



# SWIMMING OTAGO

## Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Moana Pool, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2008 12.50pm.

### WELCOME:

Alan welcomed all to the meeting.

### PRESENT:

Alan Hale (President), Terry Wall, (Vice President) Colin Walker (Secretary), Graham Price (Treasurer), Susan Sawtell, Michael Dodds, Mandy Grainger, Patricia McNaughton, Lynn Robertson Jill Scott (Management)

Alexandra Barry Dick, Jill Scott

Clutha United

Cromwell

Dunedin

Karini Wallace

Kawa Dolphins

Kiwi

Maria Godfrey, Patricia McNaughton

Milton

Neptune

Ruth Van Welie, Julie McMahan, Margie Murray

Port Chalmers

Anne Marshall

Queenstown

Colin Walker, Christine Thompson

Taieri

Mandy Grainger, Sharyn Bungard, Gaile Medder

Wanaka

Waves

Kay Alexander, Terry Wall,

Zenith

Sharlene Gillespie

Observers

### APOLOGIES:

*Sharon McKinnel, Peter Ross, (Management) Liz Anderson (Alexandra), Sharon McKinnel (Clutha United) Sue Maclaurin (Kiwi) Raylene Stammers, Jimmy Gray (Milton) Kathryn Dawe (Port Chalmers) Frank Wylie (Queenstown) Helen Henderson (Wanaka)*

*Vicki Bown/Graham Price carried*

### PROXIES

➤ Debbie Davidson for Mac McDonald

*Terry Wall / Sharlene Gillespie carried*

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

➤ The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were confirmed as correct.

*Graham Price /Mandy Grainger carried*

### MATTERS ARISING:

➤ Queenstown Swimming Club raised the issue of the statement made by the Waves Club about swimmers support item. The Club does support the principle of setting up a centre to financially support swimmers at an elite level however the club is not in a position to write cheques. Our members spend a lot in terms of travelling and accommodation in

the normal course of a season and it would be difficult for them to contribute more. Our structure is such that we don't have corporate sponsors and funding like other clubs within Otago. We do believe Otago should be taking leadership in this area.

## **|| CLUB REPORTS:**

*Alexandra:*

*Clutha United:*

*Cromwell:*

- The Cromwell Swim club is unhappy to report that our Swimming Pool is still out of action due to the fire and it looks like it may be this way until November – so this means that the 'Spring Carnival' meet will once again be held in the Alexandra swimming pool.
- To date we have 12 competitive swimmers back into training over a 4 day training schedule. We have been utilizing the Alexandra, Queenstown and Wanaka swimming pools.
- We had 15 swimmers compete at the Cromwell Winter Meet held recently in the Alexandra Pool – this was a good meet to get some of our younger swimmers back into the water. Many thanks to Colin and Jill for their help in helping us run this meet.
- We had only 1 swimmer compete at the South Islands at the weekend with some great Personal Best times. Unfortunately our older swimmers are still yet to get back into training after the winter months.
- Our club had 3 of it's members attend the training sessions for 'Starters' with Lynn Sutherland recently and we hope to encourage more of our Parents into training for the IOT positions.
- Swim Club has been put on hold until the pool is useable again – we would like to think we can start lessons again before Christmas!

*Dunedin:*

- The past three years have been difficult but the outcome has been pleasing. Thanks to the support of Waves and Neptune SC, the level of coaching and swimmers have improved to its strongest point in the last 20 years. Friday 12th is our second Club Champs where I expect more swimmers participating in the 50's then before, however there is much more improvement required in preparation for the novice meets.
- Coach/swimmers development has improved because of the coach development sessions in the flume and at Moana Pool, and the use of professional coaches, and of course Cameron Murphy (Waves).
- On the competitive side, it is pleasing to see ex-DSC swimmers participate at DIV 2, SI champs and the NZ juniors. In respect for their new club, I must acknowledge Gennadiy and Andy for taking them to a higher level.

*Kawa:*

*Kiwi:*

*Milton:*

*Neptune:*

*Port Chalmers*

- Registrations took place on 7 and 9 September in preparation for club opening on 14 October. Many novices have returned from last year with a few new beginners also registering. Space and coach numbers

unfortunately restrict our numbers for beginners. We are hoping to complete team manager before the end of September and forward it plus copies of the registration forms to Swim Otago.

- Licia Mihaka is continuing her role as head coach and bringing renewed enthusiasm after completing the ACA Technical and Effective Coaching and Planning modules over the winter break. We have three committed junior coaches plus Emma who coaches the fitness squad and is also taking over club captain role. All are updating their first aid certificate before club starts.
- Two of our young competitors transferred to Waves over the winter period and have now decided to transfer back to Port club. Our club nights are Tuesday and Thursday and we are waiting to see the planned times of the coastal development meets to see if any of our novices will be able to compete in this new arrangement.

