

Bay of Plenty Lifesaving Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 6th April 2019

Location: Opotiki Surf Life Saving Club

Time: 1000am

Attendees: Boyd Harris (Chair), Hamish McKenzie, Dani Shepherd, Shaun Smith, Kent Jarman, Chase Cahalane, Talia Comp

Apologies: Haven Bellamy, John Gibson, Kathryn Stewart, Stu Lowth

Welcome

Previous Minutes

Moved: Dani Shepherd **Second:** Boyd Harris

Carried

Action Point Summary

See below.

Digital Network Upgrade

The rest of the BOP will commence once the Rena funds have come through, which they now have. Waihi & Whale Island are the priorities and are meant to start now. Looking to relocate the current control hub to the Coastguard building and then try and work with Coastguard to have it manned. Further to this try and get the AMRC to be the hub and have someone look after it from there. The channels will be broken up between areas, Coromandel will be taken off. Training is going to need to be required for clubbies. If the Mount wants their own repeater then this will cost \$50,000. Current hold ups are: getting Chris in the country, getting the repeater sights and getting certainty that they are going to work properly the first time. The aim to get this completed done and training done by next summer. Only some of the clubs have the appropriate radios for the digital network. Opotiki never received their three radios and base set.

Patrol Assistance Program

Dani has been speaking with Belinda S and Renee W in Gisborne reflecting on the Gissy Patrol Support Group. This is run entirely on Facebook. EOIs are sent out pre season and these people are added to the Facebook group, then when a patrol is short this is advertised on the Facebook page and the positions have been filled 100% of the time. This could be a good solution to some of the issues in BOP. Draft a description of the purpose of the group. Dani to draft this. Talia to create the group.

BOP Lifeguard Skills Training

Once a month running a skills training session, e.g run a swimming session preseason to get people ready for refreshers, Shaun wants to teach how to lay a straddle, scenario & first aid training, IRB development. Needs coordinating, planning, comms etc. Dani to coordinate with assistance from Talia.

AOE Template/Points System

Chase to send out points system, LC to review and give feedback. Some scoring doesn't favour small clubs, this needs to be reviewed. Scoring also favours high rescues – this needs to be reviewed.

Wahine on Water

First two skill session days will be held this month – one in Coromandel and one in BOP. Also a group of female mentors has been created.

End of Season Club Wrap ups

Whakatane: no report.

Omanu: report submitted and attached.

Opotiki: smaller number at the start of the season, but have got there. Had 100% attendance of guards at nationals. Canoes have been a magnet to get everyone involved and from there everyone is getting really involved in other sports as well. Good group of candidates went through the SLA & PS. Lifeguard Manager manages training, JS, patrol management. Keep her for 12 weeks a year. Next season will probably be her last.

Mount Maunganui: KJ – positive feedback regarding the RWC. Great tool in preventative work. Good feedback from people on the beach and in the water. Mindful that this needs to be done right.

Dani – not having a clubhouse limited a lot of training especially in IRBs. Went to Mount College to do SLA training. Tay St went really well, having the RLS guard there was good to remove any club disagreements. One patrol is an ongoing issue. Looking at how the club manages patrol length etc, looked at a patrol split shift and it was working well. Looking at how they can better use their volunteer hours. Storage is still one thing that is being looked at for sporting and lifesaving equipment. There was a disengagement of members in the off season during the rebuild as they had nowhere to go, other clubs need to keep this in mind that they need to keep engaged and keep them a hub.

Papamoa: RWC was positive, it's been good for the older members who have all the qualifications, it's given them another goal to work towards. Club rebuild – it has been interesting so far, it would be beneficial for the Pap rebuild group to talk to the Mount rebuild group to get their learnings. A lot of members have left Pap in the last few years. Nothing has happened at Pap East from the club, RLS did do roving patrols at Pap East.

Pukehina: up until Christmas all was well, IRBs and Masters have been big successes. A lot of the guards from last year haven't come back this year. The club has finished on a bit of a high. Lots of

crews going through (Talia get paperwork) going to get some IRB training done over winter. The building – a lot of supplies have been sponsored. Just waiting for the council to come back with some requirements. The club has their own food truck which has brought in some income. Went to Nationals which was good. Trying to get a canoe.

