



# SWIMMING OTAGO

## Minutes of Management Meeting Held by Skype on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.15pm

### PRESENT:

- Alan Hale (President), Colin Walker (Secretary), Terry Wall (VP), Lynn Robertson (JVP), Rebecca Smith, Susan Sawtell, Michael Dodds, Mandy Grainger and Jill Scott

### APOLOGIES:

- Peter Ross, Sharon McKinnel (for lateness)

*Terry Wall/ Jill Scott carried*

### WELCOME:

- Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting by way of Skype at Dunedin, Balclutha and Alexandra.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 as circulated were confirmed as correct.

*Mandy Grainger/ Susan Sawtell carried*

### MATTERS ARISING:

- **Swimmers Support**  
No further work has been undertaken.
- **Charities Act**  
Clubs to be advised to visit the Charities Commission web site where it outlines all the information and where you can be register on line.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Correspondence Schedule as submitted with the Inwards Correspondence being received and the Outwards Correspondence be endorsed.

*Rebecca Smith /Jill Scott carried*

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- The financial report was considered along with the transactions to the end of March 2008. Outstanding cheques being \$4,543.00 and income of \$4,040.79.

*Rebecca Smith /Terry Wall carried*

### COMPETITION COMMITTEE MATTERS:

- **League Final**  
There were 83 swimmers that attended the Junior League final in Alexandra. There was concern raised that there was no announcement of the Club points at the end of the meet.

The Club points were Alexandra 2288, Neptune 1552, Queenstown 1548, Cromwell 1096, Kiwi 858, Zenith 390. The spare ribbons are to be returned to Susan Sawtell.

Lynn Robertson arrived at the meeting at 8.02pm

➤ **Otago v Southland**

This meet has been confirmed for the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008 in Invercargill at 1pm. It was agreed that prices should be obtained for taking a bus from Dunedin and depending on the number of swimmers the cost to be on a user pay's basis. Alan Hale to obtain prices and liaise with the Convenor of Selectors.

➤ **Carnival Meeting**

Susan to check on availability of meeting room and to advise the date at the Delegates meeting.

## **REGIONAL TEAM MANAGERS REPORTS**

➤ **NZ Age Groups Championships Christchurch 2008**

**Regional Team Manager** Terry Wall

**Swimmers:**

**Alexandra:** Matthew Glassford, Adrienne Tamielu

**Balclutha:** Elliot McKinnel

**Milton:** Benjamin Gray, Callum Stammers

**Neptune:** Nic Tyrrell, Lil Clearwater, Cody Latta, Rebecca Thom

**Queenstown:** McGregor Fea, Chloe Bown, Gary Dennison, Annabelle Simpson

**Taieri:** Matthew Summers, Michelle Grainger, Katie Kenneally

**Waves:** Rhys Applegarth, Kieran Applegarth, Jess Drake, Braden Doyle, Carina Doyle, Rhys Pryde-Wall, Glendene Rout, Kate Morris, Kate Medder, Ellie Keogh, Thomas Wardhaugh, Shane Patience, Phoebe Williams, Phoebe O'Leary, Adam Simpson, Blair McGregor, Jordyn Fogarty, Chris Guild.

**Managers/ Officials:** Terry Wall(Otago), Debbie Tyrell, Susie Latta (Neptune), Ann Kenneally (Taieri), Raylene Stammers, Janet Gray (Milton), Vicie Bown (Queenstown and IOT), Kay Alexander, Nicola Wardhaugh (Waves)Alan Hale IOT/timekeeper

**Medals**

**Blair McGregor** – silver 200 breast, silver 400 free, silver 1500 free, bronze 200 free

**Katie Kenneally** – silver 100 breast, bronze 50 breast, gold 200 breast

**Shane Patience** – gold 200 fly, gold 1500 free, silver 200 free, silver 400 free, silver 100 fly, bronze 400 IM

**Adam Simpson** – gold 400 free, silver 1500 free, bronze 400 IM

**Matthew Glassford** – gold 200 breast, silver 100 breast

**Jordyn Fogarty** – bronze 800 free, bronze 200 IM

**Phoebe Williams** – gold 800 free

**Rhys Pryde-Wall** – bronze 1500

It was great to see so many country clubs represented at this meet.

This year the format was changed back to include the youth section of NZ swimming, the age groups being 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17-18 years. This meant a total of over 650 athletes, with over 3000 entries. Concern was raised at the manager's meeting the evening prior to the event at the long sessions and late finishes. The sessions were indeed long, but the finals sessions were mostly over by 9pm which was an improvement by about 45 minutes from the original time line.

