



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Moana Pool, 17th March 2007 at 11 pm.

WELCOME:

Alan welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT:

Alan Hale (President), Colin Walker (Secretary), Rebecca Smith (Treasurer), Terry Wall, (Vice President), Susan Sawtell, Michael Dodds, Lynn Robertson, Raylene Stammers, Sharon McKinnel.

Club Delegates:

Alexandra

Clutha United Sharon McKinnel

Cromwell Greg Dingwell,

Dunedin

Kawa Dolphins

Kiwi Maria Godfrey

Milton Raylene Stammers

Neptune Rebecca Smith

Port Chalmers Anne Marshall

Queenstown Colin Walker, Vicki Bown

Taieri Mandy Grainger, Debbie Tyrrell,

Wanaka

Waves Alan Hale, Terry Wall, Mac McDonald

Zenith Pam Linwood,

Observers Andy Adair

APOLOGIES:

Jill Scott, Peter Ross, (Management) Graham Price, Trish Purdie-Smith (Neptune), Ruth van Wylie, Karen Hitchcock, Shane Alan (Alexandra), Steve Shaw, Sue McLellan (Cromwell), Sue Thompson, (Milton), Gary Marks, Sue Maclaurin (Kiwi), Karen Ramsay Ingrid Hurring, (Clutha United), Licia Mihaka, Lyndal Medder, (Port Chalmers) Niki Martyn. (Taieri)

PROXIES

- Diana Ultee for Sue McLellan, Susan Sawtell for Niki Martyn, Leonie O'Neill for Sue Maclaurin, Maree Roxburgh for Karen Ramsay

Terry Wall/Alan Hale carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Subject to those in attendance being corrected the Minutes of the previous Delegates meeting were confirmed as correct.

Karen Ramsay/Raylene Stammers carried

MATTERS ARISING:

- Nothing was raised.

CLUB REPORTS:

Alexandra:

Clutha:

- Howdy from the Clutha United swimming club, heading towards the end of another club season. Only have a few weeks to go which will include distance swims and club

champs, great to see some promising swimmers coming along and watching them perform well at the Primary Schools, we wish all the swimmers that qualified all the best for the Otago Primary School Champs at Moana.

- The squad has been diligently training away under the watchful eye of our very dedicated coach Sharon McKinnel. Three swimmers Cody Latta, Elliot McKinnel and Caitlin Roxburgh are swimming next week in Invercargill at the Div 2 meet. The club is very proud of them and wishes them well.
- The committee has been busy fundraising as always. Great day at the big river festival with the lamb on the spit. Huge thanks to PPCS for donating the lamb and our local New World for discounted bread sticks. The good old scratchie raffle is always a seller and we have managed to keep one of these on the go. The Easter Raffle it just about to get started and we thank the parents and caregivers for their support for this one. We are driving the courtesy van for the local town and country club during the month of May, and thank the club in advance for their help there.
- Look forward to winding down and planning for next season over the winter months.

Cromwell:

- Just reflecting on what a great season our club has had with representative swimmers. Our numbers are up on last year with 2 swimmers attending NZ juniors, 9 swimmers for the South Islands, and 8 swimmers heading to Invercargill for Div2.
- Our competitive squad has grown over the past 2 months with the addition of 6 junior swimmers bringing the total to 24.
- Our club Champs was held on Tuesday with a good turn out of swimmers, this was run during the week due to the pool closing earlier than usual. Our Prize giving was held on Thursday night with a few surprises in the trophy winners. By the amount of junior swimmers coming through the ranks it makes our club look healthy for the future.
- Our Spring Carnival has been booked to be held in Alexandra due to the pool closure.
- Our Club AGM is set for the 14th May at the Victoria Arms Hotel – an invitation is extended to all to attend.
- Finally our pool closes at the end of this month, and supposedly re-opening December. As work has not yet started or the plans finalized we are not holding our breath for being back in the water this year. Plans are under way for alternative pools to train in over the winter months.

Dunedin:

Kawa:

Kiwi:

- Kiwi Club nights resumed for 2007 on 13 February
- A registration and enrolment evening was held on 27th February. Most swimmers returning from last year and many new families are joining too
- Four new coaches have joined the coaching team
- Seven swimmers attended the Taieri Carinval and all achieved good PB's

Milton:

Neptune:

Port Chalmers:

- The club reconvened on 8 February for the second half of the season.
- We welcomed Karini Wallace for our Tuesday sessions to share the head coach position with Lecia Mihaka who does Thursday sessions. These committed coaches along with our keen young coaches are providing a good co-ordinated swimming programme. The feedback from the swimmers and families is good and they are enjoying the club nights.
- The annual 'tryathlon' fundraiser went well and we are pleased this event has kept its profile on the young triathletes calendar.

