



# SWIMMING OTAGO

## Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Moana Pool, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 1.06pm.

### **WELCOME:**

Alan welcomed all to the meeting.

### **PRESENT:**

Alan Hale (President), Colin Walker (Secretary), Rebecca Smith (Treasurer), Susan Sawtell, Sharon McKinnel, Michael Dodds, Mandy Grainger, (Management)

Alexandra

Clutha United Sharon McKinnel, Karen Ramsay

Cromwell

Dunedin

Kawa Dolphins

Kiwi Maria Godfrey, Leonie O'Neill

Milton Raylene Stammers

Neptune Rebecca Smith, Graham Price

Port Chalmers

Queenstown Colin Walker, Vicki Bown, Frank Wylie

Taiari Mandy Grainger,

Wanaka

Waves Mac McDonald

Zenith

Observers

### **APOLOGIES:**

Terry Wall, (Vice President) Lynn Robertson Jill Scott, Peter Ross, (Management) Jill Scott, Karen Hitchcock (Alexandra), Marie Holden, Steve Shaw (Cromwell) Ingrid Hurring (Clutha United) Sue Maclaurin (Kiwi) Jimmy Gray (Milton) Julie McMahon (Neptune) Sharyn Bungard, Annette Summers (Taiari) Bronwyn Kerr, Warren Jackson (Wanaka) Mary McFarlane

*Vicki Bown/Graham Price carried*

### **PROXIES**

- Maree Roxburgh for Ingrid Hurring, Susan Sawtell for Annette Summers, Ruth Van Welie for Julie McMahon, Diana Evans for Kay Alexander, Debbie Davidson for Terry Wall

*Mandy Grainger/ Vicki Bown carried*

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

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

*Frank Wylie/ Vicki Bown carried*

## **|| MATTERS ARISING:**

- Southland will support and will be attending the Otago Championships in 2009.

## **|| CLUB REPORTS:**

*Alexandra:*

*Clutha United:*

- Hard to believe we have come to the end of another season for club, we held Club Champs last night and once again we had huge support from parents/caregivers who helped. It was great to see the swimmers being encouraged by the other children and parents, so many have come along way since the beginning of the season. I must make mention of the Pool staff at our Balclutha Centennial Pool who are mighty helpful and very approachable, so huge thanks to Holly and her staff.
- On the competitive side, huge congratulations go to Elliot McKinnel and Caitlin Roxburgh for their achievements this season at Age Groups and DIV 2, and not forgetting too the coach Sharon McKinnel, well done. We have our AGM and prize giving next month and each swimmer will have their achievements acknowledged.
- Some swimmers will be having a break over the school holidays and then back into training with winters and Neptune coming up.

*Cromwell:*

*Dunedin:*

*Kawa:*

*Kiwi:*

- Kiwi club nights started for 2008 on 12 February.
- Registration night was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. Excellent numbers of children have registered again this year.
- Club Champs were held over two nights, 11 March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. Ribbon night was incorporated in these evenings. Swimmers are continuing to improve their personal best times.
- Flippa Ball was held at the end of the session every Tuesday night.
- AGM and prize giving will be held on 20 May.

*Milton:*

*Neptune:*

- The Neptune Labour Weekend Meet will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Meet. The format has changed and will be finals only and by age group.

*Port Chalmers:*

- The club ended a successful season on 27 March with the annual prize giving. Certificates and trophies were issued to swimmers following results of our club championships. The coaches were obviously proud of all the swimmers after all the hard work and fun they had been committed to all season. The coaches are also keen to return next season under the guidance of head coach, Licia Mihaka which we are pleased about.
- Our annual triathlon was a success in February and we are looking forward to continuing this community event each year. We are planning to hold our AGM on 3 May and are keen to attract new committee members. Long standing committee member and club captain this past year, Lyndal Medder, is standing down as her children

move from the club. We will miss Lyndals enthusiasm for the sport and her excellent organising skills!

- The club will reconvene after winter in October 2008 but we are pleased to see a few of our competitors are continuing the training at Moana pool over winter and wish them well with their programmes.

