



California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING Seal Beach Lifeguard Association April 14 & 15, 2005 **MINUTES**

Thursday, April 14, 2005

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. McGowan at 9:18 AM.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Lombardi
 - B. Welcome and Introductions - Mr. McGowan
 - C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Beuerlein

CHAPTER	Members	Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	TOTAL VOTES
California State	98	4	4	-	4
Camp Pendleton	27	3	2	1	3
Capitola	9	2	0	-	0
Coronado	5	2	0	-	0
Del Mar	45	3	3	-	3
Encinitas	9	2	1	-	1
Hawaii	4	2	0	-	0
Huntington Beach	149	5	5	-	5
Imperial Beach	18	3	2	-	2
LA City	36	3	3	-	3
LA County Lakes	29	3	1	1	2
LACOLA	166	6	5	-	5
Laguna Beach	81	4	2	2	4
Long Beach	97	4	2	-	2
Mission Viejo	9	2	2	-	2
Newport Beach	119	5	5	-	5
Oceanside	6	2	0	-	0
Port Hueneme	1	0	0	-	0
San Clemente	12	2	1	1	2
San Luis Obispo Co.	4	2	0	-	0
San Diego	56	4	2	-	2
Santa Barbara	37	3	1	1	2
Santa Cruz	31	3	0	-	0
Seal Beach	42	3	3	-	3
Solana Beach	13	2	0	-	0
Tucson	0	0	0	-	0
US Ocean Safety	72	4	0	-	0
Ventura County	3	2	0	-	0
Mexico	1	0	0	-	0
Members-at-large	4	0	0	-	0
TOTAL	1183	80	44	6	50

II. Approval of Minutes – Santa Barbara Lifesaving Association Meeting (October 21 & 22, 2005)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Lombardi to approve the minutes as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Williams
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

III. Officer's Reports

A.	President	Mr. McGowan	ATTACHMENT	A
B.	Vice President	Mr. Lombardi	ATTACHMENT	B
C.	Secretary	Mr. Beuerlein	ATTACHMENT	C
D.	Treasurer	Mr. Williams	ATTACHMENT	D
E.	Recurrent Rep	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	E
F.	Advisor	Mr. Moore	ATTACHMENT	F
G.	1 st Delegate	Mr. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT	G

IV. Committee Reports

A.	Competition	Mr. Butki	ATTACHMENT	H
C.	Exchanges	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	I
D.	Heroic Acts	No Verbal Report	ATTACHMENT	J
E.	Junior Lifeguards	Mrs. Boyer	ATTACHMENT	K
F.	Legislation	Mr. Peabody	VERBAL REPORT	

1. California Department of Boating and Waterways asked Marine Safety Experts to determine if additional legislation is needed to regulate Personal Watercraft activity.
2. California Department of Boating and Waterways recently sent out a survey on law enforcement contacts.

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| G. | Membership | Mr. Lombardi | ATTACHMENT | B |
| H. | Newsletter | Mr. Sandy | ATTACHMENT | L |
| I. | Public Education | Mr. Williams | ATTACHMENT | M |
| J. | Training & Operations | Mr. Peden | ATTACHMENT | N |
| K. | Website | Mr. Moore | ATTACHMENT | O |
- V. Mr. McGowan presented The CSLSA *Excellence in Lifesaving Award* to Mr. Moore “in recognition of 38 years of public service, dedication and devotion to the Los Angeles County Lifeguards: 1967-2005. Congratulations on your retirement! The California Surf Lifesaving Association, April 14, 2005.”
- VI. Mr. Silvestri presented the new California State Lifeguard Recruitment CD.
- VII. Mr. Gould spoke on the importance of agencies submitting consistent and accurate statistics to uphold the integrity of USLA Statistics. He cited rescues as an example. Mr. Gould said that each rescue should be documented on a separate report. Rescues should not be estimated. Mr. Gould also stated that any and all drownings should be reflected in the annual USLA statistics.
- VIII. At the Fall 2004 CSLSA General Meeting, Pismo Beach (currently part of the San Luis Obispo County CSLSA chapter) submitted an application and fees to form its own separate CSLSA chapter pending a vote of approval from the CSLSA Board of Directors. If the application is accepted and approved, San Luis Obispo County would maintain its current chapter.
- MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Lombardi to accept Pismo Beach’s application and to approve Pismo Beach as a new chapter.
- SECOND:** Mr. Klosterman
- DISCUSSION:** None
- ACTION:** MPU
- IX. USLA President Chris Brewster gave a brief presentation on the USLA/NOAA Rip Current Brochure.
- X. Committee Workshops (as directed)

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:51 P.M.

Meeting reconvened on Friday, April 15, 2005 at 9:15 AM.

