

General Meeting
Held at: Dunedin Central Police Station
Date: 9th April 2015
Time: 19.00hrs



PRESENT

Don Peat, Alli Wallace, Brian Benn, Nathan White, Murray Linwood, Rowan Leck, Dave Stevenson, Kelvin Osborne, Hugo Dobson, Sid Gorton, Jeanette Gorton, Amie Manning, Cam Third, Rhys McAlevey, Seth McPhee, Keith Simon, Les McBean, Stan Hansen

APOLOGIES

Nicky Third, Martin Balch, Lindsay Ross, Jack Paterson, Colin Weatherall

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 3rd February at Brighton Surf Life Saving were circulated and taken as read and approved by all.

CORRESPONDENCE

In

19/03/2015	Invitation from Lox Kellas for DNMSAR members to attend land based search grid training at Portobello Fire Station – Stan Hansen and Jack Patterson attended
16/03/2015	Email to Paul Sharp and Alli Wallace from John Nelson (Dunedin Rotary) thanking MSAR members for their assistance at the annual Rotary duck race held on the previous day – Paul and Alli both responded with Alli offering assistance for next year
04/03/2015	Xero Monthly invoice
March / April	Various Bank Statements
09/04/2015	Email to Alli from Z Good in the Hood congratulating us on being successful in our application
09/04/2015	Email with letter attachment from DCC acknowledging our entry into Trustpower Community Awards
09/04/2015	Invitation from NZSAR to Don to attend the NZSAR Awards on Tuesday 21 st April
02/04/2015	Notice from Brighton Surf Life Saving Club inviting members to attend a Friends for Sharks evening being held at the surf club on Friday 10 th April at 7.30pm
March / April	NZSAR Link Magazines

Out

26/03/2015	Application for Fonterra Grass Roots funding submitted by Alli
18/03/2015	Entry submitted for Trustpower Community Awards by Nicky
	March Newsletter sent to all members by Alli
	Various emails and communication sent to local businesses by Alli in regards to sponsoring raffle prizes for our upcoming quiz night

REPORTS

Finance

- A current profit and loss statement was circulated (also attached to minutes)
- Invoices to pay
 Weebly \$99 (website fee) *Approved by meeting for payment*

- Fonterra Grass Roots funding application has been submitted
- Lottery Grant Board application to be submitted in the next few weeks – Alli and Don to work through and submit application

Taieri First Response:

- Very quiet - The team were all prepared for 2 incoming patients from the rescue on Wednesday night but due to seriousness, patients were flown directly to hospital

IRB Squad

- Some funding has been received through Surf Life Saving and Seth is looking to purchase life jackets and booties for the squad
- IRB nationals were held in at Warrington in March so squad members spent a lot of time training and being involved in this

Water Rescue Squad

- The winch has now been fixed and back in use
- A winch training session is to be held at Lake Mahinerangi on Saturday 18th April from 9.30am – downside of training in the lake is there are no swells and different currents
- Paul is to discuss training with Heli Otago who would like to avoid training in sea where possible to avoid wear and tear on the winch. Training has become urgent as it has been over 12 months since many members have done a live winch. The legalities are loose around how many winches must be completed each year.
- Brian suggests each squad member should undertake a practice winch every 6 months as a minimum requirement

Police SAR Squad

- Some members of the squad participated in the Roxburgh LandSAR exercise along with members from the Clyde Coastguard and 2 people from Dunedin Coastguard attended. Brian discussed how a drone was used – not very successful.
- Southland Police have been busy with missing people job on the Catlins coast
- The squad have been involved in the search for Denise Potter – special guest present, Murray Linwood (Denise's brother in law) who is down from Oamaru and is involved in the search. A gyrocopter has been used of the last few days to search the coast line.
- The Police are planning the budget for June 2015 – June 2016. This means we need to pick a date for 2015 marine SAREX. Don is to coordinate with Brian

AREC

- Enjoyed LandSAR exercise in Roxburgh and had people from all over Southern district attend - Arranged communications on the Old Man Range which was difficult and challenging

EQUIPMENT

Don asked for equipment items to be left on agenda and to be discussed at the next Executive meeting in May

- Grab Bag at Otago Harbour Control Office (aka the Gatehouse)

- Rowan asked what happened with the update to the equipment list?
This was tasked to the equipment officer and is recorded in the cloud.
Access to this was discussed and will be discussed again at the next executive meeting
- Rowan asked about the rescue harnesses - how many times have they been used and who / what is being recorded in compliance with the H&S requirements?
Paul doesn't believe that that information is recorded - further discussion on this matter and referred for further discussion
- Don moves that at the next executive meeting, further process for recording the usage, testing and replacing our equipment be established.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ignite Consultants

- Alli explained that her and Don attended a meeting last week to provide the consultants with an overview of DNMSAR, along with a few key items we would like them to assist us with including the strategic plan and funding.
- The final presentation will take place on Thursday 14th May – more details to come

Note: Ignite Consultants team leader Hugo Dobson attended our meeting

Z Good in the Hood

- DNMSAR has been selected to be involved with Z Good in the Hood at Z Mosgiel during May. Along with this, we have been asked to film a TV Commercial to promote Good in the Hood. The filming is taking place at Brighton Surf Life Saving Club on Thursday 23rd April (wet weather location TBC). More details will be provided once timing is confirmed.

