

**FINAL**  
**Surf Boat Sport Advisory Groups Minutes**

Phone Meeting  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 8.00pm

**Present:**

Mark McCarthy (MM) - Northern Region (Chairperson)  
Tracy Molloy (TM) - Northern Region  
Shane Radovanovich (SD) - Central Region – Filling in for Steve  
Brett Hamer (BH) - Central Region

**Apologies:**

Sam Stockley (SS) - Eastern Region  
Bruce Matheson (BM) - Eastern Region  
Neil Watts (NW) - Southern Region  
Michael (Willy) Kindred (MK) - Southern Region

**Agenda:**

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1	<a href="#">Surf Boat Series Discussion Paper</a>
2	<a href="#">General</a>

**Meeting Notes:**

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1	<p><b><a href="#">Surf Boat Series Discussion Paper:</a></b></p> <p>Very little feedback from clubs on the proposal. Brett – there was feedback and some regional specific, perceived cost and travel issues element in the feedback. There was a strong discussion held in past meetings around the declining numbers and the reasons being</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sponsorship/prizes</li> <li>2. A lot of sports across NZ in decline and support for those sports where in decline so similar trend to other sports.</li> <li>3. Not much sympathy to those who have issue with travelling as most Central and Southern Clubs do more than most clubs and don't have issues with it as they understand that to be in the sport means they need to travel.</li> <li>4. Number of events came through as an issue. Is 5 events to many in the proposal and is there a good balance with events for crews to attend and move away from the past issues of having event 1 week apart (ERC and Waihi)</li> <li>5. There was a proposal of having an event in Northern Region which is where the bulk of numbers are. This could link with NRC's.</li> <li>6. Still support an event prior to Christmas.</li> <li>7. Most clubs just look at events on offer and see what they can get to without focusing on a series.</li> </ol> <p>The SBSAG held some general discussion around the series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National series, are clubs still chasing the series with the lack of prestige for the series. They go to enter the events as the numbers are there to support competitive racing. Maybe that is the reason for the decline in the series and needs to be addressed.</li> <li>• Support of existing events and some regional events so we are not holding to many events over existing formats.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the sweeps committee is generally senior open men sweeps and their input into safety is sometimes at a higher threshold than younger crews. Recommendation was to select the sweeps panel a week prior to the event so there isn't change on the panel depending on the conditions on the day.</li> <li>• The SBSAG do question the value of the champion of champions event as most crews see it as just a fun event but with numbers declining is it time to finish the event after the representative challenge. Mike to follow up with Waihi as ask them to have a look at it again.</li> <li>• The SBSAG agreed that the Surf Boat Representative event still needs to be pushed and is a great event and created high quality racing.</li> <li>• Event safety crew quality was raised as a concern at some of the event this year. It was floated that should clubs provide crews for event in a ratio policy. Mike noted that sometimes that might work but you don't know the quality of crews turning up and that might present further issues for the event. There are qualification levels being introduced around Event Lifeguard and part of this will be buoy laying so look to build quality back into the system this way and have a recognised group/qualification for members who are training in this area.</li> <li>• Once we have feedback from Whangamata and Waihi then we put the event back to the Surf Boat membership for final feedback. This is to include Piha as an event to consider and also ask if Piha would like to ask any other questions on their event e.g. if Piha was a stand alone event would you support it or what would incentivise you to attend.</li> <li>• Process for decision on the series:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss items with Whangamata and Waihi.</li> <li>○ Feedback from them to go back to the SBSAG</li> <li>○ Final draft series events put to SB membership for feedback back to the SBSAG</li> <li>○ Final decision on the series made by SBSAG</li> </ul> </li> <li>• More push for venues that host event to do things better and get back some individual initiatives that will make the events very attractive once again. Ask the question: what would people like to see as recognition for winning the series.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b><u>NZ Trials:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look to discuss this in a months time as need to know the event schedule.</li> <li>• Brett to pull together a discussion document for consideration from the SBSAG to review the selection and campaign timing. What is the best to make sure we are successful and the event is rated as a top class competition to strive for. Currently were are turning crews over to fast through the system and crews cannot maintain the intensity to back up year after year.</li> <li>• The feedback from crews in the past was to have one stand alone selection event still and that Whangamata Classic would work well as this event and can hold the trial on the second day.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b><u>AUT Student Placement:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SBSAG agree with pushing this and clarifying how this would work best and in what level (NZ/NR) it would be best suited.</li> <li>• Survey has been developed in draft by Tracy. Tracy to fire it to Mike for looking over and seeing what can be incorporated in the poll to members on the series.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b><u>SBSAG Members:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike to contact regions around who is coming off the group and be replaced or re-appointed.</li> </ul>