



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: Spring 2009 Competition Committee Report
DATE: April 9, 2009

Charlotte M. Graham
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Fall 2008 USLA National Board of Directors Meeting- November 7, 2008
Committee Action Report

Robert E. Williams
Treasurer

Committee Chair: Ed Zebrowski **Committee Members:** Andy Braudy, Jay Butki, Tim Gallagher, Jim McCrady, Paul Pivec, Tony Pryor
Discussion Items

Robert A. Moore
Past President/Advisor

Review of 2008 National Championships

Christopher R. Graham
Recurrent Representative

Chair states that approximately \$1,000.00 left over from official's budget to be directed back to USLA general fund. It is noted that for upcoming National Championships, every effort will be made to complete all heats and finals of age group events on the Thursday of the Championships.

Jon Mitchell
First Executive Delegate

Review of A & B Divisions

Bill Richardson
Second Executive Delegate

Chair states that a certified letter from the local government official is sufficient to determine Chapter Division classification.

Reenie Boyer
Third Executive Delegate

Review of protest and disciplinary actions past and future

Alex K. Peabody
Fourth Executive Delegate

Reminded Regions that only a chapter team captain/manager may submit competitor names for events where the number of competitors per chapter is limited. Competitors being considered for disqualification should be kept near the relative course so they may answer questions if necessary and be told of decision as soon as possible.

2010 National Championships

The South West Region (LACOLA & HSBLA) expressed interest to host Championships. After concerns expressed by HSBLA, the Competition Committee recommends to Executive Committee, to allow locations more leeway with the USLA when negotiating Host Agreements, specifically, money that is due to USLA prior to Championships.

International Competitions

Chair commends national teams and their managers for competing in the international competitions.

It is suggested that the USLA explore hosting or attending pool competitions prior to World Championships. Kevin Sweat will research possibility of US athletes attending Canadian pool competitions.

Discussion held on fund allocation for international competitions.

Motion: South West proposes that \$500 per team member (12 competitors and 2 coaches) be allocated to fund a team to go to the International Surf Challenge in South Africa. Second by Mid Atlantic. Motion passes

President Brewster addressed committee about the possibility of becoming the governing body of the sport of lifesaving with the United States Olympic Committee and the necessary bylaw/membership changes required to do so.

Mid Atlantic proposes that the competition committee, in concept, supports the USLA joining the USOC, if the details can be worked out in the executive and membership committees. South West seconds. Motion passes unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items -Rule Change Proposals

1. Add an Open Women Taplin Relay-Proposed by South West
Motion passes unanimously.
2. Add Open Men & Open Women 3 person Rescue Board Relay-Proposed by South West
Yes: South West, Gulf Coast, Great Lakes, South East
No: South Atlantic, Mid Atlantic
Motion passes, but is brought up on the floor 2 days later but the Motion was defeated on floor by vote of all delegates, not just competition committee
3. Add Open Men and Open Women Single Surfboat Race-Proposed by South East
Yes: Gulf Coast, South East No: South West, Great Lakes, South Atlantic, Mid Atlantic
Motion fails.
4. Add a 70+ age group division-Proposed by South East
Motion passes unanimously.
5. If a new event is proposed, it must include an event it is replacing-Proposed by Mid Atlantic
Yes: Gulf Coast, Great Lakes, South Atlantic, Mid Atlantic
No: South West, South East Motion passes
6. If a proposed rule change is defeated, it may not be resubmitted within two years.
Proposed by Mid Atlantic
Yes: South Atlantic, Mid Atlantic
No: South West, Gulf Coast, Great Lakes, South East
Motion fails.

March 27, 28, 29, 2009 3rd International Surf Rescue Challenge

Sisi Na Wesa-Yes we can!

The USLA was invited to have a US team compete at the 3rd International Surf Rescue Challenge at Suncoast Pirates Beach, Durban, South Africa. The International Surf Rescue Challenge is based around 3 one day Tests of 26 events conducted to promote Lifesaving, and the performance of the Lifesaving athletes, including rescue relays, board, surf ski, surf racing, and beach events all filmed for television broadcast. A daily Test point score and an overall point score was kept with the winner being declared the Champion of the event.

What was to be the Six Nations Challenge was whittled down to 5 when New Zealand backed out in December to focus their finances on the July 2009 World Games Lifesaving Competition in Taiwan, then down to 4 Nations Japan backed out in February citing the declining global economic climate and security concerns. In the end at the First Test there were 10 athletes on the line for each event with 6 men and 6 women representing Australia, South Africa, South Africa -Under 23's, Great Britain, and USA.

The Presidents of both Lifesaving South Africa, and Surf Life Saving Australia went out of their way to shake my hand and thank me for bringing a US squad to compete in and support the 3rd International Surf Rescue Challenge.