Quiz Night

- Quiz night is being held on Thursday 16th April at Kensington Tui Clubrooms at 7pm. Tickets are available from Alli for \$5 per person
- Lots of raffle prizes have been donated so don't forget your gold coins!

Rotary Duck Race

- Rotary were extremely impressed by our members assistance and positive attitude during the event. We have offered our assistance for the coming years which Rotary has politely accepted and they will try to assist us financially where possible.

Search and Rescue Exercise – Sunday 19th April

- IMT team to meet at Taieri Mouth at 10am
- Boats on the water at 12 midday at Taieri Mouth
- Please email Don or Rowan with your availability and more details will be release early next week

Operations – 27th January to 8th April 2015

M/D/Y

2/6/2015 13.30 Goat Island Capsized Kayaker P020142359

13.00 aprox Informant contacted Police reporting from Magnetic street Port Chalmers of sighting a kayak capsize on the harbour opposite the yacht club. The paddler and kayak separated and the informant lost sight of both objects. It was reported that they were drifting towards the storage sheds. Harbour control was contacted but could not sight with their cameras due to rain. PSQ at PCYC but not sighted anything on the water. Pol SAR asked Coms to only page Coastguard to assist the search. Weather conditions temp 10°, wind SW gale with rain showers and sea state rough. DCC was reported attempting to get boats on the water including air assets. 13.00 CG was paged and launched at 13.35. 13.04 Adviser MB overheard radio traffic and started a phone search for SAR boats and yacht club crew with nil results. 1322 420,800,440 paged. Paul Sharp reported later that he arrived at the hanger at 13.27 having noted an hour earlier sighting Air 1 flying towards central Otago and expected to see Air 2 being prepared for launch. The base was closed and quiet and he found a paramedic alone pottering in the hanger and not aware of the pager call and the 2 other BK117s away on jobs. G. G. was phoned and arranged for a Jetranger to be prepped and pilot for a strop rescue. All mustered and ready to launch when the stand down paged at 13.34 when it was confirmed the paddler was on shore at Back Beach. The Coastguard continued to search for the kayak until stood down separately and the kayak located at a later time. See ODT report attached.

45 Minutes duration

2/15/2015 19.53 Taieri Island Boat on Beach P020235525

Informant contacted Pol from unknown location to report a boat up on beach by Moturata island, possibly just fishing, but unusual circumstances. boat is approx 18 ft run about. No further information or action taken

15 Minutes duration

2/15/2015 22.44 Dunedin Distress flare report P020247148

Coms reported an informant at Hunt St Dn had sighted 5 or 6 flares about 100 to 200 m high coming down in the direction of Forsyth Barr Stadium. There were no other sighting reports. Adviser did not consider it a distress - height of flares and location, direction sighting reported, degree of probability of a boat in the direction with so many flares. Coms contacting RCCNZ as per SP

15 Minutes duration

2/15/2015 16.44 Smails Beach Surfer in rip P020244746

Report to Police of 2 surfers caught in a rip lost board calling for help waving arms approx 10m out 2 surfers have gone out to help 16.45 police were advised that they looked to be okay now - all standing up and walking in informant asked them if they were ok and nil ambo reqd. They had been in the water for about 20 min Last information was they were talking to other surfers NFA at 16.50

15 Minutes duration

2/18/2015 15.02 Tunnel Beach Breakdown P020274949

Police were advised by RCCNZ of a ch16 call originating at Tunnel Beach reporting an inflatable boat with 2 POB outboard engine would not start and requested a tow. An all ships broadcast for assistance got nil response to RCCNZ. Pol DCC established direct contact by VHF crew in no immediate danger and asked that SLSC be asked to assist. Pol car above site and assisted IRB to

vessel 430 paged to St.C for tow at tunnel beach area. 2 crews responded (5 people in total) some time delay for 2nd IRB as crew was working in Allenton/Outram area. IRB 1 found 4.8m thundercat with 2 pob near blackhead. Got tow under way. IRB 2 on water. Met IRB 1 and took 1 person (health issues, but okay). Returned 2 pob & 1x vessel to St.C. Even transported vessel to owner's front lawn! (Victoria rd) they were grateful for service received. Made \$100 donation to St.C SLSC Had handheld vhf. Used ch16 for help. Wearing wetsuits but not lifejackets. Had previously completed IRB driver training course with B SLSC. Imitation Yamaha engine unreliable. 3rd breakdown this summer. 2nd time towed home by surf life saving. Refused to provide details at previous towing incident. This was discussed privately.

