



# SWIMMING OTAGO

## Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Moana Pool, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008 1.00pm.

### **WELCOME:**

Alan welcomed all to the meeting and congratulated the swimmers who attend NZ Summers Championships where 9 new Otago records were made and one NZ record by Shane Patience.

### **PRESENT:**

Alan Hale (President), Colin Walker (Secretary), Terry Wall, (Vice President), Lynn Robertson, Susan Sawtell, Sharon McKinnel, Michael Dodds, Peter Ross, Mandy Grainger, ( Management)

Alexandra Liz Anderson,

Clutha United Sharon McKinnel, Karen Ramsay

Cromwell Marie Holden, Steve Shaw,

Dunedin

Kawa Dolphins

Kiwi Maria Godfrey Sue Maclaurin, Leonie O'Neill

Milton Raylene Stammers, Jimmy Gray

Neptune Julie McMahon, Graham Price

Port Chalmers Anne Marshall

Queenstown Colin Walker, Vicki Bown, Frank Wylie

Taieri Sharyn Bungard, Mandy Grainger, Anne Summers,

Wanaka Bronwyn Kerr, Warren Jackson

Waves Terry Wall, Mac McDonald, Kay Alexander

Zenith Sharlene Gillespie, Pam Linwood, Glenys Ker

Observers

### **APOLOGIES:**

Rebecca Smith (Treasurer), Jill Scott, , Ruth van Welie (Alexandra), , Ingrid Hurring (Clutha United) Anna Harrison (Cromwell), Lyndal Medder, Licia Mihaka, (Port Chalmers)

*Jill Scott/ Vicki Bown carried*

### **PROXIES**

- Maree Roxburgh for Ingrid Hurring, Susan Sawtell for Annette Summers,

*Vicki Bown/Sharlene Gillespie carried*

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 were confirmed as correct.

*Peter Ross/ Vicki Bown carried*

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

- Nothing was raised.

## **|| CLUB REPORTS:**

Alexandra:

- The learn to swim section of the club have completed their first term. We have been really pleased with the number of voluntary coaches, so are able to operate a number of small groups over three time slots. This is working very well and we are noticing good improvements in the swimmers. A number of coaches took advantage of training; attending one of the two SNZ courses held in Alexandra. A couple that could not make the Alexandra courses are looking at doing the same course in Queenstown if it goes ahead in the next few months. Learn to swim recommences for the final term of the season on 12 February. We will hold our club champs in March/April and prize giving just before the end of the term.
- Our development squad is doing really well and is almost at its maximum of 10 swimmers. Kristen Frazer who is taking this squad is doing a fantastic job with these swimmers. We had a couple of new swimmers join the squad at the beginning of this term and will hold another trial at the beginning of Term 1 to fill any remaining slots. The swimmers from this squad have attended junior league meets as well as Challenge Cup, enjoying the racing experience. This squad has had a break over the holidays and recommences at the beginning of term 1.
- The competitive squad continue to do well. November and December have been busy months with junior league, Cromwell Spring Carnival, Challenge Cup and Otago Country Club Champs. We have had a good turn out to these events. Swimmers have attained a number of PBs so far this season and several have gained the qualifying times required for national meets.
- The competitive squad have had a training camp in Alexandra; swimming inside in the morning and out side in the late afternoon. This is working well. Shane Allen has come back for the week to assist Barry. With both coaches in attendance the swimmers are swimmer finding the week very valuable as the build for the next few months. Our swimmers have been focused and putting a lot of effort into the week. As we have a fairly young squad at present, the two sessions per day is a big jump from their usual training. Barry and his wife Sara continue to put a lot of effort into the club and keep us all well informed with their regular news letters. We appreciate the time they devote to swimming.
- Challenge Cup was again held in December. We had a great day. The skinz races are always a popular event for swimmers and spectators alike. The entries were down on last year. We are not sure why. However we still had about 130 swimmers so consider that a good turn out. Club families responded to requests for help with the event and the day went smoothly. Challenge Cup has been held almost every year since 1951. The current pool is the third venue, the first venue being Coronation pool, then Centennial pool.
- We were due to host the Junior League final but this was cancelled due to a lack of entries. We only had about 30 swimmers entered. Again we are not sure why the lack of entries and assume Swimming Otago will be looking at this.

