



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Centennial Court Motel, 5th December 2008 7.35pm.

WELCOME:

Alan welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT:

Alan Hale (President), Terry Wall, (Vice President) Colin Walker (Secretary), Graham Price (Treasurer), Michael Dodds, Mandy Grainger, Jill Scott (Management)

Alexandra Liz Anderson Barry Dick, Jill Scott

Clutha United

Cromwell Marie Holden, Anna Harrison

Dunedin Karini Wallace

Kawa Dolphins

Kiwi

Milton

Neptune Ruth Van Welie, Margie Murray

Port Chalmers

Queenstown Colin Walker, Christine Thompson

Taieri Mandy Grainger, Gaile Medder

Wanaka

Waves Kay Alexander, Terry Wall,

Zenith

Observers

APOLOGIES:

- Susan Sawtell Sharon McKinnel, Patricia McNaughton Lynn Robertson Peter Ross, (Management), Sharon McKinnel Penny White (Clutha United) Denise Whyte (Cromwell) Sue Maclaurin Maria Godfrey, Patricia McNaughton (Kiwi) Raylene Stammers, Jimmy Gray (Milton) Julie McMahon (Neptune) Anne Marshall Kathryn Dawe (Port Chalmers) Frank Wylie (Queenstown) Sharyn Bungard (Taieri) Helen Henderson Roger Gordon (Wanaka) Mac McDonald (Waves) Sharlene Gillespie, Glenys Ker, Jo St Baker (Zenith)

Graham Price / Jill Scott carried

PROXIES

- Andy Adair for Mac McDonald, Alan Hale for Sharon Bungard, Graham Price for Julie McMahon, M Dodds for Margie Murray, Craig Robins for Frank Wylie

Mandy Grainger / Christine Thompson carried

OBSERVERS

- Sue Thompson

|| MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 14th September 2008 were confirmed as correct.

Jill Scott /Christine Thompson carried

|| MATTERS ARISING:

- South Island Secondary Schools
These have been confirmed as 3/4 July 2009 in Christchurch.

|| CLUB REPORTS:

- *Alexandra:*
- Our learn to swim groups recommenced at the beginning of term 4 with 30 swimmers. We do not have the number of coaches we had the previous year which has reduced our groups and sees more swimmers on our waiting list. Swimmers from this group who attended the novice meet both in Alexandra and Wanaka enjoyed the events. This was a good introduction to racing in a fun environment. Our groups are going well and swimmers continue to improve. Our coaches are dedicated and making good use of resources available.
- The development squad has finished for the term but will recommence in January to get these swimmers ready for Otago champs. This continues to operate at about 10-12 swimmers. These swimmers concentrated on technique and are making improvements under the watch full eye of Kristin Fraser.
- The competitive squad is also operating at capacity. Our swimmers have already attended a number of meets in Southland and Otago. Our team look great in new hoodies; very popular with the swimmers and purchased with the assistance of pub charity.
- Challenge Cup; this meet went very well this year with 148 swimmers attending, with the help of squad parents the day went well. Our swimmers enjoyed hosting an am meet.
- Otago Country Club Champs. This went very well with a good turn out from country clubs. It was great having this meet immediately after challenge cup making it a weekend of swimming.
- Our coach Barry was very involved in the coach's camp of the weekend of 13 and 14 December. We had a number of swimmers attending this.
- We look forward to the summer season ahead.

Clutha United:

- Our club season has just started for the year. We have a lot of new young swimmers and more competitive swimmers this season as well.
- We have some new coaches and have started a fitness group for swimmers who want to train for fitness only. This has freed up coaches and swim groups allowing for more swimmers overall.
- We held our ribbon night on the 17th November which was very successful with more swim club swimmers attending than expected.
- We are looking forward to a successful year ahead for all our swimmers, competitive as well as our learning to swim groups.
- Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Cromwell:

- Finally we have managed to get our swim club registrations underway this week with about 90 young swimmers keen to start club lessons early next year.
- We have had 12 young club swimmers training twice a week for the past month and they have competed in Wanaka and again this weekend at the Alexandra Christmas Challenge where this will be the first time some of these swimmers will have swam a 50m event in a competition meet – we wish them well.
- Our pool is looking awesome and we can't wait to show it off at the Central Distance meet which is now scheduled for Saturday 20th December, starting at 9am. I believe someone has written to Santa and we hope he will make an appearance!
- We now have 15 swimmers in our competitive squad and they are all in training for up-coming National meets. Peter is away on his honeymoon at the moment and we have Greg Dingwall coaching the squad while he's away.
- The squad swimmers were very lucky recently to be given brand new Speedo swimming bags from The Golden Gate Lodge – these were valued at \$100.00 each so many thanks to Glenn and his team.
- We are looking forward to the Central Camp taking place next weekend in Alexandra.
- I'm sure our swimmers will gain a lot from training with other Central swimmers and their Coaches.
- Finally - good luck to all swimmers competing this weekend.

