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To: Y&LD Executive
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Club Secretaries
Junior Team Managers

Cc:

From: Kate Comer, Manager – Youth & Leadership Development

Date: 13 May 2010

Subject: Y&LD COUNCIL – Notice of Meeting 6:30 pm, 10 June 2010, at Life Saving Victoria, Port Melbourne.

Action: RSVP to Kate Comer on kate.comer@lifesavingvictoria.com.au

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Notice is given of the up and coming Council Meeting of Youth and Leadership Development Council to be held on.

**THURSDAY, 10 JUNE 2010
LIFE SAVING VICTORIA HEADQUARTERS
200 THE BOULEVARD, PORT MELBOURNE
MELWAY REF: 56:G3
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

Agenda & Minutes of previous meeting attached.

YLDC Representatives please RSVP to Kate Comer with your attendance, or your alternate attendee. Proxies must be declared before the meeting.

Should you have any further proposed business items for the agenda, please contact Kate Comer on the details above.

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Agenda

YOUTH & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The next general meeting will be held in the **Auditorium at Life Saving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne on THURSDAY JUNE 10 at 6:30PM**

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Business arising from previous minutes/action items**
4. **Topics and Updates**
 - 4.1 2010 State Championships Review
 - 4.2 NYDC Update
 - 4.3 Nipper Programs Update
 - 4.4 Age Managers Course Resource Update
5. **General Business**
6. **Action Items from meeting**
7. **Meeting Close**

Next Y&LD Council Meeting at LSV TBA

Minutes of Youth & Leadership Development Council Meeting February 2010

Held Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Life Saving Victoria (Port Melbourne), commencing 7.30pm.

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1. Present/Welcome

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Club</i>
<i>Y&LD Executive:</i>	
Nancy Joseph	Director/ Chairperson
Maurice McCutcheon	Competition Coordinator
Angela Malan	Lifesaving Development Coordinator
Will Boyd	Member Development Coordinator
Simone Williams	Council Representative
<i>Visitors & LSV Staff</i>	
Kate Comer	Manager – Youth & Leadership Development
<i>Club Representatives:</i>	
Dawn Walterfang	Bonbeach Life Saving Club
Naomi Madigan	Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club
Steve Jewson	Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club
Cameron King	Lakes Entrance Surf Life Saving Club
Clarke Martin	Mentone Life Saving Club
Jill Marshall	Mordialloc Life Saving Club
Shane Tatham	Mornington Life Saving Club
Brenda Tatham	Mornington Life Saving Club
Stacey Lethlean*	Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club
Cath Brommeyer	Sandridge Life Saving Club
Shane Gore*	South Melbourne Life Saving Club

* Proxies

2. Apologies

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Club</i>
Cath McCraith	Member Protection Coordinator
Julia O'Shannessy	Pt Leo Surf Life Saving Club

3. Confirmation of Previous minutes

Moved: Brenda Tatham

Seconded: Will Boyd

4. Business Arising from the previous minutes

4.1 Junior Coordinators Handbook

Nancy explained to the council delegates that the JCH had taken much longer to put together than anticipated. The positive news is that it is now finished and will be launched at the beginning of the 2010/11 season.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 National Youth Policy

Nancy updated the Council group on the progress of the Youth Policy proposed changes. The following points came out of the NYDC teleconference held on the 9th February;

- Junior Sport with specific regard to State and National competition is to remain at the status quo. Therefore all states will continue to run their State Champs as they see fit, and there will be no Junior National Competition at this stage.
- The general feeling of the draft policy is that it needs more of a development focus.

The Chair opened the topic up for discussion:

Brenda Tatham: commented that it may be better to be held around the same time as Senior Aussies, as this would make it easier for travelling families.

Clarke Martin: Asked why there is a proposal for national competition for Juniors at all?

The chair explained that an independent group had put a proposal together to run this event. If this is going to go ahead, SLSA would rather keep control of the competition rather than allowing an independent body to hold the event.

The Chair raised the question of holding an interstate competition as an option.

The question was asked: What is the reasoning behind holding or not holding this type of competition? The Chair answered that basically not all of the states agreed on what age a National competition should begin at.

Clarke Martin: Asked what the other states currently do in their state competition, and was it working for them?

There was a general discussion about what all states do, and why. There was no clear evidence provided as to what works and what doesn't.

The question was raised by the chair, not as a vote but as a general show of hands, should U9's be dropped from Victorian State Competition? Majority of those present showed an interest in dropping U9's. The topic was opened up for discussion.

Shane Gore: Suggested that we hold a separate "fun day" for U9's. he also mentioned that he was not necessarily supportive of a National Junior Competition.

Brenda Tatham: Suggested that we have 2 separate competitions: 1 for primary school aged competitors, and 1 for Secondary school aged competitors.

It was agreed by the floor, that the simple question needed to be asked in survey format. Do you want a National Competition for Juniors? Yes or No? Delegates would need to go back to their clubs and vote with the majority of what their club wants.

ACTION: The chair agreed that a simple short questionnaire should be formulated, and the Executive would work on developing this, sending it out, and having the results available for the next meeting.

5.2 Nipper Programs and Capping

The Chair opened the floor and asked for feedback on how their programs have gone so far for this season?