- We are looking forward to Otago Champs, with our swimmers well prepared after their camp.

*Clutha United:*

*Cromwell:*

- The Cromwell Swim club is happy to report that our competitive swim squad is now back training in our pool, and hope to provide some great results at this weekends Otago Champs.
- We will have 19 swimmers from our club competing this weekend with a mixture of young and experienced swimmers.
- Our senior squad swimmers who have qualified or nearing qualification for National meets attended a 3 day Central camp in Wanaka just before Christmas.
- This was a great camp and the swimmers from the Central region had the benefit of being coached by Coaches from Cromwell, Wanaka and Alexandra.
- To date we have 3 swimmers who have qualified for NZ Juniors and another 8 swimmers who have qualified for Div 2 in Wellington.
- We hope to have our 'Learn to swim' classes under way by the time school starts, but with only the big pool ready for use our club numbers will be down on previous years.
- Two of our Coaches attended the RADS 2 course with Andy Adair in Queenstown in late November. A lot was gained by this course by both the Coaches and the swimmers chosen to attend, and we hope to have more courses like this in the future.
- Our club has qualified a large number of time keepers over the past couple of months and we now are looking to help further qualify these people into other roles such as IOT'S

*Dunedin:*

*Kawa:*

*Kiwi:*

- Kiwi Swim Club had a very successful 2007. Numbers continue to grow in the club and more children are entering in competitions.
- The Kiwi Challenge Meet held on 18 November was a great success. The shift in the date was a good move as we had 150 swimmers competing at this meet.
- Flippa Ball, held after coaching sessions in Term 4, was very popular with the children.
- Kiwi Swim Club is looking forward to another successful year in 2008. Our first club night will be Tuesday 12 February.

*Milton:*

- This season has been a very strange one for us so far with the pool not opening until December 20<sup>th</sup>. Four of our competitive swimmers made the commitment to train in Balclutha three times a week, but the senior boys and younger swimmers didn't, so that has weakened our competitive squad considerably at this stage.
- Organisation is under-way at the moment to start club swimming at the earlier time of January 28, in order to try and make up for some lost time. Hopefully this will have our younger swimmers in the water long enough and confident enough to swim at the Taieri Carnival, and then at the League Finals, which we will definitely be aiming to support.
- We have a good group of coaches ready to get started, with two new coaches having received training in 2007. Registration numbers are

well down on other years at this stage, so for the first time in several seasons we will be advertising for new members.

- We have only four swimmers attending the Otago Champs this year. They have been training hard over the holidays, and are focussed on achieving some good times. They have been attending Gennadiy's sessions on Saturday mornings, and both the swimmers and their coach have learnt a lot from these sessions. Ben and Callum were also lucky to attend the OSCA training camp in Cromwell. This was a good opportunity for these two boys to mix with a bigger group of swimmers both socially and in their training, and we thank all those involved in this camp for including them.
- Our two senior boys, Kyle and Jason, are now back in the water and will be attending the Southland Champs, along with three others, with the aim of qualifying for National meets.
- Low membership numbers has meant that we are not very financial as a club at the moment, and that we are in a weaker position when applying for grants. Hopefully the tide is about to turn for the club, and we will end the season on a much stronger note.

*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 our 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 Swim Club are looking forward to Otago Champs with a large contingent of 43 swimmers competing with quite a few being their first time. They will be very visible in their new sponsored uniforms thanks to Rilean Construction and the Queenstown Collision Centre.
- Regular club sessions had a very busy term 4 with approximately 150 swimmers swimming twice a week with 14 volunteer coaches. A number of these coaches attended Swim NZ courses as well as one attending the RADs course held in Queenstown with Andy Adair. Frank Wylie also attended this as a refresher.
- Many evening swimmers are now attending the club's ribbon nights (3 held so far this season) and getting their first taste of racing.
- The club had 3 representatives at Summers Nationals with Annabelle Simpson performing well to reach 4 finals.
- McGregor Fea broke 4 Otago Age group records prior to Christmas and also swam well at the National open level.