- 5 of our swimmers enjoyed the league prelims last season but only two were keen for the league final this season and two entered the Otago Champs. We are hoping the motivated coaching will encourage others to start competing for Port Chalmers club.
- The club championships have been held over the past two weeks and some of our younger swimmers are starting to show promise. Prize giving will be held on 29 March and the committee are meeting on 18 March and will plan a date for the AGM.
- We will be seeking new committee members and more coaches as some of our young coaches are not available for next season.

Queenstown:

Taieri:

Wanaka:

Waves:

- Firstly, my apologies for not reporting to the last Delegates Meeting.
- As we are in our major racing period for the year with Summers in December, our Summer Camp at QEII in January, Otago Champs in January, National Juniors in February, National Age Groups last week, Div II next week and Youth and Opens at the end of the Month.
- We took five swimmers to Summer's and the highlight was the selection of Rhys Applegarth and Shane Patience for the NZ team for the Australian Youth Olympic Festival.
- I had the privilege of also being selected for the team and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Rhys finished seventh in the 200 Free and was a member of both the 4 x 200 Free relay and the 4 x 100 Free relay.
- Shane also swam in both of those relays and won the Silver medal in the 400 Free and the bronze medal in the 1500 Free.
- While I was away in Australia 49 of our swimmers competed in the Otago Champs breaking five Otago records – Stef Gillespie four and Thomas Wardhaugh one – and swimming just under 300 PB's – 56%.
- Our next major competition was National Juniors in Christchurch on 17 and 18 February, 2007. A summary of the meet follows:
- Twelve swimmers participated swimming in 50 events and achieving 44 Personal Best times – 88%.
- Two Otago Records were broken – Stef Gillespie in the 100 Free with a time of 1 07.50 and the 200 Fly with a time of 3 00.19.
- National Medals - 2 Silver and 5 Bronze medals – Jordyn 1 and 3 and Stef 1 and 2 respectively.
- 11th club in New Zealand up from 24th last year.
- We recently completed National Age groups in Hamilton and had a very successful meet. Highlights are summarized below:
- Ten swimmers participated, swimming in 74 events and achieving 40 Personal Best times – 54%.
- One Otago Record was broken – Blair McGregor broke Jeremy Umbers 2003 200 Breast stroke record by 1.16 seconds with a time of 2 40.27.
- Phoebe Williams won Gold in the 800 Free – 9 22.14, Silver in the 400 IM – 5 14.69 and Bronze in the 400 Free – 4 32.61.
- Blair McGregor won Silver in the 200 Breast.
- Braden Doyle won Bronze in the 1500 free – 17 24.64.
- National Medals – 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals and a total of 31 top ten finishes.
- 13th club in New Zealand up from 21st last year.
- Division II next – eleven Waves swimmers are attending and then Youth and Opens with another eleven swimmers attending. We are looking forward to a continuation of the excellent improvement being achieved by our swimmers.

Zenith:

|| OTAGO CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Discussion was held on the summary of matters received as feed back on the otago Championships.
- Shallow end is of concern for tall people and is an accident waiting to happen. Need to have announcement about the shallow swimmers to warn swimmers. Options on how to make the shallow end of the pool the safe to be considered by the Carnival Committee
Terry Wall/Lynn Robertson carried
- Relays should be looked at and can be discussed at the Carnival meeting. SNZ is considering a change of uniform and of which there has been ongoing discussions. There is also consideration being given to the system of officials qualifications in an effort to improve the system.
- There needs to be a policy on records.
- Warm up should have some lanes reserved for the young swimmers as the experienced swimmers can manage in the same lane. Suggested the warm up be for at least 45 minutes.
- Consider finals in the morning as this is what is happening at National level.
- Visitor medals were appreciated as in Southland visitors do not receive medals if placed in the top three positions.

|| CARNIVAL MEETING

- This is set down for 28th April 2007 at 11 am at Moana Pool.
- Clubs should bring dates for calendar to Carnival meeting
- Need to look at a meet where Southland/Otago/Eastern District could all swim against each other.

|| AFFILIATIONS

- Alan Hale presented the SNZ affiliation fees. Competitive swimmer is \$65.00 and a club has to pay a Club fee of \$282.50.
- Members were told the definition of a competitive swimmer and advised that they would get a information sheet on it once further clarification was obtained from SNZ.

|| DRAFT BUDGET

- Alan Hale outlined the increases in the draft budget from those last year.
- It was suggested that \$1,000 for development for swimmers was small and that there should be a plan to develop swimming in Otago. We need to decide what the cost is to develop the sport.

|| GENERAL BUSINESS: COACHFORCE

- Andy Adair believed that the current Coachforce was very poor value for the money being spent. What have we got in return as there has not been much information on this.
- Sparac website talks about coaches and it is not clear what is being done for coaches. It is believed that there has been nothing for coaches.
- There needs to be a protocol for the expenditure and performance so that it can be seen that Swimming Otago is getting value for money spent.
- There needs to be feedback from Scott Cameron.
- Maybe there should be a Delegates meeting to report on the objectives.

Meeting closed 12.25pm

Next meeting: To be advised.

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____