

Otago/Southland Local Operational Committee Minutes

Monday 15th February 2021, 6:00pm – 7:43pm

Present: Cameron Burrow (Chair), Rebecca Aburn, Isaac Davies, Max Corboy, Mark Hastie, Nic Brice, Felix Cook (SLSNZ).

Apologies: Danny Blair, Matthew Bradley, Kate Suter (NLC SR Rep), Stu Bryce (SLSNZ), Luke Smith (SLSNZ) and Chris Jeffery (SLSNZ).

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Ref	Welcome/Apologies
1	C Burrow opens meeting and thanks everyone for the work they have been doing during this busy time of the year. Apologies from D Blair, M Bradley, K Suter, S Bryce, L Smith and C Jeffery.
Previous Minutes and Representative Reports	
2	The previous minutes and representative reports are moved by C Burrow and seconded by M Hastie.
Chairperson Update	
3	<p>C Burrow was impressed with how SR Juniors ran at Warrington in the weekend. Well done to the officials, event guards and other event personal who ran a quality event for the athletes.</p> <p>Moving forward, the majority of local sands events have finished and the focus moves towards national events and local IRB events.</p> <p>From a lifeguarding perspective, Oreti was short a patrol captain for one weekend and the LOC was able to arrange a replacement for one of the days at short notice.</p>
Officials	
4	<p>SR Juniors saw a number of officials come forward and step up at this event. R Aburn has been approached by a number of members about becoming an official for the coming season. Unfortunately we lack an active officials facilitator so she is going to work with L Smith on a solution for this.</p> <p>She discusses how Christchurch events have club-run arenas for junior events and if this is something that we might want to implement in Otago. There is discussion around this and it is noted that this already happens to some extent and events function well currently. The key thing is just getting clubs to confirm officials before events so that there are sufficient numbers to run events.</p> <p>The new officials jackets purchased have been well received and R Aburn thanks S Bryce for arranging them.</p> <p>C Burrow asks about SI IRBs in regards to officials. R Aburn advises that there are a number of officials that have put their hand up for this event.</p>
Sport Part 1	
5	<p>M Hastie notes that in the SRCs programme there is no 2km Beach Run event. N Brice mentions that St Kilda has also noticed this and a member has potentially enquired with L Smith about this. The committee agrees to ask that this event be run at SRCs.</p> <p>M Hastie asks if there is a process to get event results published in the ODT as was done in the past. F Cook is to look into this.</p> <p>M Hastie brings up the gender mix for junior relay events. There is discussion about this and the committee agrees that it would make sense to have a cap of 2 males in mixed junior relays. This is something that could be fed into the Junior Surf Review Group which I Davies is a member of. I Davies also initiates discussion on how team members can still participate in events if the athlete before them is DQ'd.</p> <p>I Davies informs the committee that at St Clair athlete has complained about the Friday evening beach flags session for SRCs. This is based on the premise that they would have to be taken out of school early to make the competition. There is discussion amongst the</p>

	<p>committee that the event would be more feasible for Otago/Southland members to attend if it was run later in the evening. N Brice says that St Kilda is in a similar position where members will have to take time off work and school to attend the Friday evening event. C Burrow is to contact L Smith to see if there is scope for the Friday event to be pushed back an hour or two.</p> <p>C Burrow will work with F Cook to run an end of season survey for coaches and athletes to get feedback on how everything was run and see what we can improve on for the next season.</p>
	<p>Lifeguarding</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Intermediate Lifeguard School was run on the last weekend of January and by all accounts as a successful event. We were lucky to have a number of good, quality and enthusiastic instructors and mentors as well as some awesome candidates. As far as we are aware all of the candidates had a good time and were really engaged with everything delivered. I Davies suggests that we put out a survey to get feedback on the course and how it was run. F Cook to action this.</p> <p>I Davies queries if it would be feasible to run an ILGS for Southland clubs which Otago members could also attend (numbers permitting). The committee believes that a shorter course can be run which still covers the majority of the content delivered.</p> <p>12 members gain their Rock Training & Rescue Module (RTM) and another 12 gained their award at Warrington in the weekend. Several Kaka Point members began the RTM on the weekend of Otago Championships but had to be postponed due to surf conditions. I Davies is going to travel down at some point in the near future to complete this. He has also be liaising with other clubs to check how they are tracking with their own in-house RTM delivery. He extends an offer of support in this area to St Kilda which N Brice accepts. N Brice advises that St Kilda will be focused primarily on IRB racing until after nationals so they will make a plan for a RTM course(s) after then.</p> <p>There are several RWC operators that are interested in moving down the instructor pathway. I Davies asks if there is an RPL process. F Cook explains the process and that we would not have anyone that would meet the threshold for RPL. He also explains how the instructor pathway works and that it would be good to identify a few RWC operators that are interested and get them started along this pathway.</p> <p>N Brice advises that there are several St Kilda members that wish to complete their RWC award. He informs the committee that St Kilda has sourced sources jet skis for the course and they wish to have one arranged. F Cook advises that there are several specifications that must be met for a jet ski to be classified as an RWC. Additionally, if St Kilda wishes for a club-only course to be run, then they will have to pay for the costs incurred from getting instructors down from the North Island (flights, accommodation, etc.) as there are only 9 instructors in the country (8 Northern, 1 Eastern). This cost is the main restriction on holding more South Island based courses and highlights why it is key we get some current RWC operators started on the instructor pathway. When future courses are run, they will be advertised and members from all clubs are encouraged to apply. However, clubs may be asked to rank applicants so that the "right people" who will give back to the club and region are selected. We don't wish to have members complete the course at large expense to the organisation only for them to not give back in some way. There is discussion about how suitable RWC operations are for a number of our beaches, due to constraints such as access, retrieval and launching. The IRB will still be the main powercraft used for patrolling operations and will continue to be for the foreseeable future so there is no urgency for members to complete the RWC operators qualification. The RWC is just another tool that we can use when needed, such as for SAR callouts and event safety.</p> <p>To summarise, St Kilda is able to have a club-only course on the proviso that they pay for the cost of getting instructors to run the course and that they provide RWCs (not jet skis).</p>



