



Exchange Programs

U

CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION 2008 California / Auckland Lifeguard Exchange

**Board of Director's Meeting
Long Beach, CA
April 10th & 11th, 2008**

Exchange Committee Report:

Prepared by Jon Mitchell
Exchange Chair

Committee had 6 Members present.

Yesterday we heard a great presentation from this year's two CSLSA Exchange Representatives Jesse Heydorff (CA. State Parks HB) and Alex Scurr (City of Newport Beach). The two delegates presented themselves well, and even left us with a hope for the future to see our lifeguard community get together more often and share ideas.

The two perpetual A.J. Summers Memorial plaques were given to the 2007/2008 Exchange Delegates. Those plaques will be displayed in their respective agencies for the next year.

In committee we discussed many different aspects of the Exchange.

1. Air Fare Costs (\$2000 to \$2400) roundtrip to New Zealand)
2. Food costs on the trip
3. Equipment that was useful or not needed (wetsuit, fins)
4. Plaques and pamphlets for Clubs (Still a tradition)
5. Sponsorship was key (really need to generate additional funding)
6. Length of the exchange (6 weeks)

While the Kiwi's are here in California we also identified some new individuals who are very willing to get on board and host.

1. Camp Pendleton was very interested, Thanks Tom Atkins
2. Imperial Beach, Thanks Joel Larimer and Rich Hidalgo
3. Newport Beach, Alex Scurr
4. California State Parks, Jesse Heydorff
5. Huntington Beach City, Doug Leech
6. Seal Beach, Santa Barbara, Del Mar, Laguna Beach, Santa Cruz
7. Should have good region support for hosting the new Delegates from Auckland 2008

The Exchange Flyer is in the process of being updated; keep checking the CSLSA website for updates. I am always available for questions via e-mail at exchanges@cslsa.org.

Spread the word, applications and interviews are just around the corner.

Thanks,

Jon Mitchell
CSLSA Exchange Chair