



**SURF LIFE SAVING SA**  
**BOAT ROWERS PANEL**  
**1/5/2007**  
**7.30pm**

**REPORT**

**PRESENT**

Chairman..... Peter Symons  
 Secretary..... John Devitt  
 North Haven.....  
 Semaphore..... Brett Campaign  
 Grange ..... Allen Hodson, Ben Gleeson, John Brown  
 Henley.....  
 West Beach.....  
 Glenelg..... Greg Daw  
 Somerton ..... Andrew Meaney  
 Brighton.....  
 Seacliff ..... Derry Warr  
 Christies Beach.....  
 Port Noarlunga.....  
 South Port ..... George Scarfe, Dick Olesinski(7.36) Don Alexander  
 Moana ..... Max Simionate  
 Aldinga Bay ..... Peter Symons  
 Normanville .....  
 Chiton Rocks.....  
 Port Elliot..... Robert Mooney(7.41)  
 Whyalla.....

Any recommendations contained within this report will be placed before the Board Of Surf Sports and/or Board Of Life Saving for discussion.

Clubs should not assume that items, which appear in any Panel reports, will eventuate.

**APOLOGIES**

Janet Jenkins, David Shaw, Ray Wright, Kevin Watkins  
 Moved D. Alexander/G. Scarfe CARRIED

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted Moved A. Hodson/D. Alexander CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT**

Item referred to Qualifying pre State titles carried over for Ray Wright.  
 George Scarfe gave a report on the latest dealings in the Harvie Allison situation – continuing Allen Hodson – query re the rollover rule – question of outside assistance – Jet Ski’s quick on the scene and in assisting crews – what will be the situation – we’ll wait and see what the National BOSS comes up with.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 1. Annual Dinner - Glenelg SLSC – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July -email will be sent out re menu choices. George, Peter and Olly to meet ASAP.

Item 2. For notation – ASRL-SA AGM Grange SLSC 10am 24<sup>th</sup> June

Item 3. Virtual Row - discussed not much interest – EOI to be sent out tomorrow to get feedback

Item 4. Event Program – Somerton Short Course – 14/12 Friday 6pm - Andrew Meaney to check Pt. Elliot Short Course – 13/10 Saturday 3pm – Robert Mooney to check Brighton Classic – Final – 3/2/08 Sunday 9am

5 rounds will be conducted at our events this season – depending on conditions

Item 5. Draft calendar for notation only at this stage

Item 6. Sweeps accreditation - Boat panel choice of D. Alexander, C. Tidswell, G. Barton have been accepted. Letter from David Earl to follow.

Item 7. D. Olesinski gave a report on the ceremony at South Port – Fritter ashes – read a note from Kevin (Brakey) Watkins that summed it all up.

“I sit at home over there with everything on the TV or paper in Dansk! I don't speak Dansk! I know I should but it would be great to put on a Fritter DVD and enjoy those moments.

George has a stack of good footage over the years and I'd like to get a hold of them as well because it all disappears after a while and it's too precious for that particularly when it's the dominant feature in your life. In fact it becomes a prime motivator that gives you direction, drive, friends everywhere, connection to the sea, a vehicle to separate yourself from the shit in life as well as creates a bit of shit in your life depending on the crews you have at the time!!

Southport last Sunday was one of those days when the surf's work'n well, it's an offshore breeze and you're amongst a stack of mates whether they be in you own club or competitors - doesn't matter, we're all mates! Above all that it was for Fritter, how fitting that it was followed soon after by Anzac Day - Lest We Forget!”

and another note from Brakey

Apologies for the AGM, Dinner and any other meetings for the remainder of the year Devo as I will be in Denmark.

I'd like to thank you and the Southport Club for putting on the Fritter 'Ashes' Day. It was a huge occasion and befitting with the best possible conditions. It was a great display of respect, camaraderie and fun in what was a surfboat playground. Well done, it was perfect!

cheers  
Brakey

Item 8. Scrutineers Course – reported to BOSS – Dave Earl to look into.

Item 9. Dick Olesinski was elected to be our representative at the ASRL-AGM to be conducted 21<sup>st</sup> July at the Bronte SLSC.

