



## ASRL Forum Minutes

**Location:** Coogee Bay Hotel

**Date:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Time:** 1pm Start

**Attendees:** Bert Hunt (President), Don Alexander (Treasurer), Natasha Tunney (Secretary), Don Cotterill (VP), Grant Wilkinson (VP), Geoff Wilson (VP), Nick Sampson (VP), Damian O'Shannassy (VP)

**Invitees:** See attached attendance list

- **Crew Numbers and Trends – led by Russell Lamb**
  - What are the growth or decline numbers of crews per division
  - What is the trend at ASRL Open and Aussie
    - See attached report from Russell
- **SLSA National Workshop Questions**
  - ASRL Survey Results – Short Course racing
    - 2500 responses
    - See attached results
  - Matt, Michael & Peter comment
  - Discussion on Short Course – Recommendations below, majority supported
    - Age group Open Men/Women U19 Men/U23 Women
    - Stand Alone event held in January
    - Attached to Aussies is the second option
    - Championship Event with Aussie Medals
  - Discuss Run Finish for Aussie Boats
    - Not supported by majority of the group
- **Aussie Championship**
  - **Finals over 2 days or all Sun?**
    - Endorsement to run finals on Sat & Sun. Vote held:
    - Option 1: plan for finals over 2 days
    - Option 2: Plan for Sunday finals and only utilise other days if required



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- **Draws**
  - Ensure even spread across all lanes in 3 rounds i.e. Palm Beach lanes 135 or 2 4 6
- **The Course**
  - Range finder for setting course distance – reasonably good tool to set a course up to a point.
  - Utilise trends to make adjustments to courses, don't accept a bias all day – give course manager the ability to change course on the fly.
  - Predominant wave effect on setting the finish line – take into consideration
  - Suggestion to utilise course managers who have good water knowledge as opposed to officials
  - Utilisation of drones to provide info on course
- **Live Stream**
  - Not up to scratch.
  - Poor representation of boat section
  - General feeling that the other competitors even juniors are getting better deal at the other end of the beach
- **Cost**
  - Very expensive for 1 event
- **Other**
- **Surf Hazard Replacement–**
  - SRR, Bert to work with Shane Daw on refining the system to make more appropriate for Surf Boats
  - The app is great, very user friendly.
  - Perhaps could benefit from having mandatory fields and other fields optional that are more suitable for patrol. A definition needs to be made between what is for patrol and what is for competition.
  - Some doubling up of factors, i.e. water quality & then debris further down
- **Surfboat Development– led by Wilko**





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- what are the positives and negatives from each State/Region that we should be focusing on
- What sorts of thing can we collectively do to improve competition close to home in the first instance
- Delivery of the day to day boat carnival
- **Surfboat Elite**
  - Ocean 6
    - Not appropriate for boats at this stage, format needs changing to make it better for boats. Need to keep pushing for boats to be included.
    - A carnival could be held to the side, running down to the top 4 crews men and women, they then move over to the main area for the finals
    - Short course
  - What are we after as the result from an elite competition and what are the positive and negative effects on the rest of the sport
    - Can all present go back to clubs, states and ask what the elite competition should look like.
  - How best to cater for the elite in the sport considering cost and travel
- **ASRL Open 2019**
  - 2019 is a Gold Coast year and late 2018 will see the Worlds held in Adelaide
  - DNSW sponsorship, we have one more year in the current contract for 2020 but we have discussed the possibility of changing that to 2019 or increasing for both 2019 & 2020
  - Decision on location for the 2019 Open
  - Motion proposed by DC to go back Elouera
    - Seconded by NT, All in favour. Motion carried
    - ASRL Open will be held at Elouera on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- **National Team Selection Event**
  - Discuss date and location





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- Discuss format for selection event senior
- Discuss format for selection event youth
  - Motion from DC that the National Team Selection Event is held in Lorne on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - Matt Collins seconded, majority supported.
  - Suggested format, Sat selection event/Sun fun day
- **NSW Rowers Body**
  - How do we communicate directly to NSW rowers
    - Utilise the SNB Boat Panel –NR, Russ & Matt C
  - What is the current status of the SLSNSW Boat Commission and is it the best vehicle for the ASRL to work with or does NSW need to revamp their own SRL
    - Utilise the NSW boat panel to communicate

Forum Closed 16:00

