



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Moana Pool 13 September 2009 11.30am.

WELCOME:

Mandy Grainger welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT:

Mandy Grainger (President), Lynn Robertson, (Snr Vice President), Colin Walker (Secretary) Graham Price (Treasurer), Alan Hale, Sharon McKinnel, Susan Sawtell (Management)

Alexandra	Barry Dick,
Clutha United (proxy)	Sharon McKinnel, Margie Willets(proxy) Nyree Dickie
Cromwell Dunedin	Gaylene Hancock (proxy)
Kawa Dolphins	
Kiwi	Maria Godfrey, Julie Cathro, Sue Maclaurin (proxy)
Milton	Raylene Stammers, Jimmy Gray
Neptune	Ruth van Welie, Julie McMahan, Margie Murray
Port Chalmers	
Queenstown	Colin Walker, Frank Wylie, Christine Thompson
Taieri	Gaile Medder, Susan Sawtell (proxy)
Wanaka	Helen Henderson
Waves	proxies Diana Evans, Andy Adair, Debbie Davidson
Zenith	Sharlene Gillespie,
Observers	

APOLOGIES:

Patricia McNaughton(JVP) Jill Scott, Terry Wall (Management), Jill Scott (Alexandra), Penny White, Karen Ramsay (Clutha United) Patricia McNaughton(Kiwi), Karen Bolch(Cromwell), Anne Marshall, Kathryn Dawe, Licia Mihaka(Port Chalmers), Frank Wylie (Queenstown) Tracey Thomson, Sharon Bungard,(Taieri) Justine Ansley, Christine Humphrey(Wanaka) Terry Wall, Mac McDonald, Kay Alexander (Waves), Mathew Heaton(Zenith)

Lynn Robertson / Vicki Bown carried

PROXIES

Diana Evans for Terry Wall, Debbie Davidson for Kay Alexander, Andy Adair for Mc McDonald, Christine Thompson for Frank Wylie, Alan Hale for Sharon Bungard, Susan Sawtell for Tracey Thomson, Sue Maclaurin for Patricia McNaughton, Nyree Dickie for Karen Ramsay, Margie Willets for Penny White, Gaylene Hancock for Marie Holden

Vicki Bown /Sharon McKinnel carried

|| MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 14th June 2009 were approved as a true and correct record.

Lynn Robertson /Vicki Bown carried

|| MATTERS ARISING:

- No matters were raised

|| CLUB REPORTS:

Alexandra:

Clutha United:

- It has been a quiet time for us since June. Our pool has been shut for maintenance and reopened about a month ago. Tenders from the council have just gone out for upgrading to the pool in mid next year. These upgrades include shortening the pool to 25m which will be beneficial. We look forward to these improvements.
- Some of our junior swimmers have continued to train for competitions in meets in Southland and Otago. Elliot Mckinnel has been swimming at the South island champs and Secondary schools which he gained a 4th and 5th placing. He has been at local meets as well.
- We are now organizing the start of our new club swim season which starts at the beginning of the 4th school term.

Cromwell:

- The Cromwell Swim club is just getting under way for the new season with registration night for all swim club swimmers this week.
- We had a good response with 90 swimmers registering with our club.
- There has been a reduction in the number of competitive swimmers coming through – this may be down to the cost factor. With the new revamped pool and new Management the club has been forced to pay more for our lane times this season which has reflected on our cost to swimmers.
- Our swim squad has been ticking along all winter, but with only 11 swimmers in this squad we will be looking to increase our squad profile over the next couple of months.
- We had 3 swimmers attend the Wharenui swim meet in Christchurch recently and 1 swimmer attend the South Island swim meet in Invercargill last weekend with all swimmers gaining PB'S.
- The Cromwell club hosted a Winter Meet in Cromwell a couple of weeks ago – this meet had a good turnout of over 60 swimmers from Wanaka, Queenstown, and Wanaka attending for some early season swims. It was great to see some of our younger swimmers gaining race experience this early in the season.
- We will also host a distance meet early next week for the Central teams.
- The club would like to say a BIG thank you to Jill and Pete Scott-Weekly for their time they have given to our club over the years – they will be sorely missed but we wish them well in Wellington

Dunedin:

Kawa:

Kiwi:

- Kiwi Swim Club continues to have a successful year. Our numbers remain high and weekly attendance has remained at a high level. We have a growing waiting list as well and have had to close our books to new members for this year.
- Our AGM was held in June and the committee has been reappointed. We note the sad passing of one of our long standing committee members and coaches, Norm Duxbury.
- Finding coaches for every club night continues to be a challenge. We manage to have coaches for every lane and have a good steady list of people who continue to help.
- Ribbon Nights held on the 5th night of every term are very popular with the children and are showing great results in the children improving their times in all the strokes.