	<p>N Brice raises that some St Kilda members have been having difficulty completing the updated online Marine VHF qualification and asks how other clubs have found it. He suggests that members are being unfairly penalised for things such as incorrect spelling and grammar. F Cook informs N Brice that he has been in contact with Coastguard Boating Education and this is not the case. One of the members in question spent all of 3 minutes engaging with the content before attempting to complete the assessments. The member had 20 minutes to complete the question and only answered half of the question, taking 14 minutes to do so. As a solution, I Davies, N Brice and F Cook are going to sit down with the members and work through the course with them.</p> <p>C Burrow mentions that another round of patrol inspections need to be run. F Cook is to organise this with I Davies.</p> <p>I Davies also queries where the NLC is at with the Medical Advisory Group and its task to review the current SLSNZ First Aid curriculum. The NLC are not meeting until March so an update should be given then.</p>
Sport Part 2	
7	<p>I Davies has held an Introduction to Surf Coaching course at Kaka Point on the weekend of Otago Junior and Senior Championships. The feedback from this has been overwhelmingly positive and they all valued the learnings they got out of the course. There is interest from several members in a Developing Surf Coaching course being run and there is discussion on how this can be facilitated. It is decided that I Davies and F Cook are to look into this and plan for a course to be run post-nationals.</p> <p>A date needs to be locked in for the Board Rescue Module exam as there are about 30-odd members that have completed the course. The exam requires an SLA examiner for sign-off. I Davies and F Cook are to work on making a date for this.</p> <p>I Davies has been working on coaching development with a couple of St Kilda members becoming more involved in this space.</p> <p>I Davies brings up some possible points of improvement that he has noticed while delivering a number of courses this season. C Burrow suggests that it would be good to potentially discuss these with the relevant person at SLSNZ once the season has come to an end.</p> <p>C Burrow informs the committee that there has been some discussion at both a regional and national level about the U15 age group at sand competitions and the consultation process that lead to its conception. He will continue this dialog with the relevant people involved in the process.</p> <p>There is robust discussion about how age groups worked at Otago Senior Champs with some learnings identified for the next season.</p>
SAR	
8	<p>M Corboy gives an update on the SAR space since the last meeting. There have been several callouts with two occurring in the same day at the same beach (Brighton). As a result, there has been some positive media exposure both locally and nationally. He is waiting on several pieces of equipment for team members which have been delayed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Relevant PPE has been sourced so that team members are adequately protected in the event of the Covid-19 alert level increasing.</p>



Powercraft	
9	<p>M Bradley was unable to attend so F Cook presented his update.</p> <p>An open female team has asked for dispensation to race as U23 on the basis that they missed out on racing as U23 last season due to Covid-19 and one of the team members birthdays is only 3 days from the age group cutoff date. The LOC is unanimous that we should stick to the cutoff date and not give them dispensation.</p> <p>There has been no formal feedback which was requested from clubs on the IRB interclubs, only informal comments from on the beach.</p> <p>The Dunedin IRB Development day will be held this weekend with a number of members having expressed interest in attending.</p>
General Business	
10	<p>I Davies queries how clubs are kept accountable to following the relevant H&S legislation, policy and best practice. C Burrow gives an overview of this and the relevant pathways.</p>
Meeting closed at 7:43pm	

Action Point Register

Action Points	Action and person(s) responsible	To be completed by
1	Chairperson: Cameron Burrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue liaising with clubs and their chairs as to their needs • Contact L Smith about the SRCs Friday evening session • Continue dialog with relevant person(s) surrounding U15 age groups 	- Ongoing - Day after meeting - Ongoing
2	Lifesaving: Isaac Davies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue liaising with the remaining Otago/Southland clubs around Club Health and how they might be assisted • Work with F Cook to organise another round of patrol audits • Present items discussed at the junior surf review group • Work with F Cook to identify future RWC instructors • Support St Kilda's VHF course needs with F Cook • Look into organisation of a Developing Surf Coaching course for post-nationals • Work with F Cook to organise a board rescue module exam 	- Ongoing - End of patrol season - At next JSRG meet - Ongoing - End of week - April - End of March
3	SAR: Max Corboy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase equipment for new SAR team members • Continue to update SAR payment allocations • Work with external agencies on the Tomahawk Beach camera project 	Next LOC meeting
4	Powercraft: Matthew Bradley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue organisation of the IRB Development Weekend to be held on 21st February • Work with clubs to develop the IRB capability of their members 	- This week - Ongoing
5	Officials: Rebecca Aburn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate officials for the upcoming local events • Work with L Smith to increase the number of officials facilitators in Otago/Southland 	- Ongoing - Next LOC meeting
6	NLC Southern Region Representative: Kate Suter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue representing the Southern Region at NLC level • Engage in discussion about probationary examiners at the NLC level 	Next LOC/NLC meeting
7	Staff: Felix Cook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with C Burrow to organise an end-of-season review survey • Organise an IGLS feedback survey for attendees • Identify potential RWC instructors with I Davies • Support St Kilda's VHF course needs with I Davies • Arrange another round of patrol audits with I Davies • Determine requirements to run a developing surf coaching course • Work with I Davies to arrange a board rescue module date 	- Post IRB nationals - End of March - Next RWC course - This week - End of patrol season - April - End of March