



SWIMMING OTAGO

Minutes of Delegates Meeting

Held at Moana Pool 31 January 2009 12noon.

WELCOME:

Alan welcomed all to the meeting.
A minute's silence was held to reflect on the passing of Mitchell Walker.

PRESENT:

Alan Hale (President), Terry Wall, (Snr Vice President) Lynn Robertson (Vice President), Graham Price (Treasurer), Mandy Grainger, Jill Scott, Peter Ross, Patricia McNaughton, Sharon McKinnel, Susan Sawtell (Management)

Alexandra	Barry Dick, Jill Scott
Clutha United	Penny White, Sharon McKinnel
Cromwell	Anna Harrison, Pete Ross, Marie Holden
Dunedin	
Kawa Dolphins	
Kiwi	Maria Godfrey, Sue Maclaurin, Patricia McNaughton
Milton	Raylene Stammers
Neptune	Graham Price, Ruth van Welie
Port Chalmers	Anne Marshall
Queenstown	Craig Robins, Frank Wylie, Christine Thompson
Taieri	Mandy Grainger, Susan Sawtell, Gaile Medder
Wanaka	Helen Henderson
Waves	Terry Wall, Mac McDonald, Kay Alexander
Zenith	Sharlene Gillespie, Glenys Ker
Observers	Duncan Fea (Queenstown) Don Pryde (Waves)

APOLOGIES:

Liz Anderson (Alexandra) Jimmy Gray (Milton) Julie McMahon (Neptune) Colin Walker (Queenstown) Sharon Bungard (Taieri) Jo St Baker, Michael Schultz (Zenith) Michael Dodds (Management) and for lateness, Glenys Ker (Zenith).

Mandy Grainger / Frank Wylie carried

PROXIES

Susan Sawtell for Sharyn Bungard, Graham Price for Julie McMahon, Craig Robins for Colin Walker, Sharlene Gillespie for Jo St Baker and Glenys Ker

Raylene Stammers / Sharlene Gillespie carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Remove Karini Wallace and Margie Murray as they did not attend.
- The minutes of the Delegates Meeting on the 5th December 2008 were approved subject to the above amendments.

Terry Wall /Kay Alexander carried

|| MATTERS ARISING:

- Polo Shirts have arrived. Cost of the Polo Shirt is \$35.
- Thank you to all the clubs that have acted as Duty Club for the Otago Champs.
Thank you for the return of all the trophies.

|| CLUB REPORTS:

Taieri Club mentioned that their meet is on Saturday the 14th February, entries close 7th February.

Alexandra:

Clutha United:

- During December we had swimmers attend most of the swim meets on the calendar; we are focusing over the break on the Otago champs.
- We have a small number of new young competitive swimmers attend meets. They are very eager and enthusiastic.
- We therefore had more swimmers qualify for Otago country clubs with great success.
- We had good PBs and some qualifying for South Island town and country, age groups also Div 2. We are hoping for more qualifiers for these competitions and NZ juniors as well.
- Our club finished for the year on the 8th December and starts back on the 9th February. The competitive squad continued to train over the school holidays.
- Thank you for running the timekeepers course as we had 4 attend and qualify.
- We are planning and organizing our swim club carnival on Sunday 8th March. We are excited about it and plan to have spot prizes and special draws to encourage swimmers to attend our meet. There will be also having 100m & 200m that can be qualifying times as well. The flyer will be out soon. We would appreciate as much support as possible.

Cromwell:

- The Cromwell Swim club is looking forward to finally starting our Learn to swim club lessons at the start of February after a very long wait. To date we have about 90 children ready to start lessons and are busy recruiting coaches to help out 2 nights a week.
- We have 12 swimmers heading to Otago Champs this weekend where we hope they can achieve Nelson SI Town and Country, Juniors and Div2 qualifying times. We wish our swimmers all the best.
- We had some of our competitive squad swimmers attend a 3 day 'Central Camp' in early December in Alexandra, where the swimmers got to learn from 3 very awesome coaches, Peter, Barry, and Frank.
- I'm sure what these swimmers learnt during these training sessions will show up at Otago Champs with some great PB times.
- We had a fun time at our Cromwell Meet just before Christmas with visiting teams from Wanaka, Queenstown and Alexandra. It was great to have a visit from Santa (aka Trevor) and we thank Trevor Young for his continuing support of our club.
- Our Committee and Club members wish to express to Colin and his family our deepest sorrow after the passing away of their awesome son – our thoughts are with the family.