- We have a small group of competitive swimmers who have attended several meets and continue to improve their times. Discussions have been held with Waves and OSCA to establish a pathway for these competitive swimmers who wish to step up their training and competing beyond the level we can provide with the Development Squad.
- Preparations are underway for our Kiwi Challenge Meet to be held on November 22. We are looking forward to another successful, well attended meet.

Milton

- The 2009- 2010 swimming season is shaping up to be one of quite major changes for the club.
- Two long-term members of the committee stood down at the AGM and their expertise will be greatly missed. Fortunately new members have stepped forward to take up positions on the committee but with nearly all the office bearing positions being held by new people there may be some teething problems initially.
- We are also looking at having to replace three or four of our more experienced coaches. Once again we are lucky to have people from the community offering to attend the ASTA training course in Gore (the Dunedin one always seems to be held in August before we are ready for it.) Hopefully they will quickly and confidently slip into their coaching roles and become long-term members of the coaching team.
- While our two competitive swimmers have started training in Balclutha, a delay to the opening of that pool meant they hadn't had enough pool time to build up their fitness levels after the winter break, so they missed the South Island meet that they had been hoping to attend, and will probably opt to train rather than attend Springs- a slightly disappointing start for them.
- The Milton Swimming Pool is due to open at Labour Weekend, so, provided there are no delays, the swimming club will start up after that.

Neptune:

Port Chalmers:

Queenstown:

Taieri:

- Swimmers who train with professional coaches have continued to enter meets over the winter
- 2 swimmers at South Island Champs last weekend.
- 6 swimmers at Otago Winter Champs.
- Mosgiel pool opened at the beginning of September so the squad have started training again. Michelle Grainger has returned as squad coach
- Improver & Learner groups will begin at the start of term 4.

Wanaka:

- The last 3-4 months have seen a small steady core of swimmers training under coach Tim Holden. This is the first time in many years that the pool has been open continuously from the start of the year onwards, allowing a steady coaching programme to be being run throughout the autumn/winter period.
- With the management of the Community Swimming Pool now under the control of Lakes Leisure (with the proviso that they had sole rights to running learn to swim programmes at the pool), the club has had to adapt to the loss of it's Learn to Swim programme which had been set up last year, was running very successfully and which was providing a degree of income for the club.
- To this effect we now have no actual club time anymore at the pool, but have two squads swimming – the development squad who are a group of 12-15 swimmers who are moving into their first competitive experiences, and the titans squad – a group of 11 swimmers competing on a regular basis at meets. Tim has been working alongside Lakes Leisure, to assist the follow through of children from the learn to swim into the competitive squads.
- We are organising a number of fundraising activities for the following months including a children's fashion show, auction of handmade clock artworks, and working in hospitality roles at some upcoming local events.

- The club has also trialled a course of adult learn to swim classes, to help improve general swimming ability at all ages within the community, and also generate additional income.
- At the Club AGM midyear, we said farewell to Debbie Henderson as our treasurer and welcomed Phillippa Findlay to the role.

Waves:

Zenith:

|| OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIP RULE CHANGES

- A change to the visitor rule for the Otago Championships and the awarding of medals was proposed. A discussion was held on the proposed changes. The Central Clubs believed the Otago Championships were for local swimmers and for the younger swimmers is seen as one of the highest achievements. Waves supported the change and believed we need to lift the standard of swimming and therefore need to compete against swimmers at a higher level.
- It was moved by Colin Walker and Helen Henderson that the 16 and over age group have no restriction on visitor with the balance of the age groups retaining the current two visitor rule.

