



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Centennial Court Conference Room, 2nd November 2007

7.35pm.

WELCOME:

Alan welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT:

Alan Hale (President), Colin Walker (Secretary), Rebecca Smith (Treasurer), Susan Sawtell, Michael Dodds, Peter Ross, Jill Scott
Alexandra Karen Hitchcock,
Clutha United
Cromwell Marie Holden, Steve Shaw, Anna Harrison
Dunedin
Kawa Dolphins
Kiwi
Milton Raylene Stammers
Neptune Rebecca Smith, Julie McMahon
Port Chalmers
Queenstown Colin Walker, Vicki Bown
Taieri Sharyn Bungard, Mandy Grainger, Debbie Tyrrell,
Wanaka Bronwyn Kerr, Hayley Brett
Waves
Zenith Sharlene Gillespie
Observers

APOLOGIES:

Terry Wall, (Vice President), Lynn Robertson, Sharon McKinnel. Mandy Grainger, (Management) Liz Anderson, Ruth van Welie (Alexandra), Karen Ramsay, Ingrid Hurring (Clutha United) Maria Godfrey Sue Maclaurin, Leonie O'Neill (Kiwi) Jimmy Gray, (Milton), Graham Price (Neptune), Anne Marshall, Lyndal Medder, Licia Mihaka, (Port Chalmers), Frank Wylie (Queenstown) Annette Summers (Taieri) Terry Wall, Mac McDonald, Kay Alexander (Waves) Pam Linwood, Glenys Ker (Zenith)
Jill Scott/Vicki Bown carried

PROXIES

- Susan Sawtell for Annette Summers, Diana Evans for Kay Alexander and Terry Wall, Ross McCulloch for Mac Mc Donald, Jill Scott for Liz Anderson.

Rebecca Smith/Sharlene Gillespie carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 17th March 2007 were confirmed as correct.

Vicki Bown /Julie McMahon carried

|| MATTERS ARISING:

- Nothing was raised.

|| CLUB REPORTS:

Alexandra:

- The competitive squad have had a great start to the season, attending the Otago Winters then the Queenstown Early Bird meet and Orca. Last Friday swimmers from both the competitive and development squad attended the first of the junior league meets. We all look forward to Cromwell Spring Carnival this weekend. Swimmers have attained a number of PBs so far this season and several have gained the qualifying times required for national meets.
- Barry Dick is settling in well as club coach. I thank the other coaches and clubs for their support over our transition time. The support shown to Barry and the club has been appreciated. Barry has continued to attend training courses as they become available.
- Barry and our swimmers are developing a wonderful rapport which is reflected in the success our swimmers are enjoying. We very much appreciate the effort that both Barry and his wife Sara are committing to the squad. We also appreciate the efforts they have made during our transition period. The regular news letters are a great initiative, keeping both families and swimmers up to date with information.
- We are again posting swimmer profiles which assist squad members to get to know each other. The swimmers will be responsible for these, with a little bit of help as required. They are displayed on our club notice board. The notice board is looking very colourful and attractive with photos from the Orca meet.
- The development squad is being to establish itself after a few initial problems. We held trials last week to increase the members of this squad. The swimmers that attended the junior league meet enjoyed their first competition and look forward to others over the season. We have had a change of coach for this squad, with Kristin, one of our teenage swimmers taking over the role.
- Learn to swim club nights began at the start of this term. Our club night members swim 2 nights per week over terms 4 and 1. We have had a good response from volunteer coaches. This has allowed us to have no more than 8 per group and in many cases less. We also have been able to take children off our waiting list into learn to swim. We have just purchased number of smaller sized fins and teaching aids.
- We look forward to the season ahead and to catching up with every one at Cromwell Spring Carnival.

Clutha United:

Cromwell:

- The Cromwell Swim club is still without a pool so the club scene is very quite at the moment, although we are in the process of putting 10 of our club coaches through a Red Cross First aid course to help them to complete their ASTA qualifications.
- On the swim squad scene 20 of our squad swimmers have recently attended a week long camp in Invercargill training at the Riverton and Splash Palace pools.
- This training camp was very beneficial to the swimmers and a great amount of PB's were achieved at the recent Orca swim meet.

- Planning is well under way for the up-coming 'Spring Carnival' and the Committee would like to say a big thanks to Colin Walker for his input in helping us to get this meet up and running. We look forward to a successful weekend with a large number of 202 swimmers competing over the weekend.
- We also had a good turnout of younger development swimmers attending the recent League meet in Wanaka, where we also put some of our Parents through a training session on time keeping.
- Our senior Squad swimmers have also attended a training session in Queenstown last Saturday morning with other Central Clubs. The swimmers seemed to really enjoy the session although I'm sure the breaky at McDonalds paid for by the Coach was a draw card!!
- Finally we hope you enjoy our Cromwell hospitably at the Spring Carnival this weekend and let's hope your swimmers swim well and achieve great times.