Dunedin:

- Club to start Friday the 13th. The number of senior swimmers expected to be low as many have indicated that they will be joining a competitive club. Coaching numbers are high and have encouraged some to coach for Kawa Dolphin. The first night is registration night which I anticipate chaos.
- Well done to all the ex-swimmers in OSCA and Waves.

Kawa:

Kiwi:

- 2008 was a very busy year for the Kiwi Swim Club. Numbers of swimmers were high with a continual stream of requests for new members to join. Our books had to be closed off half way through the year as we had no room to take on any more members.
- The Kiwi Challenge Meet was held in November. It was a very successful meet with approximately 150 swimmers attending from all around Otago.
- Our ribbon nights held on the fifth night of each term continue to be very successful. Most of our swimmers are improving their times over the four strokes.
- A team of 9 swimmers is entered into the Otago Champs.
- The 2009 coaching year will start again on Tuesday February 10 followed by our registration night on Tuesday February 17.

Milton:

- Things are ticking over quietly at Milton. The pool was only two weeks late opening this year, and our membership numbers are at an all time high.
- We have a group of dedicated coaches who have returned this year, so there was no need to send any coaches to training courses. However, some of our coaches felt they would like a bit of a refresher course at the start of the season. So, after a request from us, and possibly others from around the district, Tiny Curruthers from Sport Clutha arranged for Arjun Haszard to come to the Milton pool and take two coaching sessions, for teachers and coaches in the South Otago region. These sessions were very well attended and everyone appeared to go away with something new to work on.
- Unfortunately, we are struggling to build our numbers in the competitive group. Many children are aiming to swim at the Otago Primary and Secondary School Competition, but weren't available or confident enough to swim at the competitions held before Christmas and weren't prepared to train over the holidays for the Otago Champs.
- The small group who are focused on regional and national competitions felt the Early Bird meet in Queenstown was a good start to the season and helped them to see what work needed to be done.
- Ben Gray and Callum Stammers are very thankful to Gennadiy Labara for letting them train with his group in the two weeks prior to Christmas, and then including them in his camp in Invercargill. This was a real challenge but has already proved beneficial with both boys qualifying for more events at NAGs when they attended the Canterbury Champs.
- The Otago Champs will be the last competition that Heather Thompson attends as a Milton Swimming Club member, as she will be attending school in Dunedin this year, and is joining the Waves Club. We wish Heather well with her new club.

Neptune:

Port Chalmers:

- The club closed for the Xmas season on 11 Dec following a successful traditional chocolate carnival and water safety night.
- The committee have been organising the annual triathlon over the holidays and look forward to the fundraising event on 17 Feb. Club reconvenes on 10 February.
- The long break has left the onus on our three Otago Champ competitors to organise their own training. Whatever the results we are proud of these three young swimmers representing Port Chalmers Swim Club.
- Congratulations and thank you to Swim Otago Officials for a well run and friendly meet. The Port Chalmers Swim Club acknowledge it is a difficult time for friends of Colin to keep the 'show' going and our sympathy and condolences are extended to Colin and his family and friends.

Queenstown:

- A busy few months since the last meeting. Queenstown Swimming Club's non-competitive/ learn to swim programme has been in full swing four nights a week at two venues thanks to our volunteer coaches.
- Competitive wise we were very proud of our swimmers picking up the Otago Country Clubs trophy in Alexandra once again. All the more difficult with a clash Wakatipu High

School Year 10 camp and coach Wylie away in Australia with a New Zealand Schools team.

- The Central Otago Clubs have been working well together providing novice and distance meets and a special weekend training camp for swimmers trying to make, Jnrs, Div II & Nags times.
- Costs continue to be our main concern and with this in mind we will be voting against swimmers being levied to subsidise elite swimmers. Many of our families will have costs of over \$1000 (travel, 3 nights accommodation, entries, etc) to attend Otago Champs!