There was an issue for the first three sessions with the new bulkhead not meeting specifications, being 8mm too short. This meant that no records could be ratified during those sessions, although SNZ has allowed the times to be official and they can be used for qualifying purposes. The Meet Director, Lesley Huckings, worked very hard to have this rectified as soon as possible, and the pool was surveyed several times.

Overall the team behaviour was very good and very supportive. The club managers were helpful and supportive in every way. Seating was extremely tight and rather uncomfortable and there were several please from the organisers for parents not to place themselves in the team areas. Almost all Otago parents (of which there a considerable amount) complied with this request in a respectful way, although unfortunately not all.

Thomas Wardhaugh (Waves), Cody Latta (Neptune), Chloe Bown (Queenstown), and Benjamin Gray (Milton) represented Otago in the march past in the opening ceremony. Thank you to them.

Most swimmers wore their club uniform, some were unaware they should, so in future it would be useful to notify new swimmers in advance. I also feel that it would look professional if all club managers and coaches wore at least a team tee shirt to enhance their profile. The Otago manager's shirt is very outdated and very hot, and difficult to dry in a hurry, and its replacement should be a matter of urgency.

A downside was 5 Otago disqualifications, which is 5 too many. Unfortunately most of them were on the same day, which meant the Otago manager became quite friendly with those in the recorder's room! Three were for starting before the signal, and two were for one-handed touches in breaststroke during the 400 IMs. Also, Blair McGregor was not allowed to swim his final of the 200 IM for marshalling late. Unfortunately this policy did not seem to be always consistent as the meet progressed. A penalty form will be wending its way to Swimming Otago with an associated cost of \$50.

The relay teams performed well, with several making finals. There was one issue with the men's 16 and over freestyle relay, with one swimmer withdrawing from the final. When indicating availability coaches need to consider availability for late night final swims also, to avoid disappointment to the other team members. This will not always be foreseeable, and at the end of the day the coach's decision must be considered and respected.

On the final day Kieran Applegarth was injured in a play fight at the Waves accommodation, requiring an ambulance ride and nine hours in the Emergency Department at ChCh Hospital. This proves that swimmers should stick to swimming, as they're generally not much good at Sumo Wrestling. The Waves assistant manager, Nicola Wardhaugh, stayed with him until 10pm when I relieved her as she was very tired and hungry by that stage.

Some club teams opted to attend the after dance hosted by Aquagym.

The standard of swimming in general was extremely high, and Otago recorded a large percentage of PBs. Otago won 21 medals, and Waves was fighting with Aquagym for inclusion in the top 5 clubs for points. This was impressive as Aquagym had twice the number of swimmers. The final tally had Aquagym ahead by just 12 points from Waves who finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Shane Patience swam a stunning 1500 to break Danyon Loader's long course age group NZ record. Matthew Glassford broke the Otago 100m and 200m breaststroke records, with the 200 swim being particularly impressive to watch. Annabelle Simpson broke the Otago 50 fly record.

➤ **Absolute Insurance Olympic Trials NZ Opens 2008 Auckland 2008**

**Regional Team Manager** Kay Alexander

**Swimmers**

**Alexandra** Mathew Glassford

**Neptune** Nick Tyrrell, Tim Holden

**Queenstown** Annabelle Simpson

**Taieri** Kate Kenneally

**Waves** Rhys Applegarth, Bryn Murphy, Shane Patience, Nathan Tumaru, Phoebe Williams

**Team Managers/Coaches** Debbie Tyrrell, Allison Murphy, Andy Adair, Gennadiy Labara, Frank Wylie

The meet was held at West Auckland Aquatics which is a covered 50 metre pool. Temperature 26.5 degrees. The heats were swum in the evening and finals in the morning.

There was an unusual start to the meet, it was very flat in atmosphere and this took a couple of days to adjust to. There were 240 swimmers, 837 entries and 41 relays.

This meet was the selection meets for the **2008 Olympics, 2008 World Youth Games** and **2008 Oceania's**.

Costs for the Oceania's remain unknown. However the approx cost for the WYG cost is around \$2000.

**National Points:**

**Club Points:**

- Waves 9<sup>th</sup>
- Alexandra 17<sup>th</sup>
- Taieri 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Neptune 28<sup>th</sup>

**National Medallists:** 3 medals – (2 Silver, 1 Bronze)

<b>Silver:</b>	Bryn Murphy	1500m Free
	Matthew Glassford	200 Breaststroke
<b>Bronze:</b>	Shane Patience	1500m Free.

