



California Surf Lifesaving Association

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Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jay Butki
SUBJECT: Fall 2008 Competition Committee Report
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West Coast Regional Lifeguard Championships

- Friday & Saturday July 24, 25, 2009 Seal Beach Pier
- July 2010-tentative offers to host Junior Lifeguard Regionals and Lifeguard Regionals came from Santa Cruz City, no other chapters have stepped forward at this point in time.
- Discussion and review the 2009 CSLSA Regional Lifeguard Championships
- Improve the time line for the event by increasing pre-registration and USLA membership prior to arrival at the competition venue.
- Add a volunteer official component to each Team entering in to the CSLSA Regionals; for example: 15 Chapter Team members=1 volunteer, 30=2, etc. These volunteers would be used to assist the Corps of Officials in running of the event for both Junior Lifeguard and the West Coast CSLSA Regional Lifeguard Championships.
- Improve the finishing chute and placings results for the 2k Beach Run by creating a funnel finish separated by Open 7 Masters age groups. (Gender not necessary as usually fairly obvious) this will vastly improve our efficiency in keeping the Regionals running on time.
- Add a 4 person Women's Taplin relay, and 3 person Open Men's & Open Women's Board Relay to the Regionals event list.
- Discuss a proposal for the Spring CSLSA meeting to raise Regional entry fees for the 2009 Regionals. Entry fees have remained at \$10.00 for almost 2 decades. Competition income for 2008 was just over \$2000, by raising fees to a very fair \$20.00 we could double the income, and add a \$5.00 fee for a total of \$25 for those who wait and enter as late entries on the day of the event.
- Endeavor to start the first race the 2K beach run on time at 08:00 AM and not wait for late entries.

USLA National Lifeguard Championships

- August 6,7, 8, 2009 Fort Lauderdale??
- August 2010- Huntington State Beach and LA County interested in hosting the next west coast Nationals
- Raise the fee for Junior Lifeguard Competitors to a maximum of \$20 from the current \$10, as \$10 doesn't cover the current lunch and T shirt requirement.
- Propose that the National Competition Committee look into the possibility of making the current \$7000 USLA National Lifeguard Championship "Licensing" fee in the Nationals Contract a discussion/ negotiation item to remove from the contract as it is a huge stumbling block in getting Chapters interested in hosting the Nationals. Require the USLA to better support and enable the organization and running of their National Championships rather than thrusting all of the burden and all the financial costs onto a local hosting chapter
- Continue the pattern used this year and contest all preliminary heats of Surf Boat and Beach Flags on the Thursday preliminary day, with the exception of the Open Men's and Open Women's Surf Boat and Beach Flags Final races to be contested on Friday.

New Business:

US Olympic Committee National Governing Body Proposal

- The Competition Committee supports the NGB USOC membership proposal in concept and believes there are many positives to the proposal, especially for Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard Competition, but has concerns about the implementation options as presented and

believes more research is required. Further research is also necessary on the potential pitfalls or negatives, and increased administrative costs to this organization of becoming a NGB member of the USOC.

- regarding the election of athlete representatives and the 20% rule, it was pointed out that both Greg Boyer (husband of Newport Beach's Reenie Boyer) and Ryan Bailey (brother of Seal Beach's Joe Bailey) have served on US Water Polo has a 10 member National Board with 2 Athlete members (1 male, 1 female) elected from the US National Teams annually.
- Propose that the CSLSA Executive Board support the concept but refer the proposal to the Competition Committee for further research and review at the USLA Board of Director's meeting in Cocoa Beach.

West Coast Women's Lifeguard Tournament

- LA County is working on a first time Female Lifesaving Competition modeled on the successful east coast tournament and hope this can become an annual event. This event would be held in mid-July prior to the Regionals.

Future Events

2009

March 27-29-Six Nations / 3rd International Surf Rescue Challenge-Durban, South Africa

May 22-Lifeguard Relays, Dory Race, Pier to Pier Paddle- Hermosa Pier

June 13-Ed Perry Lifeguard Regatta-Venice

Mid-July - West Coast Women's Tournament

July 18-San Clemente Ocean Festival

July 24, 25-CSLSA Regional Junior Lifeguard & Lifeguard Championships-Seal Beach

July 31, Aug 1-International Surf Festival- LA County Intracrew Relays, Taplin Relays-Manhattan Bch.

August 6, 7, 8-USLA National Lifeguard Championships Ft Lauderdale, FL ??

Aug 22, 23-Duke's Oceanfest Waterman Challenge, Waikiki

Sept-Sanyo Bussan International Lifesaving Cup

October 10, 11-World Masters Games, Sydney Australia

2010

Jan- 21st Wieland Shield-Victoria, Australia

June/July-ILSF Rescue 2010 Lifesaving World Championships-Cornwall, Great Britain

July-CSLSA Regional Championships- ?

August-USLA National Lifeguard Championships- ? Southwest Region hosts?

Spring 2011 4th International Surf Rescue Challenge-New Zealand

Respectfully submitted,

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