Taieri:

- Squad returned to training on the 13th Jan in preparation for Otago Champs. 15 Taieri swimmers competed with a pleasing result. 4 swimmers have qualified for DIV2 and 1 qualifying for Juniors. Other swimmers all gained personal best times. Junior swimmers return to the pool on the 4th Feb. The whole club is now in preparation for the Taieri Carnival on Valentines day (14th Feb).
- The last day for the year follows club champs on the 26th March.
- We were happy to receive a grant to purchase a laptop for competition entries.

Wanaka:

- Club learn-to-swim programme was very popular in term 4 of 2008. Unfortunately due to the change in management of the Wanaka Community Swimming Pool (which was taken over by Lakes Leisure, Queenstown on Jan 5th), we are unable to continue to offer these learn-to-swim classes, as Lakes Leisure have been given sole rights to running learn-to-swim programmes. This has changed the nature of how our club will move forward, but we currently have plans in place to continue with our competitive squad sessions, and a development squad which will incorporate the more skilled swimmers from the programme run last year.
- Our new coach Tim Holden arrived in December last year and is settling in to the squad and the area. He ran a very successful camp with the squad in January and is looking forward to what the remainder of the season may bring.
- Our small competitive group has begun well for the new year with a small group attending Canterbury Champs last week and coming away with 2 gold and one silver medal, plus 2 new Otago records and several pb's.

Waves:

Zenith:

|| NZ REP SWIMMER SUPPORT

- Suggested that a clause be added to the Criteria and Eligibility for the subsidy where swimmers are obligated to keep at Otago events. Decided to add the clause but change to state that the swimmer will attempt to compete at Otago swim meets unless there are extenuating circumstances. Each situation should be treated on an individual basis.
- Queenstown raised the following:
Swimming Otago needs to look at the funding for all swimmers not just elite swimmers.
Elite swimmers and their respective clubs should look at other ways of raising funds.
- A lot of discussion took place on the "NZ Representative Fund" Policy that had been distributed.

It was decided to vote the acceptance or otherwise of the "NZ Representative Fund" Policy document in its current format.

Lynn Robertson/Sharlene Gillespie carried

20 Yes'
18 No's

The Motion was carried that the Policy document be accepted.

After the motion was carried Queenstown suggested that it could be possible to get a full consensus if the 50% of levy per entry on other designated Swimming Otago meets was removed. They also suggested that Swimming Otago should look at applying for a Grant to put into the fund initially which may alleviate the payment from the clubs.

|| OTAGO COUNTRY CLUBS RULES AND RELAYS

- Currently being worked on and could clubs pass on any comments or thoughts to Swimming Otago.
- Once comments have been received these will be circulated and discussed with a view to ratifying the decision at the next Delegates meeting.

|| REGIONAL TEAM MANAGER FOR NATIONAL MEETS

- Nomination of Lisa Hislop for SI Town and Country
- Queenstown questioned the need for a Regional Manager as Otago is not travelling as a team. Could a parent who is already travelling take on the role of Regional Manager. This could then alleviate the cost to Swimming Otago.
- Swimming NZ states that there is a requirement for a Regional Manager.
- If the team is small then this role could be undertaken by a Club Manager but if the team is large then there is a need for a separate Regional Manager.
- Could the workload of the Regional Manager be viewed so that there is an understanding of what the Team Manager undertakes whilst in the role.

Recommendation

- Circulate the Job Description
- Timesheet of the Regional Manager role to be taken and then circulated
- Remit to SNZ to be considered for paying the cost of a Team Manager
- Training session to be considered for the Regional Manager role

|| AFFILIATIONS

- Reminder that these are due. Everybody affiliated with the club has to be recorded on the form including parents. Affiliations should be sent in with a Team Manager file.
- Query about the fee for clubs and advised that accounts have gone out.

|| 4th DELEGATES MEETING, IS IT NEEDED?

- Decided that a 4th meeting should be held and to be advised of the date and time but recommended that it be held one hour prior to the AGM in June.
- Possible Agenda Items
 - Email any comments to Swimming Otago about the 2009 Otago Champs for follow up and discussion.
 - Clash of Otago and Southland Champs
 - Discuss dates of future Delegates meetings.

|| GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Query as to the break between Heats and Finals on the final day of the Otago Champs. Advised that this was restricted by Pool availability.
- Oamaru: Would like to see the Visitor rule reviewed, possibly remove the 2 visitor restriction rule altogether.

Meeting closed 1.50pm

Minutes Endorsed:

Signed: _____

Date: _____