct this issue but that it appears to have been ignored in the minutes of the review meetings. Chairs sought an undertaking from SLSNZ that this will be clarified for future seasons. This will be noted and passed on to Brett Sullivan for clarification for next season.

Action: Mark Weatherall

Neil Watts ask if the South Island athlete subsidy would remain this year. There was a general feeling from the meeting that it was hard for many of the South Island clubs to travel and would be good to find ways to attract North Island athletes down south.

Thanks

Peter thanked all attendees for making the time available to come along to this meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

Top 10 Priorities for the Southern Region Management Plan

Chairman's Priorities:

Fund raising strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Funding meets clubs – Operational-Regional and National funding-Sponsorship
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Better communication from SLSNZ
Organise/coordinate activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consistent Programme and Service delivery-Allocate resources fairly-Empower local committees
Lifeguard Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Skill development and Lifeguarding outcomes
Membership retention and growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Recruit – Train - Retain
Sport Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Develop and diversify Events – Assessability-Travel and Logistics (Simplify)-Regional equity
Junior Surf	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Coordination of delivery-Review structure-Support instructors
Asset and Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Infrastructure strategy (Buildings)
Club Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Development and Succession Planning
Promotion and Media Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-maximise promotion
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