Moved A.Meaney/R. Mooney CARRIED

Item 10. Entry fee for Pt Augusta to remain the same as last season at \$75 per crew

## GENERAL BUSINESS

John Brown – Mentioned his concerns over the transparency over the draws and seeding taking place at the Australian titles, Scarborough. There didn't seem to be any system followed or that anyone else could follow.

Allen Hodson moved – “That as the Boat Panel in SA we ask BOSS in SA to refer matter to the National BOSS for more information re the ballots and seeding of crews process that is used. In particular how the system works

Moved A. Hodson/D. Olesinski CARRIED

Another issue on the same subject is that there is a program available that Bill “Woofa” Barnett developed that is in use by the ASRL and is a very good and simple program, this could be adopted and used.

D. Alexander – re the State team – EOI for coach's, managers closes soon and the decision will be on those positions. It is the intention to have selection trials in late May/June to determine the make up of the team. The first three placegetters at the State titles are automatic with the others being wildcard entries submitted through Clubs. Don has spoken to Ray Burnett re the boat crew selections and it is likely that the Boat Panel will put forward trial dates for October to determine the crews, Male and Female.

A. Hodson - Re qualifying rounds pre State Titles – will item remain on the agenda – it will. The sweeps accreditation could take the pressure of this a little. Still needs to be Ray Wright has some ideas on this and we should leave it until he can address the panel

J. Brown We need to look at developing the interest of the Clubs in actually attending and competing at the carnivals we set up. It's a lot of work for the same few people to set up and pack up for the disappointing show of Clubs last season.

Another issue is the education of sweeps re the correct procedure for starts etc. If they require more time before the start notify the Area Referee or Starter. If there is a problem on the line put their arm up, don't expect the starter to see everything.

Has State centre charged ASRL for the charges used at the ASRL Open – info was passed on to Dave Earl and he worked out costs.

Paperwork at the Australian titles is very poor – misinformation to the Officials - no information to Officials – crews had more update info – incorrect and out of date information to Officials - problem needs to be addressed. This could possibly be addressed though ASRL

G. Scarfe He has a flashing light to be trialled at carnivals to notify crews of pending start. System will be worked out and crews will be notified.  
Val Park has donated a data projector and screen to the Boat Panel. Requests letter of appreciation be sent.

B. Gleeson Crew selection for the Interstates this year – Male and Female  
Costs involved – estimated to look at \$500  
Do the crews selected have to book accom/airfares – taken care of by SLSSA

D. Olesinski Read out some concerns the ASRL has: -

Discussion Paper : - **The Future for Surf Boats**

Participants:

**SLSA, SLS State Bodies, ASRL**

Why do we need to hold talks about the future of Surf Boats?

- It's generally agreed by the rowing fraternity that the standard of competition has improved beyond the current structure used to run and control surfboat events.
- Its felt that the time is right to hold a comprehensive forum between all the interested parties with a view to improving our methods and ultimately presenting a level of competition equal to the amount of time, effort and money contributed by the various surf clubs & competitors.
- The ASRL as the structured group representing all Australian surf boat rowers should be recognised as the body best positioned to speak for and represent boat rowers at all levels of surf lifesaving including being represented on the various Boards of Surf Sport.
- The ASRL isn't a group desiring to run contrary to Australian SLS but is interested in having a clear role as a major contributor into decisions affecting the sport of Surf Boats as it sits in the greater environment of Surf Lifesaving.

What are the things that the ASRL believe need attention?

- The recruitment and retention of Officials
- A system to rate officials so we provide encouragement and a clearly defined passage for the best officials to rise through the ranks
- The correct ongoing training of Officials with a full understanding of what is required to run surfboat events.
- Recruitment and training of duck crews in how best to set up and maintain the fairest racing course
- Improvement of the turning Buoys used to facilitate ease of adjustment
- Investigation of electronic finishing assistance to judges
- Agreement to the correct level and method of competitor input on race day between Officials and Boat Crews
- An ongoing review of the Competition Manual
- Review of the method of conducting race day in terms of seeding draws, systems for the progressive elimination of crews

These comments were supported by all present at the meeting

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

**NEXT MEETING** **BRIGHTON SLSC on Tuesday 5<sup>TH</sup> June at 7.30pm**

**Received** , distributed to **BOM, EF, BOSS, Secretaries, Boat Captains & attending delegates**