XI. Committee Reports from Workshops

A. Certification Mr. Rohrer ATTACHMENT P

1. Committee met and is recommending four changes to the USLA Recommended Minimum Guidelines for Open Water Swimming Event Safety:
 - a. **Section 3.2.1:** Eliminate all ratios of lifeguards to competitors.
 - b. **Section 3.3:** Eliminate 100-meter example for strategic placement of lifeguards.
 - c. **Section 4.5:** Changed to “one advanced life support ambulance should be made available on site or within a 5 minute response time”.
 - d. **Section 5.4:** Grammatical error – change “an central observation location” to “a central observation location”.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Gray
DISCUSSION: Mr. Peden questioned if the USLA document would become a bylaw. Mr. Rohrer stated that the document would be a Suggested Operational Guideline.
ACTION: MPU

B. Competition Mr. Butki ATTACHMENT Q

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gray to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mrs. Graham
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

C. Junior Lifeguards Mrs. Boyer ATTACHMENT R

MOTION: Moved by Mrs. Lombardi to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Silvestri
DISCUSSION: Mr. Silvestri suggested that each Junior Guard Program report their actual enrollment numbers from the summer at the Fall CSLSA Meeting. Mr. McGowan asked if there were budget items. Mrs. Boyer stated that she was requesting that the art contest budget be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. She also requested that the Junior Lifeguards of the Year awards be increased from \$2,000 total to \$100 per recipient. Mr. McGowan noted that this would come out of the JG Fund.
ACTION: MPU

D. Membership Mr. Lombardi ATTACHMENT S

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gray to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Williams
DISCUSSION: Mr. Williams recommended that the Board of Directors give Mr. Lombardi direction on the new USLA database and credit card use. Mr. Rohrer recommended that we keep the current membership system in place. Mr. Gray agreed. Mr. Lombardi said that only about 5% of CSLSA members register for USLA on-line. Mr. McGowan said we could look into a regional credit card. More discussion followed. Mr. Moore recommended approval of the committee report and suggested that a motion could be made to address the database/credit card issue since it was not discussed in committee. Mr. McGowan stated that we have direction from the CSLSA Board of Directors to pursue the database issue, but CSLSA will express concern about credit cards and on-line registration as being the only USLA registration options.
ACTION: MPU

E. Public Education Mr. Pounds ATTACHMENT T

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Peden to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mrs. Graham
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

XII. Old Business

A. Approval of Treasurer's report from Thursday, April 14, 2005.

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MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bauer to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Moore
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

B. USLA Personal Watercraft Rescue Guidelines

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gray to endorse USLA Personal Watercraft Rescue Guidelines
SECOND: Mr. Moore
DISCUSSION: Mr. McGowan noted that the guidelines are available on the USLA website.
ACTION: MPU

C. USLA Drowning Prevention Award

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Lombardi to endorse Mr. Bartlett's revised proposal for a USLA Drowning Prevention Award for guarded areas only.
SECOND: Mr. Rohrer
DISCUSSION: Mr. Gray stated that it would be unfair to withhold an award from lifeguards due to drownings that occur when they are not on duty. Mr. Moore suggested that award categories could differentiate between agencies that have year round vs. seasonal operations and 24-hour vs. daylight operations.
ACTION: MPU

D. 2005 Las Playas de Tijuana Volunteer Service ATTACHMENT U

XIII. New Business

A. CSLSA Website Funding

1. Mr. Moore noted that we are contractually obligated to pay Mrs. Francis \$2,000 per year.
2. CSLSA has not as of yet been billed for services.

B. Agency Unit Display for Fall 2005 CSLSA Meeting

1. Mr. McGowan said a reminder would be placed in the meeting announcements.

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C. USLA Fundraiser

1. Mr. McGowan stated that USLA has not had a fundraiser in over 3 years.
2. Mr. McGowan said that the most recent prospect to become the new USLA fundraiser had withdrawn from consideration during a vote to confirm her for the position.
3. Mr. McGowan noted that SHP remains available to assist the USLA in this capacity.

D. Future Meetings

1. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations

a. Spring – 2005

- 1) Location: Miami, Florida (Southeast Region)
- 2) Dates: 5/05/05-5/07/05
- 3) Suggested Agenda Items

b. Fall – 2005

- 1) Host: Southwest Region
- 2) Dates: 11/03/05-11/05/05
- 3) Possible Locations: Long Beach, Dana Point, Huntington Beach, Asilimar
- 4) Mr. Graham suggested that the CSLSA Executive Board make this decision. There was no objection.

2. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations

a. Fall – 2005

- 1) Location: LA County Lakes/Santa Clarita
- 2) Dates: 10/13/05 & 10/14/05

b. Spring – 2006

1) Location: Long Beach, Newport Beach,
Huntington Beach

2) Dates: 4/20/06 & 4/21/06

E. Mr. Bartlett distributed information from Mr. Weisser on the California Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Program. ATTACHMENT V

XIII. Privilege of the Chair

A. Mr. McGowan thanked everyone for their participation.

B. Mr. McGowan particularly praised the delegation for reaching a consensus on the *Guidelines for Open Water Swimming Event Safety*. He cited this as an example of the way that CSLSA Board Members work cooperatively toward solutions to issues in modern lifesaving.

C. Mr. McGowan thanked the Seal Beach Lifeguard Association for hosting an outstanding meeting at such a great site.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Mrs. Graham
SECOND: Mr. Lombardi
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU; Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Beuerlein
CSLSA Secretary