#### *Queenstown:*

- With the opening of Alpine Aqualand (Queenstown's new pool) the Queenstown Swimming Club has been able to have winter training sessions this year for the first time ever. The new opportunity has been embraced by the club and competitive swimmers. 25-30 swimmers are averaging each session which we are delighted about in the first season.
- 7 swimmers attended South Islands with 6 individual medals, 8 relays medals and numerous PB's
- The South Islands Winters and Central Otago Winter meets were also supported by our swimmers
- We are looking forward to hosting the Queenstown Early Bird Meet at the new Alpine Aqualand pool on the 11th October. We have expanded the programme to include longer distances.

#### *Taieri:*

- Our club season is off to a great start with full squad back in the water on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We had two swimmers attend South Islands and one attending SNZ Spring Competition shortly.
- Michelle Grainger is our head coach for the season and will be developing the squad and encouraging more to participate in competitions over the coming season.
- The Learner & Improver groups will start in mid October. Once again we have been lucky to get enough volunteer coaches to take these groups.

#### *Wanaka:*

- The last 3 months have seen several changes to our Club Committee due to a number of key personnel leaving the area, and we have new personnel in the main roles of President, Treasurer and Recorder, elected at the AGM August 25th. We are in the ongoing process also of appointing a new coach for the competitive squad. In particular, the Club wishes to thank Pete Ross from Cromwell and Jill Scott, in providing assistance and support during this period.
- The Club began what is proving to be a very popular programme for learn-to-swim and development levels during club time in the third

term. New volunteers received ASTA training via Arjun Haszard, to assist with the programme.

- The Club has a small core of dedicated competitive swimmers who have begun well, with 2 NZ Junior qualifying times at their first meet of the year Alex 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- The Club is hosting the Central Inter-Squad Distance Meet No.1 in Wanaka on 21<sup>st</sup> September, and again we are grateful in particular to Jill Scott for her help with this process.
- We have a number of fundraising ventures happening currently, including a Swimathon on September 23<sup>rd</sup> which has attracted enthusiastic sponsorship and support from local businesses.
- As a club we are also currently involved in providing input into the proposed Lakes District Council options involving the building and make-up of a new aquatic centre for the town.

*Waves:*

*Zenith:*

## **|| SNZ REMITS**

- A discussion was held on the remits with agreement on the action to be taken in relation to each item.

## **|| SWIMMER DEVELOPMENT**

- Following a discussion about what the clubs may want for swimmer development and as there is no indication from SNZ whether RADS will carry on it was agreed the clubs would comeback by the end of September with what they wanted for swimmer development.

## **|| NOVICE/DEVELOPMENT MEETS**

- Susan Sawtell outlined that this was for club swimmers and related to participation. It would be run in club time and based on 25m and 50m swims. The final would be held in Mosgiel. Port Chalmers were concerned it was using a club night.

## **|| OFFICIAL'S UNIFORM**

- It was advised that the bottoms are to be black to line up with SNZ and that a new top was being considered. It was suggested that a sponsor for the tops to help partially subsidise them would be good. Members were advised of the website [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz) to look at in relation to obtaining Charity status and tax exemptions.

## **|| TECHNICAL TRAINING**

- Clubs were to canvass their members for the number who would be interested in undertaking technical official training along with any preferred times.

## **|| MEET MANAGER**

- Alan Hale provided clarification on the provisions associated with the licensing of Meet Manager and all clubs running Meet Manager should purchase their own copy.

## **|| NEXT DELEGATES MEETING**

- It was agreed to shift the date of the next Delegates meeting to the 5 December 2008 in Alexandra.
- A discussion was held on the number of Delegates meetings to held this year. It was agreed the minimum number of meetings should be three and any additional meeting be called if Management deem it necessary.

*Susan Sawtell/Jill Scott carried*

## **|| GENERAL BUSINESS: SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

- Swimming Southland was not prepared to run this event. It was agreed this meet is important as it provides an opportunity for swimmers to represent their school and is used for school awards. There is value in running the meet and schools need to recognise this along with promoting it through the Secondary Schools Sports Co-ordinator
- It was agreed the matter be raised with Canterbury and suggesting it alternate between Otago and Canterbury.

*Susan Sawtell/Michael Dodds carried*

## **|| ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS**

- Graham Price outlined that Management is considering the options for undertaking electronic transaction.

**Meeting closed 2.04pm**

**Minutes Endorsed:**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_