- Most committee members have now had a tour through the new pool construction site and feel all Otago swimmers will enjoy our Early Bird Meet in October in this new facility.

*Taieri:*

- Thank you to all the Clubs that attended the Otago Country Club Champs on December 8. Wonderful weather and good competition made it an enjoyable day. Congratulations go to Queenstown for winning all the trophies.
- Katie Kenneally competed at the NZ Summer Short Course Champs just before Xmas.
- Squad have had a short break and started training again last week. Some of them attended a training camp organised by Tim. Learner & improver groups will not start again until the beginning of term 1.
- The Club has made a big effort to encourage parents to qualify as technical officials. This has proved most successful with 13 new timekeepers, 1 IOT & 1 starter.
- We have 31 swimmers competing this weekend at the Otago Champs.
- 3 swimmers have qualified for NZ Juniors, 5 for Div II, 4 for NAGs & 1 for Olympic Trials. Hopefully we will add to this list during the weekend.
- Planning has started for the Taieri Carnival & we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 23 February in Mosgiel.

*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 Wylie, 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 finals were enjoyable. There was disappointment that Southland swimmers did not attend the meet.
- It was moved that if support from Southland was not going to occur then consideration will be given to running the Otago Championships on the same weekend as the Southland Championships so swimmers can then attend the Canterbury Championships as their second opportunity to qualify.

*Frank Wylie/Graham Price carried*

- Relays were great and exciting along with the preliminary and final format. Consider giving medals after each race and consider going past 7pm on the Saturday night. Consideration to be given to creating a relay record along with four trophies for the relays. Friday night session should start earlier at 4pm.
- The stop watches need to be looked at as some have not stood up considering the short time they have been in use.
- At some stage during Otago Championships it would be good to name the NZ Junior swimmers and those in the Tri Series.

## **|| JUNIOR LEAGUE 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008**

- Clubs believed there was support for this type of meet. 12 years and over is for only those for those who had not swum in meets Otago Championships
- Under 12 years the qualifier does not apply.
- Need for swimmers to have a good time but there is a need to revamp the meet.
- Clubs to consider and provide ideas on what type of meet should be run by the next delegates meeting.
- There is a belief there is too much swimming before Christmas.
- There should be some reconsideration of the qualifying criteria including opening it up to 12years and over.
- It was moved that swimmers who qualify for SI Country and Town Meet and above are not eligible for the meet.

*Susan Sawtell /Frank Wylie carried*

## **|| ENTRIES NATIONAL MEETS**

- Clubs were advised that entries for the National Meets will close at 12 midnight.

## **|| 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*

## **|| NZ SWIMMER SUPPORT**

- A paper was presented to the meeting outline where this matter had got to. It was agreed that Clubs should provide comment to the Secretary by the end of February 2008

## **|| NZ JUNIORS**

- An update was provided on the organisation of the NZ Juniors Meet.

## **|| CHARITIES ACT AND TAX EXEMPTION**

- The delegates were advised that there will be a need to be registered under the Charities Act to eliminate being charged tax. The detail of how to register is being checked out.

## **|| GENERAL BUSINESS: TEAM MANAGER NATIONAL MEETS**

- There had been a lack of nominations from Clubs for the Regional Team Manager positions for National Meets. Delegates were to take this back to their Clubs.
- Mac MacDonald outlined a suggestion that a Regional Team Manager covering 3 to 5 regions across NZ could be a solution. This person would be in contact with SNZ and the clubs and would act as a liaison person with the clubs. It would be similar to a Regional sales rep. Mac MacDonald to provide the proposal in writing for further consideration.

## **|| NZ MASTERS**

- Clubs will be emailed asking to provide for support of officials for this meet.

## **|| COMMUNITY TRUST**

- Alan Hale outlined the Community Trust are prepared to support funding for people to attend the "Leaders in Sport" Conference in Auckland. Nominations to be provided to the Secretary by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.

**Meeting closed 2.20pm**

**Next meeting: to be advised**

**Minutes Endorsed:**

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

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