General feedback from clubs was that Surf Ed programs were going well. The feedback also included the following points and questions:

- Some clubs would like to see people under 18 years be able to be Age Managers. Nancy explained that this has already been decided upon at a previous meeting last year, and that U18 are more than welcome to help with Nippers and run sessions, however the Age Manager for that group must be over 18, and hold the Age Managers qualification. The option of a “helpers” workshop for the 16 – 18 year age group was suggested, and it was agreed that this possibility would be explored.
- The question of what is meant by an “Active member” in relation to the Working With Children Check was asked by the floor. Nancy explained that it is any member over 18 in the club, however that it was up to each club to distinguish what that means for their club.
- Having Cosy and Inverloch on the same weekend worked well for some clubs. It gave some of the not so competitive kids the opportunity to do well as most kids did not do both carnivals. Some other clubs said that they did not agree with having them on the same weekend so far apart in distance.
- The suggestion was made on the option for bigger clubs to perhaps separate their Nippers program into 2 programs, one for kids that compete, and one for kids that only wish to participate in Surf Ed. This could help some clubs that struggle with having too many kids in their Surf Ed programs, and solve the issue of the large difference in skill levels between competitive kids, and non competitive.
- The question was asked; “why are we tracking Surf Ed awards on Surfguard?” It was seen to be a huge administrative task on clubs, and they were not sure of the reason behind it. Nancy explained that this was a National program, and across all clubs in Australia. It was also explained that this is the award for that age group that children work towards all season – so they have the right to have it recognized and logged on Surfguard, and receive a certificate for their efforts.

5.3 Victorian State Championships

Cutch presented the following points regarding the 2010 State Championships, specifically relating to Juniors;

- Entries close on Friday 19 February at 5pm. Clubs will be invoiced on Monday 22nd February, prior to the championships and no late entries will be accepted.
- U/14 competitors wishing to also compete as U15 are welcome to do so. However, they will have to register for both Junior and Senior competitions, and no event will be held up to wait for competitors, so they run the risk of missing events.
- There is a process, and a timetable for taking vehicles across the bridge with gear trailers, please check circular 017.02.10 to confirm times. All Junior gear trailers must be unloaded by club members once over the bridge, and stored in the Junior gear compound. No Junior trailers are to be left over the bridge. There will be a compound on the town side of the bridge for junior trailers to be stored. Alternate locations for dangerous surf conditions were also outlined, as well as the procedure for the Aqua Cameron race.
- *Simone Williams*: Asked where tents are allowed to be set up? Cutch drew a map on the whiteboard to show where competition areas will be, and where clubs will be allowed to erect tents.
- *Stacey Lethlean*: Asked about the water safety personnel roster and how this will work. Kate Comer explained the system and said that clubs could substitute people on the day if necessary.

5.4 Regional Championships

Nancy explained to the Council that the YLD Executive was aware of the issues surrounding Regional Championships, and that many suggestions had already been put forward to improve these carnivals for the 2010/2011 season. The YLD Competition panel are currently working on these suggested improvements and will report on these at the next YLDC meeting.

Nancy welcomed any further questions or comments regarding Regional Championships, and all Council representatives present were happy to wait until the next meeting to hear the proposed improvements.

5.5 Leadership & Development Camps

Nancy reported on the disappointing number of nominees for the U13 development camp. Kate Comer also pointed out that many kids thought that the camp was supposed to be a “sport development” camp, and this led to some confusion and in some cases disappointment in some kids. It was suggested by Kate that clubs ensure that candidates understand that these camps are personal and leadership development, and not sport development. This is important, so that the children know what to expect, and so that we have the right type of kids applying for the camps, and not necessarily the top competitors.

5.6 Member Protection

It was again explained by Nancy the importance of teachers and police officers of getting their Working With Children Check as a volunteer for the club. If these people do not hold their volunteer WWCC, there is no link between the Department of Justice, and Life Saving Victoria or the Club. This is important, because if there is ever an offence or an investigation into child related offences, the club must be notified so that they can stand the member down pending investigation if necessary.

6. General Business

6.1 Nipper Parent of the Year & Champion Junior Lifesaver

Applications close to enter the Champion Junior Lifesaver competition on February 19 at midnight. Clubs that have not yet entered a competitor are encouraged to do so.

Nipper Parent of the Year nominations are also still open. There are many parents out in our clubs that do an amazing job, please nominate them for the recognition they deserve.

It was suggested that the Finalists for the Champion Junior Lifesaver competition should receive a prize other than the certificate. Kate Comer to look into possible prizes eg rash vest for encouragement. It was also mentioned that the winner should receive a rescue board for the club, as has been awarded in previous years. It would be too late to do this now for 2010 Championships, but Kate to look into sponsors to fund this prize in 2011.

6.2 Officials at Junior Carnivals

Clarke Martin: Raised the issue of officials at Junior carnivals throughout the season not having enough training or experience to know how to run the events correctly. The Executive team agreed with this statement. Clarke suggested that there be Age Group Referees appointed at the beginning of the season to take each age group through the entire season, and be the age group referee at State Championships. This idea was welcomed by the Council and Executive, however it was noted that these people may not be available at every carnival. It was decided that there would be a nomination form sent out to all officials before the start of the season, to put their name forward for as many carnivals as possible to attempt to get some consistency and experience leading up to State Champs. Kate Comer also suggested that there should be a mentoring system put into place, where experience senior officials would attend Junior carnivals throughout the season to assist and mentor developing officials.

7. Meeting close declared by chair at 9.36pm

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