120 Minutes duration

3/15/2015 16.12 Long Beach Multi drowning report P020546247

10 min delay with Dn Sgt advising Comms to call CG WRS and Heli. Nature of incident and location described as 'The tunnel Long Beach' The tunnel quoted is a natural tunnel through the cliff at the Nth end of Long Beach to the next bay accessed only at low tide. WRS responded to hanger and KHP Air 1 & Coastguard launching Surf responding with ? IRBs when stand down paged. No further info of distressed.

17 Minutes duration

3/24/2015 8.40 Allens Beach Yacht not answering call P020635825

A yacht was observed sailing north towards Dunedin off coast on Monday bight – Tomahawk Beach area at 1800. M B identified it on AIS when he got home but it disappeared off the AIS late evening. Polaris located a yacht anchored off Allens Beach and could not raise attention or get close in to it. At 06.08 RCCNZ received a email from a yacht 'Lady Lay' quoting location 'Quoin cliffs' or point. One POB male DOB 1943 Swiss national heading for either Bluff or Dn to clear customs Skipper had had a rough time and anchored close to surf line. CG & RCCNZ contacted by Polaris skipper with CG responding. 0940 heard CG giving TR's to Port Otago – heading for Quoin Point – ETA 20 minutes Located vessel at 10.00 finding one POB all well. Intention to put CG member on board and escort the yacht to Port Chalmers stand down at 10.15 At 11.00 information received yacht underway at 8 Knots.

30 Minutes duration

4/3/2015 21.00 Coastal Pacific near Oamaru Missing boat good samaritan

Mounting concern about a yacht racing Dunedin to Oamaru that hadn't checked in. Known to have radio problems as it was calling but not acknowledging stations that responded. Discussing with Race Officer, Les McBean options and put a last callout on RT about 2100 hours. After several minutes of general calls and discussions with Sagamo in Oamaru Harbour, subject boat called up and responded that it was 20 minutes out.

20 Minutes duration

4/3/2015 16.35 Tomahawk beach Air crash P020752241

: RL looking out his residence window sighted an Air NZ ATR aircraft at low altitude climbing through 1,200 ft over Lawyers head on a heading to Swampy. Listening to the air radio overheard report of a plane on its back on Tomahawk Beach Police radio traffic confirmed. RMcA at RL went to incident site to investigate while RL took phone call asking if smoke was near Tomahawk? On arrival Fire asked RMcA to use his 4X4 and RMcA identified himself as MSAR and he took men and equipment between the road and the incident site. Local reported to RL that the plane had no engine sound as

to glided over the road and down onto the beach. It appeared that the intention was to land on the wet sand but people walking there and the plane side slipped landing on the soft sand and overturned.

60 Minutes duration

4/5/2015 19.00 Roxburgh Person reported in river P020776744

Initial report of location was to Butchers Dam which was known to be near empty of water adding to confusion. The location then became Roxburgh Dam near Butchers Creek. Call was for WRS to go to assist and assembling further details emerged of inability to contact informant and later a jetski mentioned then stand down.

20 Minutes duration

4/8/2015 16.07 Taieri Mouth Missing kayakers P020805552

A Kayak with 2 POB paddled from Waihola with the intention of the wife picking them up at Taieri Mouth. They text to wife they were passing bridge at 12.39 and later wife text and got no response. Wife did not locate them at Taieri Mouth and KS was given the details and contacted Police SAR and broadcast an all stations alert. Waihola SAR tasked to search down to T.M. Weather reports dictated the event upgrade and Air 1 tasked and found the sunk Kayak and 2 people in the water aprox 1 Km south of Taieri Island. The victims reported they had been in the water for 4 hours. They were suffering hypothermia and Air 1 reported the coldest they had picked up. The survivors were unlucky that 3 vessels had passed close to their location during the same period.

157 Minutes duration

Total: 47.75 volunteer hours

A full debrief regarding the missing kayakers at Taieri Mouth was held at the meeting

NOTICE FOR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday 4th June

VENUE: TBC

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Donald Peat
Chairman

Alli Wallace
Treasurer / Stand in Secretary for meeting