



Regional Presidents Forum

Mackay SLSC

Saturday 27th October 2012

The forum opened at 1.30 by George Clarke to discuss issues in Regional Queensland with representation from North Queensland Branch, North Barrier Branch and Wide Bay Capricorn.

The visitors were introduced, John Brennan (CEO / SLSQ), Barry Woodger (SLSQ Deputy President), Mal Barnes (Point Danger Branch President), John Thorp (Sunshine Coast Branch President), Chris Donnelly (Wide Bay Capricorn Branch President), Bob Way (North Queensland Branch President), Peter Roulston (Regional Manager SLSQ/NBB)

Attendees introduced themselves with position and Club they represented.

George Clarke explained the format of the discussion and sort input from all those in attendance.

Item	Issue	Discussion	Outcome
Insurance	Content Insurance cost with QBE insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content insurance is high and clubs asked if this could be outsourced A Club had sort advise for a broker who indicated that QBE was high with their premium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLSQ CEO to follow up on 2012/13 Premiums for branches.
Membership	Growth and Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclone Yasi has had impact on membership in North Queensland. Locals are moving on and away from there areas. Crocodile have been having an impact on junior membership Employment of a Development Officer to concentrate on school recruitment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayr SLSC has a lady who installs cardboard signs around Ayr of activities on and feel that has helped with Membership growth within the club Clubs need to increase the number of trainers and assessors to be able to handle any interest of new members. Giving them an interest in staying involved
Action: <i>John Thorpe to forward to John Brennan who will then send through to Regional Managers, the format/program he used on the Sunshine Coast at schools which is working on the Sunshine Coast. He also mentioned the point system that the students can gain 4 points towards their QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) in grade 12 final exams.</i>			
Surfguard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Brennan gave an overview on the progress on Surfguard roll out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs happy with the change to surfguard but still some teething problems carnival manager
Education	On line Paperwork TAA Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constantly being reviewed and continually upgrading Would like to see more online award paperwork A easy way to upgrade older members to new TAA award if they have the TAE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General feeling SLSQ to be congratulated on this incentive Proficiency paperwork being completed by more members this year and good feedback from members undertaking the training
North Australian Championships	Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted less participants this year and numbers declining Highly demanding on the Mackay SLSC. A clear action list is required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General feelings was that Mackay is by far the best location.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale program - 3 days to long - look at deleting Pool Competition and Champion Lifesaver of the program and holding another time Date look at changing to late November or early December Change the date of the Door Knock back to prior to the start of the season and incorporate Open Day 	
Action: <i>Regional Sports committee to send out questioner to seek input on future development of the North Australian Championships. This questioner to go to all members for feedback and be reviewed. Some things to be reviewed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date Format of competition (2 day or 3 day) Inclusions (Pool Competition / Championship Lifesaver) Location 			
Sustainability and More Beaches Under Guard Grants	Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications sent out on the 19th October Applications close 3pm Friday the 9th November Clubs notified Friday 23rd November Acquittal date 26th November 	
Video Conferencing	Branch Meetings etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NBB and WBC have discussed the possibility of setting up Video conferencing. DES in all areas have got access to video conferencing and could be an avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLSQ reviewing on a state level
Action: <i>John Brennan to discuss options with DES to see the options</i>			
Competition	Competing in North Queensland season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advantage - To be able to compete prior to Stinger season, cyclone season, heat etc. Opportunity to give a longer season to junior members, value for money Junior activities to run from June to December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work within branches to ensure a workable outcome
Surf Sports	Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs need to complete a feasibility study on what is the best solution. What is needed 	
Collections for the Foundation	Possible collectors not from Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mackay has had a number of reports from people being approached to donate to Surf Lifesaving from people who may not be authorized, asking for bank details President contacted Peter Roulston when it happened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foundation at SLSQ indicated no collectors were in Mackay at the time of the incident. They were going to look into what can be done to eliminate any confusion. Peter Roulston to forward report from the Foundation on the collectors whereabouts

John Brennan was asked to give an update on what is happening within Surf Life Saving Queensland

- Cairns Surf Club at Palm Cove closing on the 5th of November for 2 weeks prior to opening its doors to the public.
- Surf Life Saving Queensland has a strong relationship with the Government. The Premier will be assisting with the rescue appeal
- Sustainability and More Beaches Under Guard grants are out
- Signing a partnership deal with the Queensland Police through the chopper rescue service for 18 months with a 2 X 2 year option
- Sunshine Coast Lifeguard service to come into effect on the 29th October. 90 Staff, consisting of permanent, part time and casual. This has opened a path way not offered to members before regarding employment . It also has allowed a heli service to be re deployed on the Sunshine Coast
- Surf Life Saving Queensland will be completing a road trip to all branches in the near future, visiting all clubs. North Barrier Branch has been completed and good feedback from both clubs and Ralph Devlin President SLSQ

George Clarke thanked every one for their input and time.

Forum closed at 2.55 pm