Dunedin:

Kawa:

Kiwi:

Milton:

Neptune:

Port Chalmers:

- The season recommenced on 9 October with 68 members including committee and coaches.
- Many of last years width improvers have progressed to swimming lengths, and the fitness programmes have encouraged 9 of these swimmers to compete at the upcoming league meets for the first time.
- There is a good atmosphere at the beginners, confident beginner and width improvers groups and coaches and swimmers are enjoying the programmes. Parents are giving good feedback, which is encouraging for our enthusiastic coaches.
- The committee will be busy next month organising out triathlon event which we plan to run again around 20 Feb 2008.
- We are sorry no one was available to attend the Alexander meet but look forward to catching up at the coastal/town league meets.

Queenstown:

- Queenstown Club have had a successful start to the season with 56 swimmers signed up to be competitive and be coached by Frank. Another 134 are swimming twice a week with our 14 volunteer coaches and many of these swimmers were keen to have a go at our first Ribbon night last week.
- On 13 October, with the pool barely open two weeks, Queenstown hosted the new Early Bird Event which will now be a permanent fixture in the calendar. It was a great day and we thank all those visiting clubs for their support. It will be even bigger and better next year in the new Queenstown Aquatic centre.
- The committee has been busy gaining sponsorship for new uniforms, which will be seen around the region in the next few weeks.

Taieri:

- Squad is settled, with good numbers coming to sessions - even during the holidays.
- Scott Cameron has taken 2 sessions with the squad.

- Learner/Improvers started on 6 October. Most children from last season have returned so we were only able to take 14 new children from the waiting list.
- Scott & Tim took a session with coaches from all groups on 15 September.
- The club was pleased to see several new faces putting their hands up to assist with taking the Learner & Improver groups.
- SNZ Coaching Courses – 2 coaches attended the ASTA course and 2 others went to the ACA course.
- 9 swimmers went to Orca.
- 19 swimmers are at the Spring Carnival this weekend.
- Taieri look forward to hosting a League prelim on Sunday 25 November and have started planning for the Otago Country Club Champs on Saturday 8 December.

Wanaka:

- We now have 15 affiliated competitive swimmers, and approx 45 club-only swimmers (and growing).
- Club nights are Tues & Thurs 5-6pm, we have 2 paid coaches: Fiona Fairbairn & Jess Hutton. Plus 6 volunteer coaches.
- Our children have really enjoyed the early season swim meets, and we have had some great results with 4 swimmers already qualifying for National Events.
- Recently Pete Ross-Cromwell qualified 13 of our new parents as time keepers and we have another 4 preparing to become Starters. We are encouraging parent participation as much as possible, and have converted the Swim Otago requirement for 1 official for every 4 swimmers, to 1 parent volunteering, for 1 session, for every 4 their child swims. This has been well received within our club, and we're looking forward to having a season where we contribute well to every meet we attend.
- We have just upgraded our uniforms, the kids are wearing them with pride and looking smart.
- This season we have found ourselves, with an almost completely new line-up of office bearers within our committee, and lots of new parents in support. This has left us with a bit of an experience & knowledge vacuum, so have been very grateful for the help we have received from a number of members of Swim Otago, particularly: Pete Ross, Jill Scot-Weekly, Frank Wiley, Vicky Bown and Colin Walker. Thank you to all who have so generously given time to answers lots of questions and steer us in the right direction.

Waves:

Zenith:

|| OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The SNZ rule regarding scratchings is to be used which is a scratching for finals must be made within 30 minutes of the results being posted.
- The points to be changed so if there is a equal winner there is no half point. The points to be 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2.
Michael Dodds/Diana Evans carried
- A discussion paper was provided to members based on last year's number of swimmers attending. It was agreed that Club's be allocated

a lane or lanes based on the number of swimmers attending plus providing one other key official.

Vicki Bown/Sharlene Gillespie carried

- A flyer to be sent out to encourage swimmers from outside the district to attend and seeking officials from visiting teams.

|| NZ JUNIORS ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Michael Dodds reported there had been meeting and the committee is enthusiastic and things are ticking over.

|| TRANSFERS

- Alan Hale explained the new rules on swimmers transferring and advised the rules are in the SNZ Constitution and on the web site.

|| COACHFORCE

- Alan provided background information on CoachForce and how it works. The funding is split three ways between SPRAC, Sport Otago and Swimming Otago. A general discussion was held on various matters pertaining to CoachForce. It was resolved not to proceed with CoachForce passed the end of December 2007.

Diana Evans/ Peter Ross carried

|| GENERAL BUSINESS: RADS

- Peter Ross outlined the format for RADS which is being held in November 2007. The swimmers will be in the 11-14 year age group and at different stages of stoke.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting: 19th January 2008 Moana Pool

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____