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Minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting for the South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, held at the Club House on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 from 10:00am.

**In Attendance:** Club members as per attendance sheets, plus Lance Barnes representing SLS Sydney Northern Beaches, Noela Roberts and Olivia Flower representing Freshwater Community (Bendigo) Bank.

**Apologies:** Tim Jones, Mike Le Geyt, Dave Aldis, Rod Barlow, Denzil Joyce, Trevor Sargent, Bruce Buckingham, Martin Thompson, Billy Good, Scott Taylor, Doug Menzies (Branch President), The Hon. Mike Baird, MP.

**President's Welcome:** Darrin Stoker welcomed all to the meeting, with special mention of Lance Barnes from SNB Branch, and Noela Roberts who represented Freshwater Community Bank.

**Minute's Silence** For members who passed on during the past year. This included Denis McGrath, Betty Buckingham, Jim Hall, Buster Brown, Ken Reah and Eileen Cameron.

Charlie Kuhn spoke about the past contribution that Don and Eileen Cameron made to the Club over many decades, and how they assisted so significantly in establishment of the Club House we continue to benefit from today.

**Presentation:** On behalf of Freshwater Community Bank, Noela Roberts and Olivia Flower presented the Club with a cheque for \$11,000 for use on lifesaving and rescue equipment. Darrin gratefully accepted on behalf of the Club, and presented Noela with a photo printed as a plaque.

**President's Address:** Darrin thanked the outgoing committee for their service, and specifically thanked Janice for her service in the role of Administrator. He thanked Fabiano for past caretaking. Thanks to all those who did fund-raising activities - Golf day, Ocean Swim, and for the Anzac Day event. Thanks to those who organised the Lake Tabourie event which had a record attendance this year.

Thanks to those who organised the Cadet trip to Shelley Beach. The award for Associate of the year was presented to Kirsten Quinn who assists with the Ripper program.

Parking stickers reminder to record your name on the form.

Working with Children – requires registration with the RTA, and all members assisting need to attend to this.

Thanks to Lisa Settree for preparation of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Report.

Minutes of 96<sup>th</sup> AGM Motion to accept minutes as a true and accurate record:  
Proposed by Graeme Dossetor and seconded by Darren Jones.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Buckingham presented the Treasurer's Report. Our primary source of revenue is now the Café, and it generates a good cash flow to the Club.

The major event for the year was the 100 years 100 boats ANZAC Day event, with thanks to Bryn, Janice, Lisa and Zulu. The Beko contribution made this event happen, and provided the Club with a new Surf Boat. This was the largest single contribution the Club has ever received.

The full list of sponsors is in the Annual report, and includes AMP Society and Freshwater Community Bank. Fresh water total sponsorship over the years has now exceeded \$100k. Thanks to Trevor and Sandy for their continued support.

Hall hire income is good, and membership subscriptions always help. In spending, more than \$50k was spent on Surf Club equipment. In summary we will show a net deficit of \$58k largely caused by depreciation, without depreciation we had a small surplus of around \$5k.

Welcome to James Hawley to the role of Sponsor Manager. Thanks to Martin Thompson of Wong and Mayes for auditing, and to Administrators Lisa and Janice for the work they did throughout the season.

Charles Longley asked about the Bank loan – Bob replied that the loan ensured we had funds available for the remaining building work already committed.

John White asked why the ocean swim netted such a small amount, and social spending was down. Bob responded that Ocean Swim sponsorship was shown separately, also the event had electronic timing for the first time which was expensive but required to keep the event up to standard. For Social, the prior year had a major event and this year did not.

Jono Beavon asked about the Beyond Blue donation, and Bob replied that it will appear in next year's return as it was not made in time.

**Affiliation:** Darrin proposed that the Club affiliate with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches and Surf Life Saving NSW. Motion moved by Kevin Moffat, and seconded by John White. The motion passed unanimously.

