



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Cromwell Pool 7 November 2009 3.35pm.

|| WELCOME:

Mandy Grainger welcomed all to the meeting.

|| PRESENT:

Mandy Grainger (President), Patricia McNaughton(JVP) Colin Walker (Secretary) Graham Price (Treasurer), Alan Hale, Sharon McKinnel, Peter Ross, Susan Sawtell

Alexandra	Barry Dick,
Clutha United	Sharon McKinnel, Blair McNamara (proxy) Nyree Dickie (proxy)
Cromwell	Marie Holden, Karen Bolch, Mike Patton
Dunedin	
Kawa Dolphins	
Kiwi	Julie Cathro, Patricia McNaughton
Milton	
Neptune	Ruth van Welie, Julie McMahan, Margie Murray
Port Chalmers	
Queenstown	Colin Walker, Frank Wylie, Craig Robins (proxy)
Taieri	Gaile Medder, Tracey Thomson, Susan Sawtell (proxy)
Wanaka	Helen Henderson
Waves	Kay Alexander, Diana Evans
Zenith	Sharlene Gillespie
Observers	

|| APOLOGIES:

Lynn Robertson, (Snr Vice President), Vicki Bown, Michael Dodds, Jill Scott, Terry Wall (Management), Jill Scott, Liz Anderson (Alexandra), Penny White, Karen Ramsay (Clutha United) Maria Godfrey (Kiwi), Raylene Stammers, Jimmy Gray (Milton) Anne Marshall, Kathryn Dawe, Licia Mihaka (Port Chalmers) Christine Thompson (Queenstown) Sharon Bungard, (Taier) Terry Wall (Waves), Mathew Heaton, Michelle Slater (Zenith)

Mandy Grainger / Graham Price carried

|| PROXIES

Kay Alexander for Terry Wall, Craig Robins for Christine Thompson, Susan Sawtell for Sharon Bungard, Blair McNamara for Karen Ramsay, Nyree Dickie for Penny White

|| MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 13th September 2009 were approved as a true and correct record.

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|| MATTERS ARISING:

- *Coastal Meets*
- *Meets are now on the 9 and 19 November and a final on the 12 December 2009.*
- *SNZ Remits*
- *A brief summary of what happen to the remits at the Swimming NZ AGM was provided. Most remits went through with some being withdrawn.*

|| CLUB REPORTS:

Alexandra:

Clutha United:

- *Swim club started on the 1st Monday of the 4th school term. We have some new enthusiastic coaches and swimmers. We hope to have a great season.*
- *The South Otago Sports Awards were held recently. We nominated Sharon McKinnel for her commitment to coaching, as well as Elliot McKinnel and Kaitlyn Roxburgh for their achievements in swimming. We were very proud to be able to put their names forward from our club.*
- *We have been invited to be on the focus committee regarding the renovations to the Balclutha pool. Although the closure of the pool next year will be frustrating the end result hopefully will be worth it.*
- *The competitive swimmers have been training hard with great success at otago winter champs and recently at ORCAI. We looking forward to the season ahead and the swimmers are working hard to qualify for the national competitions.*
- *We are having our first club ribbon night on the 9th of November. We hope to get some of our swimmers to qualify to compete at the Otago Country Meet which we are hosting on the 29th November here in Balclutha. We are looking forward to this and seeing great support from the other country clubs in our area.*

Cromwell:

Dunedin:

Kawa:

Kiwi:

Milton

- *The Milton Swimming Club has had its first week of training- only a week later than planned by the council, but three weeks later than we would like. Numbers are strong again this year in all the learners' groups and we are having to operate a waiting list.*
- *We have quite a new look coaching group. Four new coaches attended the course in Gore and Alan Robinson is now coaching the upcoming competitive swimmers. We have a small group attending the first of the Coastal Development series (unfortunately it clashes with a school camp) and it is hoped this number will increase as the season progresses.*
- *We were very sorry to say farewell to Benjamin Gray at the start of the term. Ben is attending Otago Boys and is swimming with Gennadiy and the Neptune Club, so we wish him well in the years ahead.*
- *Callum Stammers gave us something to celebrate when he attended the Aquagym Challenge Meet in Labour weekend and broke three Otago swimming records- the long and short course 50m breaststroke and the long course 50m backstroke.*
- *Our clubrooms were broken into just prior to swimming club starting again. They managed to get away with a TV and DVD player and left a broken window behind for us to fix. Very frustrating.*