*Queenstown:*

*Taieri:*

*Wanaka:*

*Waves:*

- Waves swimmers have continued to swim very well at the various meets we have attended since the last time we reported to the Swimming Otago delegates meeting.
- Especially pleasing was the performances of our teams at National Juniors and National Age Groups.
- A summary of results from National Juniors was as follows:
- Seven swimmers participated in 40 events achieving 21 Personal Best times – 52.5%.
- National Medals – 4 Gold – Stef Gillespie in the 400 IM and the 100, 200 & 400 Freestyle. 2 Silver – Stef in the 200 Fly and Sarah Curtler in the 50 Freestyle and 2 Bronze medals – Stef in the 100 Fly and the 200 IM.
- Stef and Sarah were also members of the Otago relay team that won Gold in the 4 x 50 Freestyle.
- Waves swimmers achieved 19 top ten finishes.
- Waves was 9<sup>th</sup> club in New Zealand up from 11<sup>th</sup> last year and 24<sup>th</sup> the year before.
- At National Age Groups results were:
- Nineteen swimmers participated, swimming in 151 events and achieving 75 Personal Best times – 50%.
- NZ Record – Shane Patience broke Danyon Loaders 1993 17 year old 1500 Freestyle record by 7.20 seconds in a time of 15 45.35.
- Gold medal winners were - Phoebe Williams - 800 Free, Shane Patience – 200 Fly and 1500 Free, Adam Simpson – 400 Free.
- Silver medal winners were - Blair McGregor – 400 Free, 200 Breast and 1500 Free, Shane Patience – 400 Free, 100 Fly and 200 Free, Adam Simpson – 1500 Free.
- Bronze medal winners were – Shane Patience – 400 IM, Adam Simpson – 400 IM, Blair McGregor – 200 Free, Jordyn Fogarty – 800 Free and 200 IM, Rhys Pryde-Wall – 1500 Free.
- All in all a total of 17 National Medals – 4 Gold, 7 Silver and 6 Bronze medals and a total of 49 top ten finishes.
- 6<sup>th</sup> club in New Zealand up from 13<sup>th</sup> Age Group club last year and 12<sup>th</sup> Youth club last year and 21<sup>st</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> the year before.
- Opens was a trial meet for several NZ teams which meant that each swimmers focus was narrower than a normal National Championship.
- It was especially satisfying to see Bryn Murphy and Shane Patience making the Oceania's standard and Shane also making the World Youth standard and we look forward to them being selected in those teams.
- Six of our swimmers attended the Australian Age Groups Championships in Brisbane and we achieved two fourths, a sixth and three sevenths – while we did not medal these placings are a huge effort because the standard at this meet is so high. Adam Simpson

swam in three finals and achieved a Youth Bronze time of 16 31.27 in the 1500 Free (721 FINA points).

- Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the last three months was noted in the last Otago Management minutes when feedback from both the Queenstown and Neptune clubs indicated that they do not support the Centre setting up a financial support structure for our NZ Representatives. It will be a sad day for Otago swimming, with its long history international achievement, if our Centre adopts an official policy of not supporting our young swimmers who achieve the honour of representing their country. How a club can seriously represent itself as a "Competitive Club" and yet oppose such an initiative is beyond comprehension.
- Finally, so that we do not finish on this very negative note, we were thrilled to receive notification from Absolute Insurance that they are going to back the Winter Meet series and help us to further develop our Sports Science Fund. This fund has enabled us to assist our swimmers with Mental Skills development, Nutrition, Flume Analysis and Blood Lactate Testing.
- We are working with Absolute Insurance on the final details of this sponsorship and will release information regarding the series over the next two weeks.

*Zenith:*

## **|| AFFILIATIONS**

- There are a couple of clubs who are struggling to provide all the information to affiliate the members. Zenith have not provided their officials.

## **|| TRANSFERS**

- Members were reminded of the process of transfers' and in particular clearance must come from Swimming Otago. When forms are sent to the new club first it causes delays in the start of the 60 day period.

*Susan Sawtell /Frank Wylie carried*

## **|| CARNIVAL**

- The carnival meeting will be during the week on either a Wednesday or Thursday. It is intended to prepare the first draft plus will be looking at the meets that need to be revamped. Input on when a good time for the Otago v Southland meet would be considered. A second meeting of the Carnival Committee may occur around the AGM.

## **|| CHARTIES ACT**

- 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.

## **|| ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS**

- Graham Price explained the type of work or involvement with swimming that should be used when promoting members for Swimming Otago awards.

- Clubs were encouraged to look at members in their club who might be interested in being an officer or a member of the Management Committee.

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

- A thank you was passed on to members who had helped during the South Islands Secondary School meet and in particular Michael Dodds for his work in making the meet a success.

## **|| TOUCH PADS SHALLOW END**

- Touch pads at the shallow end of Moana pool are being looked into

## **|| REGIONAL TEAM MANAGER**

- The Milton Club raised the issue about the change in function of the Regional Team Manager from one which looked after all swimmers to one which was pool side only. An explanation was provided in that the Team dynamics had changed.

## **|| DISPLAY OF TIMES**

- Swimming Otago was thanked for the new display system of swimmers times which everyone can see. A request for one at the other end of the pool would be good.

**Meeting closed 1.56pm**

**Minutes Endorsed:**

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

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