

Surf Boat Advisory Sport Group Minutes

Phone conference
Thursday 21st September 2017 8.00pm

Present: Mark McCarthy (MM) – Northern Region (Chair)
Tracy Molloy (TM) - Northern Region
Bruce Matheson (BM) – Eastern Region
Steve Dixon (SD) – Central Region
Brett Hamer (BH) – Central Region
Neil Watts (NW) – Southern Region
Joel Davies (JD) – National Sport Committee

Apologies: Mike Lord Sport Manager, SLSNZ

Agenda:

1. Dates for next season
2. NZ Boat Series
3. Eastern Regional Champs
4. Boat Development
5. New Zealand Surf Boat Team
6. A face-to-face meeting
7. General Business

Meeting Notes:

1	<p><u>Dates for next season</u></p> <p>There was strong support to have an outline for the following season being available at Nationals, even if some are in a draft format and need to be confirmed. Outside of main carnivals such as Nationals and Regional events (NRC, ERC, CRC, SRC), the key dates we want available are the NZ team trial and boat series.</p>
2	<p><u>Boat Series</u></p> <p>A long discussion took place around whether all events should be contestable, and the final thoughts seemed to favour opening up all events. It is generally felt that the series needs to be rejuvenated, and perhaps alternative venues or clubs looking at the organisation of their event will help. A good example is the interest in going back to Taranaki, as most have not raced there for years.</p> <p>Mike Lord will be approached to get general criteria used by NZ surf for major event applications so that we could adapt that for us to use. SBSAG would consider applications and would need to forward decisions through to National Sport Committee to approve, though they would normally automatically approve.</p> <p>JD – it might be worth trying to put out applications for 3-4 years, and even consider rotating some events. This would follow process for other major events in NZ Surf, like Nationals which is in the process of setting up a planned long term rotation.</p> <p>Should events like North Island Surf Boat also be contestable, using same weekend. We could also tag the Inter-Regional event to this. This is like many other events such as</p>

	<p>Oceans which were originally a club event, but get taken over and become part of National event schedule.</p> <p>How could we incorporate a South Island event? If we planned long term, we could perhaps build in a round every four years. Some discussion around how it could relate to Nationals plan to be there every four years – same year or not? Felt unlikely to work if in same year.</p> <p>Officials preferred to have consistency from year to year over dates to help with planning. Also need to ensure we have officials ‘on board’ and key ones notified and committed early.</p> <p>APPENDIX A – At bottom of this document is the numbers who competed at 3 or more events in series</p>
3	<p><u>Eastern Regional Champs</u></p> <p>Tis discussion came about after some concern was expressed in ER that numbers in the boats have dropped, with the feeling that clubs would rather attend North Islands at Waihi and decide to by-pass ERCs. Historically the ERCs have been the second biggest carnival in New Zealand, and are still enormously popular in other arenas</p> <p>BM – Bruce is involved in ER and has strongly supported boats place. With Canoes also using same arena, there is still need for a full complement of officials and also with desire to grow officials in local region it is viable option whatever the numbers. Part of the issue is the lack of crew numbers in ER</p> <p>While we can encourage crews to attend, we can in no way force anyone to attend</p>
4	<p><u>Development</u></p> <p>It was felt that most assistance here could be through regional groups. A training day and sweep school were two options discussed. Also the use of social media such as a specific Facebook page to use for both publicity, promotion, recruitment and for training tips.</p>
5	<p><u>New Zealand Team</u></p> <p>Some real concern over the lack of management for the series. JD suggested that if we are unable to find some key people soon, that we talk about tapping into the Black Fins experience and expertise and use someone from there.</p> <p>The date for this season’s ASRL Open, which is the traditional host of the test series, is February 16-18 at Eloura</p> <p>The management of the Open crews is relatively straightforward with Australia icking up most of the organisation once landed. However, the u23 crews require more work as they are essentially self-sufficient</p> <p>There was a consensus that the development crew be strictly an under 23 crew and not include a young open rower/s</p> <p>Pre-trial information and declaration about fitness was also discussed. It is important that we are fully aware of fitness of crew members during the build-up period and their preparedness to race.</p> <p>Should this series become a two yearly proposition rather than an annual event? Would it have more appeal and kudos if available less frequently?</p>

6	<p><u>Face to face meeting</u></p> <p>There was strong support for a face to face meeting as it was felt that it would be far more productive. There was discussion about a meeting in Wellington, as this is a central venue. This could be a fly in, fly out meeting. What financial support from NZ would we get?</p> <p>A second suggestion is that we try and meet the Friday night before the trial on the 10th of November. Most could make this, and it was felt this should take place to get us going</p>
7	<p><u>General Business</u></p> <p>TM – if we had specific projects that need support, she is a lecturer of Sport and Recreation at AUT and students there must complete 300-hour industry placements. This could be helpful if we had something major we wanted researched and implemented</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: 4 weeks time -</p>

APPENDIX A

BOAT SERIES 2016-17 - numbers

Over 8 age groups (inc Masters) we had 30 crews who did 3 or more events. Of that 30 only 8 (13*) competed at all 4 events,

*There were 5 age group crews who were at Piha, but did not get to compete, who would have brought the number at 4 events up to 13

	3 rounds	4 rounds
Open Men	8	2
U23 Men	4	3
U19 Men	4	4*
Open Women	7	1
U23 Women	3	1*
U19 Women	2	1*
Masters	3	0
TOTALS	31	6(12)

- Didn't get to race at Piha