



California Surf Lifesaving Association Competition Committee

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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jay Butki
SUBJECT: Competition Committee Chair Report
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2005 Fall USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

A silent New Jersey led East Coast coup ended Carl Drake's term as USLA Competition Committee Chair. Thus ended what I viewed as the most productive, proactive organized and progressive period in my USLA recollections. Carl heard about the change from a third party and since his departure nothing has been updated as far as the results of the Fall meeting.

Agenda Items for the 2006 Spring USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

1) National team

We need to agree on the purpose of sending our team to International competitions. Set guidelines and requirements for membership on the team and funding of the team.

2) Rules

Changing our rules to mirror ILS rules whenever possible.

If a region has any proposed rule changes please forward a copy of the proposal so we may review it and include it in the report.

3) Officials for 2006 USLA Nationals in Huntington Beach.

Let me know who else is planning on attending and if there are any who will not be available this year. Please notify of any possible new additions.

Rescue 2006

The International Life Saving Federation World Lifesaving Championships, Rescue 2006, was contested on February 10-26th in Lorne, Victoria, Australia. This international championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for National teams, Interclub teams and Masters competitors in events such as ironman / ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, Taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events.

Congratulations to the US National Team, whose members finished seventh overall in Australia, only 3 points out of 6th place, 6 points out of 5th place, and 12 points out of 4th place (with 32 teams competing).

This is USA's best finish ever at a world championships held in a foreign country since pool and surf competitions were combined. It ties our best finish at Daytona in 2002. It was tough competition, but the team did a great job. World record times were turned in by Blaine Morgan and Sara McLarty.

We look forward to further improvements in advance of Rescue 2008 (July) in Germany. Several strategies have been discussed, which are likely to be very helpful. These include encouraging changes to certain international competition rules, fully regularizing all appropriate USLA competition events with international rules to help our athletes practice to succeed at the world level, and even better recruiting strategies, to name a

few. These will be discussed at the next USLA Competition Committee meeting.

USLA Team Manager Kevin Sweat
USLA Team Coach Mitch Kahn-CSLSA-LA County
USLA Team Physician Peter Wernicki

2006 National Team Members:

Micha Burden-CSLSA-Huntington Beach City	Andy Bailey –CSLSA-San Clemente
Maggie Hogan-CSLSA- San Diego	Blaine Morgan-CSLSA-LA County/HB City
Tilleea Hoskins	Brian Murphy-CSLSA-LA County
Renee Locarnini-CSLSA-LA County	Matt Simonton
Dana McCreary	Kicker Vencill
Sara McLarty	Shane Watson

2006 CSLSA Southwest Regional Championships

The Southwest Regional Championships will be hosted by the LA County Lifeguard Association in conjunction with Beachsport.org on August 5 at 8AM at the Hermosa Beach pier.

The Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships will be hosted by the Santa Barbara Lifeguard Association and Beachsport.org on July 21 as part of the Semana Nautica on East Beach.

2006 USLA National Championships

The 2006 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships will be held in Huntington Beach on August 10, 11 and 12 between Beach Blvd. and Newland Street.

There are some problems with the website as all the 2006 info currently shows up on the 2005 Virginia Beach site

New Zealand Surf Lifesaving High Performance Developmental Squad

There has been some interest expressed about a NZ Juniors 16-21 traveling squad visiting California (SF-SD) in July.

Wieland Shield 2007

Due to attendance conflicts with this past February's 2006 World Championships in Victoria the 19th Wieland Shield Surf Life Saving Competition between California and Victoria was re-scheduled for the end of January 2007 in Victoria, Australia.

This event marks 50 years since the first International Surf Lifesaving competition held as part of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and attended by Bob Burnside, Greg Noll, and Tom Zahn among other luminaries in our sport. It also marks the 50th anniversary of the first truly International Lifesaving Association meeting. The Wieland Shield is the longest running competitive Lifesaving event and surf Lifesaving information and cultural exchange

The 3 women and 7 men selected to represent California will be selected based upon performances at the 2005 CSLSA Regionals and USLA Nationals. Selection and sponsorship marketing efforts are ongoing.

2006 Calendar

4/22 Waterman Spring Classic –Golden West, Huntington Beach

5/27 ASRA-Hermosa Beach Pier

6/3 June Tune-Zuma Beach

6/17 Ed Perry Regatta -26th Ave, Venice Beach
6/24 Jay Moriarty Paddleboard Race-New Brighton, Santa Cruz
7/1 South Bay Surf Club Event-Ave I, Redondo Beach
7/15 and 16 San Clemente Surf Festival-San Clemente Pier
7/21 JG Regionals-Santa Barbara
7/22 Semana Nautica ASRA-Santa Barbara
8/5 CSLSA Regionals-Hermosa Beach Pier
8/5 Judge Taplin Relays-Ave C, Redondo Beach
810-12 USLA National Championships-Huntington State Beach

Respectively Submitted,

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