**Returning Officer:** John White acted as returning officer, and all positions were declared vacant.

**Committee Positions:** John ran through the nominations. No positions were contested and the following were accepted as filled:

President:	Darrin Stoker
Deputy President:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Bob Buckingham
Secretary:	Graeme Dominish
Club Captain:	Kevin Moffat
Junior Activities Chair:	Alistair Saunders
Chief Instructor:	Mike Le Geyt
Boat Captain:	Nathan Wilson
IRB Captain:	Scott Taylor
IRB Engineer:	Michael Berry
Junior Development:	Steve Hall
Craft Captain:	Peter Allen
Handicapper:	Bob Buckingham
Gear Steward:	Steve Birch
First Aid Officer:	Cathie Dossetor
Competition Manager:	Jenny Drury
Gym Manager:	Jayson Gilchrist
Registrar:	Replaced by administrators
OH&S Officer:	Steve Hall
Child Protection:	Vacant
Social Secretary:	Michelle Lowery
Social Committee:	Michelle Lowery, Chris Flemming (licensee), Lisa Settree
Finance Committee:	Charles Longley, Graeme Dominish, Bob Buckingham
Judiciary Committee:	John White, John Cassidy, Darren Jones.
Building Committee:	Jono Beavon, Tim Rodham, Steve Hall, Chris Flemming.

**Life Membership:** Graeme Dossetor was asked to leave the room, having been nominated by John White and Jeff Hewitt. Both spoke about the reasons for the nomination. Other speakers were Kevin Moffatt and Michael Woodward. The motion to accept Graeme as Life Member was carried unanimously.

**Distinguished Service Award –** No nominations were received this season.

**Branch Address:** Lance Barnes spoke on behalf of the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch. Thanks to Nippers program and Ripper Nippers, well done for the success in boats, and for organising the 100 years 100 boats event. Special mention for Junior Lifesaver of the year – Sam Le Geyt. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

John Cassidy asked if Branch can elaborate on the loss of a major sponsor. All competition entries are increasing by \$5 to cover Branch shortfall.

Lance responded that Ausgrid pulled out last year, and Westpac the previous year. Ausgrid lost poles and wires, so did not require the same community profile as before.

Finding major sponsors has become tougher. Competition fees had not increased for a number of years prior. Surf Sports competition had been losing money, so increasing competition fees did seem appropriate. Branch endeavours to provide competition, beach coverage and education. The search for a new sponsor is ongoing with 58 proposals submitted. If Branch ends with a surplus, 50% is returned to the Clubs.

Darrin Stoker mentioned that he proposed that Branch reduce prize money at Branch awards. This item is now on the Branch agenda.

### **General Business:**

**Darrin:** Beko were not able to attend, but were to be presented with a large photo print which was on display.

The Patrol Roster is now available on cards, and should be online within a week.

**Café and Hall leases:** Darrin Stoker - currently the local Councils are at risk of merging, and Council elections are expected in September 2016. Our current hall lease runs until 2020. SLS NSW and the Crown are close to an agreement for all Surf Clubs on Crown Land. For commercial arrangements, 10% to Crown or 25% of a sub-let may be expected. Hall hires should be exempt provided we

continue to internally manage the Hall. Our expectation is that we are likely to be up for between 10% and 25% of Café income going to Council.

Peter Lowther – Will there be resistance? Darrin – Yes.

Darrin Jones spoke about how the Club should approach our locally elected representatives in a meeting to advise how the Club depends on funds from the Café. The local Clubs under the same representation should be Freshwater, South Curl Curl and North Curl Curl.

Our Club is already paying for the Café outside seating as it falls outside of our existing lease.

Other Business: Dave Olivey asked if we have any ongoing record of past members who made SCC their final resting place. Response: No, however all agreed it was a good idea.

Janice Russell asked about building works. Response: The new DA requires a ramp to the centre deck, and grant money will help to fund this work. The downstairs womens toilets will be upgraded soon. The office and change rooms will be made smaller to open up space below the hall.

Charlie Kuhn requested we need space for storing Club archives. Noela Roberts advised that her son Adam has rejoined the Club, and thanked Kirsten Quinn, Kym and Bob Buckgham for their support.

Darrin Jones thanked Darrin Stoker for his service as President.

Closure: The meeting was declared closed at 11:45am.

Minutes prepared by: Graeme Dominish as Club Secretary.