



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Cromwell Swim Centre 6 November 2010 3.35pm.

|| WELCOME:

Susan Sawtell chaired the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting.

|| PRESENT:

Colin Walker (Secretary) Vicki Bown, Alan Hale, Sharon McKinnel, Susan Sawtell, Terry Wall

Alexandra	Barry Dick, Liz Anderson
Clutha United	Leanne Lawrence, Sharon McKinnel, Margie Willocks (proxy)
Cromwell	Marie Holden, Mike Patton
Dunedin	
Kawa Dolphins	
Kiwi	
Milton	Alan Robinson
Neptune	Ruth van Welie, Kathryn Duncan (proxy) Kay Alexander (proxy)
Port Chalmers	
Queenstown	Colin Walker, Frank Wylie, Christine Thompson
Taieri	Rosemary Ellis, Alan Hale (proxy) Susan Sawtell (proxy)
Wanaka	Christine Humphrey, Mary Russell
Waves	Andy Adair, Terry Wall, Mathew Heaton (proxy)
Zenith	Sharlene Gillespie, Michelle Slater

|| APOLOGIES:

Mandy Grainger (President), Patricia McNaughton (JVP) Graham Price (Treasurer), Michael Dodds (Management), Karen Bolch (Cromwell) Patricia McNaughton (Kiwi), Julie McMahon, Margie Murray (Neptune), Kathryn Dawe, Licia Mihaka (Port Chalmers) Gaile Medder, Tracey Thomson (Taieri) Leanne Ray (Wanaka), Diana Evans (Waves), Brent Wolf (Zenith)

Vicki Bown / Sharlene Gillespie carried

|| PROXIES

Margie Willocks for Karen Ramsay, Kathryn Duncan for Julie McMahon, Kay Alexander for Margie Murray, Alan Hale for Gaile Medder, Susan Sawtell for Tracey Thomson, Mathew Heaton for Diana Evans, Blair McNamara for Karen Ramsay, Nyree Dickie for Penny White

Sharlene Gillespie / Vicki Bown carried

|| OBSERVERS

Don Pryde, Peter Ross

|| MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 30th January 2010 were approved as a true and correct record.

Terry Wall/Sharlene Gillespie carried

|| MATTERS ARISING:

- No Matters to be raised

|| CLUB REPORTS:

Alexandra:

Clutha United:

- The winter months have been quiet for us, we have had a few swimmers in some of the Southland winters meets and a good turnout for the Neptune Queens Birthday weekend – well done to those that got placings and achieved PB's
- We as a club have done some fundraising, catering for a supper for a Casino evening for the positively Clutha Women's Week raising approx \$500. Thank you to Margie Willocks for organising this.
- Karen Ramsay presented us with our survey results that we put out to parents at the end of season. Majority of people are happy with overall running of our club. Suggestions made were that maybe another form of communication other than just email. A decision was made to continue surveys.
- Due to us getting our swimming pool re-roofed and made into a 25 metre pool, we are unsure whether we are going to be able to top run swim club this season, it is possibly only going to be competitive swimmers, who at some stage will have to travel to maybe Milton for training. A decision will be made at our September meeting. This will also mean we are unable to host our inter club meet in March, but look forward to the following season when we will hopefully have a re-vamped 25m pool.
- Looking forward to the summer meets coming up and doing a little more fundraising.
- At our September meeting we found out our pool is going to be open to at least Christmas so we decided to top run with swim club for the term, we had 30 keen swimmers coming back with a few more late applications. We are trying to find some coaches to be able to fill these positions as we are short of coaches this season. Next meeting we are going to discuss "Fundraising" as we do not need to get some income coming in. Good luck to all those competing in summer meets and have fun training.