Maketu: report submitted and attached.

NLC Meeting Update:

Just a strategy meeting. Nothing to report back in terms of NLC business. We helped develop what the story will be to send out to the community. No one was prepped for this meeting.

Any other business

IRB refresher paperwork

Meeting closed at 1200pm

Meeting Action Point Register 2018/2019 (Updated - 06/04/2019)

Ongoing
Completed

Action Point	Description	Who	When	Ongoing Completed
Maketu Patrol Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLM & CMDO to meet with Club to put a new plan in place for the off season and 2019/20 season 	CC & TC	May	
LUV Safety Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POM is being reviewed which will include LUV safety rules. LC to put together a paper to the NLC asking for clarity on ATV policy. 	CC	Next Meeting	On Hold
Radio Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timelines for infrastructure Network design Training program What radios did clubs receive and what are clubs owed? (Opotiki) 	CC		
Establish BOP Patrol Support Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish Facebook Group EOIs for the group to go out ASAP Draft purpose for the group 	DS & TC	Next meeting	
Lifeguard Skills Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock in dates (e.g. third Sunday of every month) and training session descriptions in advance Lock in instructors to take each session 	DS, SS & TC	Next meeting	
IRB Refresher Paperwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put together paper for NLC regarding the creation of separate IRB Refresher Paperwork 	TC	April	

Omanu Report:

This season has seemed to have run quite smoothly, communication between Mount SLSC and Omanu SLSC has been improving every year which has made Tay Street a breeze to organise and patrol.

We have noticed as a club that more and more guards have been taking advantage of the IRB Crew persons course now that it doesn't seem to be so daunting being a 1 day course. Omanu as a club has managed to train around 30 crew persons this season under the new scheme and are planning to aim for similar numbers next season.

We have tried as a club to really nurture our female IRB drivers, which a few have really taken to and have started instructing, and naturally quite a few of the female guards have taken more interest, in response to a survey of the club we have decided to run a "girls only" IRB camp where they all come out with their crew and some may take the opportunity to start training to drive.

Tay Street definitely ran a lot smoother having a full time regional guard there to control things really made it black and white on how it would run once guards were on site.

Some challenges we have faced this season is always the standard truancy of guards as there isn't really any consequences that the club can enforce, I would love to hear other clubs advice on how they combat truancy or any consequences that they enforce as a club. I have currently implemented a \$30 allowance per patrol to spend on coffees or a lunch or after patrol dinner which many use, that's enough for 6 pizzas! Just to try and persuade them on a lunch or coffee.

The RWC has had a really positive response from its time on the beach, many have remarked they feel safer in the more remote areas such as Arataki as they never expected a water craft to cruise past. It really has played a vital part in preventative actions with its ease of moving mass numbers of swimmers in such a short period of time.

Maketu Report:

This past season has probably been one of the most challenging that we have ever faced. We started the season with only four guards but had one more return to the area, however due to commitments he could only do limited hours. The season with the long hot summer meant at times there were large numbers on the beach and with the closure of the Kaituna Cut boat ramp more boats were being launched at Maketu which is more tidal than the Kaituna Cut. During the off season a plan was formulated to utilize a patrol support system from other local clubs, unfortunately this initially didn't get off the ground. We ran a shortened patrol season as a result only patrolling from the end of November until the end of February plus a couple of other days to cover special events. We did get patrol assistance from Omanu and Pukehina in particular but on a couple of occasions the guards were called back to their home beaches early as they were short so we were left with usually only two guards, our own. On the positive side we have a good group of nippers every week 20 – 30 plus. We have recently qualified a new guard – thank you to Omanu for your assistance in this. A number of parents are 'talking' about training through the winter to become Patrol Support for next summer. The plan is to meet once a month and do the exam early next season. Community projects involved include the annual raft race – which is my I am absent today and assisting with the planting of 20,000 plants on the island prior to the river diversion.