The motion was lost

- An other amendment was moved Susan Sawtell and Andy Adair that
 - The Otago Championships are open to all Swimming NZ competitive swimmers
 - In all individual events the eight fastest times per age and gender qualify for the finals
 - Medals will be awarded to the first 3 place getters from Otago in the final. Visitors will be awarded a medal according to their placing in the final if they finish in the first 3 places. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 8 finalists who do not receive medals
 - Only Swimming Otago swimmers will be eligible for the regional trophies and records.

The motion was carried

The amendment became the motion which was put and was carried

Susan Sawtell/Andy Adair carried

|| OTAGO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL RULE CHANGES.

- Some changes to the Otago Primary and Secondary School rules were proposed.

Primary Relay Events

Event 4	Mixed 12 years & Over Freestyle Relay
Event 5	Mixed 11 years Freestyle Relay
Event 6	Mixed 10 years Freestyle Relay
Event 7	Mixed 9 years & Under Freestyle Relay
Event 8	Yrs 7&8 Mixed Medley Relay (Bk, Br, Fly, Free)
Event 9	Yrs 7&8 Mixed Freestyle Relay

A swimmer may swim in **one age group relay only** and the **Year 7&8 Medley relay** and the **Year 7&8 Freestyle relay**.

Swimmers must only swim in the relay event for which they are qualified by age.

Events 4, 5, 6 & 7: teams may be any combination of boys and girls.

Events 8 & 9: the Years 7&8 Medley Relay and the Years 7&8

Freestyle Relay are for Year 7 & 8 students only. Each school may

enter **1 team only** and the team may be **any** combination of boys and/or girls.

It was resolved that the limit on the number of teams be deleted.

Chris Thompson/Sue Maclaurin carried

Secondary School Relays

Event 25	Male Open 200 Freestyle Relay
Event 26	Female Open 200 Freestyle Relay
Event 27	Mixed Open 200 Freestyle Relay
Event 28	Male Open 200 Medley Relay
Event 29	Female Open 200 Medley Relay
Event 30	Mixed Open 200 Medley Relay <i>Entries from co-ed schools</i>

A swimmer may swim in one freestyle relay & one medley relay only.

Events 27 & 30 - teams must have at least 1 boy and 1 girl.

Names of swimmers in relay teams to be submitted with entries.

It was resolved that the proposed changes be approved.

Lynn Robertson/Vicki Bown carried

|| OTAGO COUNTRY CLUB NEW RULES

- The proposed update of the rules for the Country Club Championships had been circulated to clubs. A brief outline of the changes was given to delegates. It was agreed that any changes should be emailed to Swimming Otago by 11 October 2009 so Management can approve the rules at the next Management Meeting.

|| SNZ REMITS

- A discussion was held on the remits to be considered at the SNZ Annual General Meeting. Agreement was reached on the decisions to be made for each remit.

It was resolved that decisions on each remit be approved.

Lynn Robertson/Chris Thompson carried

|| OFFICIALS TRAINING

- Waves asked what was happening with training of Officials. Delegates were advised that there had been some minor changes to the rules and that there is a desire to achieve consistency in the training of officials. The training is likely to be more of mentoring than running a seminar. The recent technical official's forum will see some new documents produced to help with training of officials. The rule changes take effect from the 23 September 2009

|| SNZ DATABASE

- An update on where the database was in terms of allowing transfers to be processed was requested. Alan Hale advised that there is ongoing work on the database to get things operating better. There is still work to be done on the reports function as well.

|| NZ REPRESENTATIVE FUND

- Waves asked for the names of those on the committee, whether the money was separate yet and what the story was with allocating funds. The response was that the committee members had just been

finalised and will be meeting to appoint a Chairman. The funds are still part of Swimming Otago and the allocation rules are in place for providing funds to swimmers.

|| ELECTRONIC BANKING

- Graham Price provided information and procedures for internet banking to delegates.

|| COASTAL DEVELOPMENT MEETS

- A discussion was held on the dates of Coastal Development Meets. Neptune 2nd November, Kiwi 10 November and Zenith 19 November. If Kiwi advise they do not want to do a meet then the Neptune meet will shift back. Kiwi to advise their decision within the next 10 days.

|| Proxies

- It was agreed that the names of the proxies shall be provided in writing prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed 12.48pm

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____