



California Surf Lifesaving Association

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Competition Committee Minutes - April 7, 2006 Respectfully Submitted by Jay Butki

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Discussion on 2006 Spring USLA BoD Competition Committee agenda:

1. National Team Selection criteria-participation in Regional and National Championships for selection to USLA representative teams to the ILS World Championships, International Surf Challenge and other competitions.
2. USLA Competition rules-move towards transitioning to and adopting ILS rules
3. Push for the USLA National body to produce and organize their USLA National Championships, and not put all the pressure and financial responsibilities and accountability for success or failure upon a local chapter.

The National Championships competition should be set up similar to the Australian championships, or the US Open of Surfing, where responsibilities for the local chapter are local issues such as venue selection, parking, permits and support staff, and not marketing, budgeting, building ocean/beach courses from scratch.

Motion made for the Southwest Region Competition Committee Chair Butki to insist the USLA re-examine how they contract and operate their USLA National Championships and ask that the National assume the operational parameters to run the Championships rather than force the burden on the local chapter to "re-invent the wheel" each summer as they scramble to come up with the operational framework, marketing savvy, and the \$7000.00 plus marketing percentages for the opportunity to host.

* Solicitation for course officials from the Southwest Region to assist in the running of the 2006 USLA Nationals at Huntington Beach-goal is 10 officials from our region. We only had three officials at 2005 Nationals. CSLSA is still seeking more Volunteer officials.

* Report from Gus Avila on the incident pre-planning, organizational overview and progress of the Huntington State Beach Lifeguard Association's hosting of the 2006 USLA National Championship. All Systems go- Website is up and running, lodging info is available, marketing and organization efforts continue. Butki to follow up on \$500.00 pledged by the National body towards purchasing course equipment for Ocean and Beach at the National BoD meeting in Annapolis, MD.

* Solicitation for host chapters to hold the 2007 JG Regionals and the Southwest Regional Lifeguard Championship.

COLA expressed interest in hosting the JG's. Preference is to hold events together on the third weekend in July. Huntington City will run it by their Management. San Clemente Ocean Festival was approached as a possible venue as there is a potential conflict in July 2007 as SCOF is always the third Sat in July. SCOF board will get back in contact with Butki with a decision.