Neptune:

Port Chalmers:

- *Firstly apologies from our delegates for being unavailable to attend the Spring Carnival and good luck with this Cromwell Meet. Two of our competitors are attending and we are delighted they made the effort to represent Port Chalmers this w/e.*

- Club reconvened at the start of term four and we have a record number of members with 90 swimmers in the club. Head Coach Licia Mihaka has five committed coaches working with her and all have completed the ACA course and two are logging up their coaching hours with extra coaching during the winter months plus coaching at the newly formed West Harbour Swim School at Port Chalmers pool.
- We have many new members, mostly learn to swim but also a few budding competitors. Feedback from new parents is promising and the club is off to a good start this season. Four of last years competitors have stood down from the squad due to other sporting commitments, but they do come to club for fitness and support our 5 new competitors.
- The committee have planned the calendar of events for the term plus plans for the annual triathlon in Feb 2010 are underway again.
- Finally, on a sad note, one of our life members Marie Abbott died peacefully last week after a short illness. Her ties with the club span 50 years and we have records of her commitment to the club in our archived minute books. It was during Maries time of endless fundraising that the club rooms were built and the roof put over the pool plus the bus load of competitors attending swim meets from Port Chalmers. We extend sincere condolences to Marie's family and remember her history with the club with fondness.

Queenstown:

Taieri:

Wanaka:

- The season is progressing smoothly for the club. We have increased our numbers this term, and now have three squads training under the watchful eye of coach Tim Holden.
- There are around 18 swimmers in the two development squads and a steady core of 11 swimmers in the top Titans competitive group.
- It is encouraging to see the development swimmers starting to step out and attend their first swim meets – the first novice meet in Queenstown was well received and enjoyed by our group who attended.
- The Titans squad members have been travelling and attending several meets including Otago Winters, Orca, Early Bird in Queenstown as well as local distance meets, and are pleased to be adding some national qualifying times to their medal and ribbon tallies.
- The club has hosted the second Central Otago Distance meet in October and is hosting the second novice meet in the local series, with the help of personnel in the district. We appreciate the support of these personnel as we continue to work towards growing our club both in swimming numbers and qualified officials.
- We are counting down to our main fundraiser of the year – a Wine and Cheese evening and auction of handmade clock artworks made by local celebrities/artists. We are fortunate to have had enthusiastic support from local radio and media in this venture.

Waves:

Zenith:

|| PROJECT VANGUARD

- Information was provided to the members on the responses to the visits and discussions held with Martyn Newman-Hall. Will have to await the outcome of all the responses and any changes proposed.

|| NZ SHORT COURSE CHANGES

- Members were told of the changes proposed for the NZ Short Course Championships. It was agreed that we express a view that it should be two different meets.

|| SPORT ACADEMY XCELERATOR

- Members were reminded that the information on the Xcelerator programme had been sent to Clubs and the close off for applications.

|| AGE GROUP PATHWAY MEETING

- Trevor Nicholl's Programme Manager for Age and Youth swimmers is going to provide an opportunity for swimmers to attend a meeting to learn about the pathway for Age and Youth swimmers. One meeting will be in Dunedin and one in Queenstown.

|| TRANSFERS

- Clubs were reminded that they cannot withhold the approval of a swimmers transfer if any money is owing to parties outside of the club.

|| FINA HANDBOOKS 2009-2013

- Orders for FINA handbooks will be received by Swimming Otago if clubs wish to take this opportunity rather than sending in separate requests to SNZ.

|| OFFICIALS

- Alan Hale outlined the information that is available for officials and that new way is to mentor officials and to assess them at the appropriate time.

|| GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Central Camp**
The Central Coaches are holding a camp the last weekend before Christmas in Cromwell for some of the younger swimmers.
- **Country Clubs**
Frank Wylie raised the issue of maybe having Country Club Championships twice in Central Otago to once on the coast. Another suggestion was that clubs should bid to hold the meet. It was agreed that this matter should be given further consideration.
- **New Coach in Queenstown**
Frank Wylie advised that Carol Corcoran was now coaching with him in Queenstown.

Meeting closed 4.12pm

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____