The 4-5 ft dumping shore break, lateral sweeping currents that changed direction hourly, and lengthy courses with barreling surf out the back (though just inside the Shark nets), was grueling and educational and showcased both the strengths and weaknesses of our US Team. Our US swimmers kept us in the fight, and our craft and iron athletes deserve praise for charging 3 days in a row into uniquely hectic surf, copping a frothy beating, and still finishing hard and with a smile. And our beachies held down the fort on the sand in beach flags, beach

sprint, and beach relay. By the end of Day 3 the US team had become the crowd and the announcer's favorites and the announcers politely offered to package up the Durban Shore break so the Americans could take it back home.

2009 International Surf Rescue Challenge USLA Team:

Southwest Region: Dave Cartlidge, Tracy Crothers, Renee Locarnini, Lorian Mark, Brian Murphy, Mike Murphy-LA County, CA, Caroline Marani-Capitola **Mid-Atlantic Region:** Matt Caines-Jones Beach, NY, Paul Mangel-South Jersey, NJ, Ryan Matthews-Belmar, NJ, Emily Ward-Hamptons, NY **Southeast Region:** Jennifer Noonan-Palm Beach, FL **Manager / Coach-** Jay Butki- LA County, CA

3rd International Surf Rescue Challenge Results:

1 Australia	269.5
2 South Africa	199.5
3 USA	108
4 Great Britain	107

Pembroke Developmental Challenge Results:

1 Australia	338.5
2 South Africa	249.5
3 South Africa -Under 23's	207
4 USA	117
5 Great Britain	116

Paul Mangel dominated the surf race in the 2nd Test beating Aussie Surf Racing All-Stars Zane Holmes and Chris Allum and Springbok Champ Shaun Dia , the US Surf Teams of Caines, Locarnini, Mark & Mangel took 2nd on the 3rd Test, Renee Locarnini had several awesome swims finishing each with a hard charging run, The Surf Race is supposed to be roughly 400 meters but due to surf and currents the women's race took over 8:30 for Naomi Flood to win and Renee powered the Women's Rescue Race into a couple of Silvers, and Brian Murphy also brought home a few Silvers. Unfortunately we suffered 2 DNF's and 6 DQ's on the Women's side but I protested and got 4 of the DQs removed, those were 4 points we could have used

Thanks to all the USLA athletes for their commitment to excellence, and to the USLA for it's financial support, and a hearty thanks to Patagonia, Finis, Tyr, Robin Hood Screen Printing for the uniforms and clothing, thank you to Zinka for the Suncare supplies, Mark and Barry Lewin of Custom Kayaks for the donation of the 5 Titan Surfboards, Ryan Butcher and Hurricane Paddleboards for the 4 racing paddleboards, Mike Murphy for all the racing around and organizing the US Team Gear, Shannon Sullivan and Altour for the Travel assistance, and a very special thanks to the Mid-Atlantic Region of the USLA and Uni-Serve for their generous Uniform donation and the \$500.00 from the MA Region to each of their Representatives. All of the USLA National Team members showed great spirit, and exemplary surf skills, and were all very appreciative of the opportunities this trip provided them.

Future Events

2009

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

June 20-Malibu Surf & Sport Festival-The Jake Dory Race & Tom Zahn Paddleboard Race

July 18-San Clemente Ocean Festival

July 24, 25-JG & CSLSA Regional Championships-Seal Beach

July 31, Aug 1-International Surf Festival- LA Co Intracrew Relays, Taplin Relays-Manhattan Beach

Aug 6, 7, 8-USLA National Lifeguard Championships- Ft Lauderdale, FL
Aug 22, 23-Duke's Oceanfest Waterman Challenge-Waikiki
Sept 2009-Sanyo Bussan International Lifesaving Cup,-Japan
Oct 10, 11-World Masters Games, Lifesaving Competition-Manly Beach, Sydney, Australia
2010

Jan 2010- 21st Wieland Shield-Victoria, Australia

The 21st Shield Organizing has begun. The 4 Female and 7 male California Lifeguard Athletes will be selected off of results from the 2008/2009 competition seasons. The tour is co-hosted by Life Saving Victoria and Surf Life Saving Australia

Oct/ Nov 2010 ILSF Rescue 2010- Lifesaving World Championships-Alexandria, Egypt
Venue changed from Cornwall, England this past Feb after LSGB withdrew

July 2010 CSLSA Regional Championships-
venue to be determined- Santa Cruz ?or Venice? Or ?

Aug 2010 USLA National Lifeguard Championships-
venue to be determined Southwest Region hosts? HB or Venice

Mar 2011 10 Nations / 4th International Surf Rescue Challenge-New Zealand

Mar 2012 ILSF Rescue 2012 Lifesaving World Championships-Sunshine Coast, Australia

Summer 2013 5th International Surf Rescue Challenge-USA or GB?

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Butki

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