Dunedin:

- 12 members became competitive swimmers joining Neptune, Taieri, OSCA or Waves.
- 11 non-competitive swimmers participated in the Development Series with a few contemplating moving on next year as competitive swimmers.
- Last few weeks were difficult with the departure of coaches (university students).
- Club going very strong.

Kawa:

Kiwi:

Milton:

- Our pool opened on the 1st November and we began coaching from the 3rd, this is only 2 weeks later than promised and so we are hopeful that our complaints to the Clutha District Council are finally being noted.
- We have a number of new swimmers this season, the club having grown to 90 members. But still only have 4 Competitive. We managed to get a few swimmers to the last Coastal Development Meet and to the Final at Mosgiel and the swimmers all enjoyed themselves. From our club's view we would prefer this series to be later as we don't have much time in the water before the series starts. But the proposal to have a second series early next year would be very welcome.
- We are planning a Chocolate Santa Night on the 11th December for swimmers to get a feel for racing, this will be our last night for the year and we hope to start back on the 2nd February 2009.

Neptune:

Port Chalmers

- The club reconvened on 14 October with close to 80 swimmers. Licia Mihaka has returned as head coach and programmes are going well.
- The inaugural Coastal Development meets has gone better than we expected with 7 of our novice length swimmers eager to take part. Parents have helped out and escorted the swimmers to meets when myself or Licia were unavailable which is a good introduction for them to swim meets. We all enjoyed the final and were so proud of our young swimmers.
- Our 6 competitor swimmers missed out on the spring champs as entries closed 3 days after club commenced but swam at the Kiwi Carnival. Only one swimmer was keen to attend the Alexandra Challenge meet and the Otago Country meet but was reluctant to go alone which means the swimmers have had little opportunity to achieve times in all strokes for the Otago Championships in January/February. It seems it is a catch 22 for competitors in clubs that close in Winter as the swimmers and parents are reluctant to go to Central meets and Invercargill or Oamaru meets as they don't feel fit and fast enough, yet if they don't enter they don't get 'meet mileage' and experience.
- Ironically the novice swimmers will likely get more competition this season if the Coastal meets go ahead again next term.
- Never the less, the squad are enjoying club nights and are being pushed with an energetic new programme. We have an annual Chocolate Carnival on 9 Dec and have introduced ribbons for all participants this year to celebrate the longevity of this event!
- Club closes for the Xmas holidays on 11 Dec and planning is underway for our annual 'Tryathlon' on 17 February.
- A happy Xmas to all delegates and swimmers from all at Port Chalmers Swim Club.

Queenstown:

- QSC held its Early Bird meet in Oct which was a big success. We had 160 odd swimmers and expanded the programme to include more distance swims which proved popular. The new Alpine Aqualand pool coped well with the event.
- Club has moved back to WHS Pool in the 4th school term as its summer base, due to lack of lane space at the new Alpine Aqualand. Squad costs have increased by 50-60% this season to reflect new charges for lane hire. We are working with the WHS to try and get extra funding from the QLDC to fund the gap that still exists after these hefty increases. All in all, the cost of swimming is increasing significantly at a time when the economy is hitting a brick wall. We are genuinely concerned re the affordability of swimming in the Wakatipu and as a Club are doing as much as we can to buffer the impact on families.
- Frank Wylie has coped well with his coaching despite doing his achilles, which followed on from breaking 6 ribs earlier in the ski season. Queenstown are very proud of his latest achievement being selected to help coach the NZ Schools Team in Australia.

Taieri:

- The Taieri swimming club junior swimmers resumed in October.

- All swimmers have been training hard and the novice competing in the coastal development meet and various members of the squad at the ORCA meets, Spring Carnival and the Kiwi Carnival. Michelle has reported a large number of PB's from both meets
- The limited amount of pool time available for the club has provided an opening for supervised additional swim training the senior squad swimmers that are seeking national times are utilising options. The committee are currently planning for the Taieri Carnival on Saturday 14th February this is a very popular event for all swimmers as the emphasis is on ribbons for PB's. We look forward to hosting all other clubs at this a event.
- We commence our Christmas break on 18th December the squad will be back preparing for the Otago Champs on the 13th January

Wanaka:

- Club learn-to-swim programme continues to be increasingly popular with more new enrolments for term 4 and increased pressure on lane space. The club has focused on providing affordable lessons with emphasis on maintaining small groups and a fun atmosphere for the kids. We are especially grateful to our trained volunteers for their time, energy and enthusiasm.
- We have currently around 100 registered swimmers now in the club and 14 of these are currently registered as part of the competitive squad for the season. We are working hard to bring on several talented development swimmers through into this competitive squad.
- Our new coach for the competitive squad Tim Holden has arrived this week to begin coaching the squad. We are currently in the process of working through details of his appointment as he takes over this new role.
- The club has hosted 2 meets since the last delegates meeting: the Central inter-squad distance meet #1 on September 21st and a Novice meet on November 21st. Thanks to the help we received from recorders Jill Scott, Chris Thompson and other key officials in the area whose help enabled these two events to run smoothly.
- The Club has undertaken several fundraising initiatives over the last three months including a cheese-roll fundraiser and a very successful swimathon which attracted a lot of local interest and helped raise funds and the profile of the club in the area.
- Our small competitive group has attended a number of meets around the area over the last two months with some notable results including two new Otago records and several NZ Junior and Div 2 qualifying times.

Waves:

- This reporting period has been a very interesting, busy, and successful one so far.
- **Competition**
- The National Spring Competition in Tauranga at the end of September was a very fruitful one for our swimmers, with some great PBs being swum. Shane and Phoebe Williams qualified for the Junior Pan Pacs in Guam in January, with Stef and Phoebe O'leary having qualified for the Pacific School Games in Canberra in December.
- The next national event is the Summer Champs in Christchurch in December. Congratulations to the following swimmers for qualifying

for this event: Carina, Jordyn, Stef, Kate, Phoebe O, Glendene, Phoebe W, Rhys A, Braden, Shane, Rhys P-W, and Adam.

➤ **Hello/Goodbye**

➤ Hello and welcome to coach Leanne, Natasha Whyte, Noah Leahy, Isabel and Emilia St. Baker, Erik Kjaergaard, Caitlyn Deans and Olivia Stewart- Groot.

➤ Farewell to Nathan Tumaru, Jessica White, Ellie Keogh, Mikaela Koopman, Amelia McDonald Nairn and of course Bryn. We wish you all the best and will miss you all.

➤ **Bryn**

➤ A special farewell to Bryn, who decided to retire after the Spring Competition.

➤ Bryn has been a sterling role model to all our swimmers, and he will be sorely missed. He always seemed to be able to muster a sense of humour, no matter what Andy was doing to him, and his sense of dedication and professionalism is an inspiration to us all.

➤ Good luck in your new career, Bryn. We sincerely hope you won't disappear completely!

➤ **New Coach**

➤ Waves is proud to welcome Leanne Thompson as Andy's new assistant coach. Leanne completed a PE degree at Otago University before moving to Auckland where she worked at Hilton Brown's Learn to Swim operation. She then moved to Christchurch and coached with Brett Naylor and Alistair Johnston at Aquagym before joining our programme in October.

➤ Leanne will look after the Junior Extension and Age Squads, our Dry Land programme and will assist with our Sports Science programme.

➤ **Breakfast Club**

➤ The Breakfast Club has had a great year, with a record number of swimmers now attending. Great to welcome some of the OSCA swimmers too. Well done to Mac who slogs away with those heavy bags, always turning up faithfully, and treating the swimmers to bacon and eggs at the end of each term. Thanks also to his little helpers – Kay, Bronwyn, Debbie, and Libby, and to Sue who balances the books each term. The last breakfast will be on Tuesday 16th December and will recommence at the beginning of the school year.

➤ **New Rule**

➤ SNZ has changed its position of the sixty day stand down rule when transferring clubs.

➤ There is now no 60 day stand-down, unless a swimmer transfers again to another club within a 3 month period

➤ Australian Youth Olympic Festival

➤ Waves is proud to have Andy selected as the coach for this event, and Kay as manager.

➤ Have a great time and learn lots!

Zenith:

|| NZ REPRESENTATIVE FUND

- Queenstown
 - Support the fund but should be through corporate sponsorship
 - Against levy on Otago Championships
 - Against use of \$20,000 as this money should be invested on all swimmers across Otago
 - If there is a profit from Otago Championships then it should be used to reduce entry fees /levies.
 - Cannot keep putting costs onto Country Club's as Club costs have gone up and financial costs going up which is causing some swimmers to struggle.
- Neptune
 - Support Queenstown's comments
 - Not support levy on swimmers
 - Funds held by Swimming Otago should be used on timing equipment etc.
 - Discussion helpful and useful. It is necessary to grow the principal at the same time as paying the swimmers. Need to look at levy on meets and have a lower levy on lower grade of meet
 - Agree with pro rata of qualification and performance.
- Waves
 - Costs for NZ swimmers is high
 - Do we want to have SNZ swimmers in the region
 - Can include in the document a) provision to loan funds to the fund
 - Contribution to fund should allow clubs, corporate and other people to contribute to the fund
 - There should be a exit clause if the Trust is wound up
 - Grants have become very difficult to get and have resulted in nil to a small fraction of the application being provided. Costs for overseas trips cannot obtain funds from grants.
 - Put qualification on swimmers applying for funds must belong to a Swimming Otago Club for say at least one year, set a performance component based on the preparation and performance of the swimmer.
 - Based on principal of \$20,000 at interest rates of 5% over next two years would bring \$1,000 in interest. Based on 50% going into fund project it forward could reach \$100,000 in 10 years.
 - Based on \$1.00 per entry based on number of events across Otago Champs and club run meets would produce \$5,500 to add to the fund
 - Funds to swimmers based on the \$5,500 would be \$900 to some swimmers and \$1500 to others. The \$1.00 levy and a maximum of 20% paid out of any users pay is not a lot.
 - Currently only 2 swimmers on 800 or more FINA points.
 - Some Otago swimmers have been offered to join the Millennium Centre at no cost and Canterbury is currently negotiating for a similar centre to Auckland.
 - The coaches in Otago can produce the swimmers
 - Swimmers can be outstanding individuals who do well at all the things they do which is significant benefit for having them in Otago.
 - There are three swimmers going to train with swimmers in Australia who are world class and it is costing them \$2,500 to train for 10 days.

There is a lot more money involved with top swimmers than just going to NZ swimming meets.

There needs to be a solution otherwise swimmers will go to the Millennium Centre

Andy Adair disputed the funds based on the Swimming Otago balance sheet.

➤ Michael Dodds

Can incorporate the additions suggested

Proportion to go to swimmers based on a user pay

There is mixed opinion on where the funds can come from

The Club's who have not considered the policy need to do so.

The \$1.00 levy on Swimming Otago meets to grow the fund and any profit may be able to grant money for pool hire.

Club meet entry fee levy would voluntary

Need to think of other options to build the fund

Swimmers will get a large proportion of funding

SNZ sets affiliation levy which makes it difficult for Swimming Otago.

Funds are not losing money but money is not being spent.

➤ Alan Hale

Swimming Otago reserves are not great and there will need to be some large expenditure on equipment in the future.

It was resolved that changes be made to the document and then sent back out to the club's for consideration at Otago Championships Delegates meeting.

Liz Anderson/ Terry Wall carried

|| SUPPORT TO SWIMMERS IN NZ TEAMS

- There are 5 swimmers currently involved in NZ Teams with a total cost of \$19,000. A discussion about what the percentage of the cost paid to the swimmers was held.

It was resolved that 20% of the total user pay amount be paid to the five swimmers which would amount to a total of \$3,800

Liz Anderson/Andy Adair carried

|| OTAGO COUNTRY CLUBS RULES AND RELAYS

- Colin Walker outlined that some discussion has been held about updating the rules for the Otago Country Club Championships and the form and age group of the relays as the rules are out of date in light of current meet rules. A new set of rules will be produced in the same format as other meets and options on the formation of relays will be provided.

|| OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

- Discussion was held on any changes to the duty sessions clubs did last year. A list of duties is to be provided. Neptune will be doing the medals. Clubs were reminded of the need to return the trophies.

|| OFFICIAL'S TRAINING AND UNIFORM

- There has been little feed back from Clubs on what officials training is required. Clubs will be emailed again to see what is required. It is

understood some training on the running of the programmes Team Manger and Meet Manager will be required.

- Clubs were advised that there will be a new Officials shirt available for purchase in the very near future. It will be similar to the ones used at national meets. Clubs will be advised when the first order is being taken.

|| COACH DEVELOPMENT

- Clubs were to advise if they wish to obtain some development through Swimming Otago for their coaches. If there is no feed back then nothing will happen

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|| REGIONAL TEAM MANAGER NATIONAL MEETS

- There are still some regional Team Managers required for some National Meets and clubs need to canvas members for this.
- NZ Juniors-Marie Holden offered to do this meet which was accepted.

Graham Price/Michael Dodds carried

|| AFFILIATIONS

- Clubs were reminded to put through all swimmers that are affiliated to clubs as well as competitive swimmers who need to be affiliated if swimming in the Otago Championships. Affiliations should be sent in with a Team Manager file.

|| TRANSFER

- Information on the changes to the transfer rule was advised to members.

|| GENERAL BUSINESS: SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Swimming Canterbury has advised that the South Island Secondary Schools meet on the 3-4 July 2009.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____