Cromwell:

Dunedin:

Kawa:

Kiwi:

Milton

- The pool finally opened on the 5th November and the club started their first night of training/lessons on Monday the 8th November. This season there is 81 children registered to learn to swim and a competitive swimming training squad of 11 young swimmers with 3 swimmers from the Waves club transferring to Milton. The club has 4 new coaches who attended the training day at Moana Pool in August, this bringing the total number of trained coaches to 9. This enables the club to have swimming groups of no more than 6 children per coach at any one time.
- With the later start to the pool opening once again this season it is hard to get competitive swimmers fit to swim at meetings before the Xmas break hence making it hard to get good times for the Otago Champs.
- Some of the younger swimmers are going to swim in the Coastal Development Meets so hopefully with the encouragement of their parents and coaches we may be able to build up the number of swimmers attending swim meets.
- Overall the club has had a very positive start to the season and all looks good for the future with more children planned to attend swim meets and a visit by Santa at the end of the year

Neptune:

Port Chalmers:

Queenstown:

Taieri:

- Squad started back at the beginning of September when our pool opened again. Michelle Grainger is back as squad coach and is being assisted by Amelia Cruice.
- The Learner & Improver groups started at the beginning of term 4. We are pleased to welcome several new coaches this season.
- We have been able to take 25 new children from our waiting list.
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Wanaka:

- Tim Holden left the club in March 2010 to pursue overseas employment. Over the winter whilst the Wanaka pool was closed for refurbishment the club trained once a week at Cromwell.
- Club appointed Fiona Fairbairn as coach at the end of September coinciding with the reopening of the Wanaka pool.
- The club have 10 registered competitive swimmers and 32 club swimmers. Several of these club swimmers competed in our recent novice meet and we're hopeful more will move into competition as the club grows under the new coach.
- This year has seen the departure of many of our experienced competitive swimmers due to schooling opportunities and hence their parents who were active on our committee have also left. At our AGM in August several new parents were elected taking on key roles within the club which has been most encouraging.

Waves:

Zenith:

|| REGIONAL TEAM MANAGERS

- Clubs to check with their members for nominations as Regional Team Manager for the various National Meets for 2011.

|| OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The Secretary outlined the changes to the Otago Championships programme which involves changes to the 200m events in the younger age groups becoming Timed Finals and there are now qualifying times.

|| PROJECT VANGUARD

- Clubs were advised that they should attend the up coming meetings relating to Project Vanguard as this is their opportunity to have input to any changes that might occur.

|| DON TALBOT FUNDING

- Andy Adair outlined the background to how the coach mentoring programme came about. It started from the South Island Coaches forum and in particular trying to get more swimmers in the category of more than 700 FINA points. Don Talbot was suggested by SNZ as he is easily the most successful coach on pool deck. It was believed

that giant strides had been made in Otago swimming and were now a force to be reckoned with.

- Analysis of Otago Open long course records shows there are currently only 2 swimmers who have more than 900 FINA points and hence the need to get help from an international person.
- Andy disagreed that other coaches were not getting benefit from the programme.
- Management have considered the issue and declined to fund phase 2.
- Andy outlined how matters could be improved to involving giving access to other coaches, letting coaches know when he is coming and running clinics for coaches.
- Andy believed that we cannot throw away the talent of Don Talbot and should not chuck away the opportunity
- Canterbury and Eastern Districts have continued with phase 2.
- Coaches at the meeting provided their view on the matter.

It was resolved it be recommended to the Management of Swimming Otago that the funding of Don Talbot be reconsidered once a proposal has been submitted which showed all coaches in Otago are part of the proposal and how they will benefit from it.

Terry Wall/Frank Wylie carried

|| SNZ SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- The Secretary advised members of the results of the SNZ Special General Meeting. The original resolution on adding a rule about communication was rescinded.

|| XCELERATOR

- Clubs were advised that applications were open for swimmers to apply to enter the Sports Academy Xcelerator programme. A email will be sent out to Clubs advising of when applications need to be submitted to Swimming Otago so the applications can be ranked by the selectors.

Meeting closed 4.25pm

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____