<b>Otago Records:</b>	Matthew Glassford	100 Breastroke	1.06.76
	Matthew Glassford	200 Breastroke	2.20.80

**New Zealand Teams:**

Congratulations to Shane Patience for qualifying for the NZ team to World Youth Games in Mexico in July.

Congratulations to Bryn Murphy and Shane Patience for qualifying for the NZ Oceania's team to compete in Christchurch in June.

**Observations:**

**Relays:** Otago fielded 3 male relay teams in the 800 Free 4<sup>th</sup>, 400 Free 6<sup>th</sup>, and 400Medley 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Finals:** As it was a major qualification meet, for many, limits were placed on events swum. The programme was also a different set up to the usual. This placed some swimmers in the position of having to withdraw from finals. However based on entries Otago had a steady stream of finalists. Sadly the Queenstown team left the meet early due to unforeseen circumstances.

We had one disqualification in the men's 200 IM.

Unfortunately I ended up with probable food poisoning on day 4, and would like to thank the team managers Alison Murphy and Debbie Tyrrell for their support and assistance.

Once again thank you for giving me this opportunity to be the Regional Manager on behalf of the clubs at this important qualification meet.

Sharon McKinnel arrived at the meeting at 8.38pm

**OFFICIALS**

- The following persons have passed a technical officials test recently

<b>Regional</b>		
<b>Queenstown</b>	Paul Harris	Starter
<b>Waves</b>	Kevan Raudon	Timekeeper

**DEVELOPMENT**

- **RADS 2**  
Awaiting report from Andy Adair.

**RECORDS:**

- There have been 6 records broken since the last meeting
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| Mathew Glassford | Alexandra | Male Senior | 100m Breaststroke | 1:06.76 | LC | 25th March 2008 |
| Mathew Glassford | Alexandra | Male Senior | 200m Breaststroke | 2:20.80 | LC | 25th March 2008 |

It was resolved the records be ratified.

*Alan Hale /Rebecca Smith carried*

## AFFILIATIONS:

- The following affiliations have been received up to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008

<b>April-08</b>	<b>Competitors</b>	<b>Club Only</b>	<b>Officials</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Transfer out</b>	<b>Transfer in</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Alexandra</b>	28	13	9	<b>50</b>	2		<b>48</b>
<b>Clutha United</b>	16	38	22	<b>76</b>	1		<b>75</b>
<b>Cromwell</b>	24	0	23	<b>47</b>		1	<b>48</b>
<b>Dunedin</b>	0	124	0	<b>124</b>			<b>124</b>
<b>Kawa Dolphins</b>	0	0	0	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Kiwi</b>	18	105	41	<b>164</b>	6		<b>158</b>
<b>Milton</b>	6	65	11	<b>82</b>			<b>82</b>
<b>Neptune</b>	34	108	15	<b>157</b>	3	9	<b>163</b>
<b>Port Chalmers</b>	5	56	11	<b>72</b>			<b>72</b>
<b>Queenstown</b>	58	144	19	<b>221</b>	2		<b>219</b>
<b>Taieri</b>	28	81	24	<b>133</b>	4	3	<b>132</b>
<b>Wanaka</b>	15	0	0	<b>15</b>	2		<b>13</b>
<b>Waves</b>	75	0	39	<b>114</b>	5	4	<b>116</b>
<b>Zenith</b>	12	89	0	<b>101</b>		2	<b>103</b>
<b>Otago</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1353</b>

## DELEGATES MEETING

- Matters to be discussed at the Delegates meeting are affiliations, date for Carnival meeting, transfers and Charities Act.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Members advised if they were considering standing again for the Management Committee. Information to be sent out about the Annual General Meeting and for nominations relating to Office Bearers and Management Committee members.

## URGENT BUSINESS

- **SNZ Survey as Part of Strategic Review**

The members provided comment on the various items covered in the survey. The comments covered matters relating to NZ Juniors, administration, results of meets and swimmer development.

- **Annette & Duncan Fea Request for Documentation**

Another letter was received asking for full disclosure of all documents pertaining to the extra swim at NZ Summers.

Colin Walker advised he would be taking no part in this matter as it involved a Queenstown swimmer and his association with the Club could question the impartiality of any decision made.

A discussion was held on whether the information requested should be provided. It was agreed that no purpose will be served by providing the information requested on this matter as there will be no change to the decision made. The issue was always about procedure and there is no need for further discussion on the matter as it is now closed. Alan Hale to reply to the letter on this basis.

*Alan Hale /Lynn Robertson*

**Meeting Closed at 9.27 pm**

**Minutes Endorsed**

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

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