

SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
7.00 pm Tuesday 11 March 2014
Crowe-Horwath Board Room
Oxford St, Richmond

Present: Hamish Neill (Chair), Phil McMath, Brent Cheyne, Sue Malthus, Susie Foster, Jim Sinner, Jos Pattison, Lindie Nelson (minutes)

1) WELCOME – Hamish welcomed everyone to the meeting

2) APOLOGIES – John Elder, Stephen Fryer

3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Moved that the minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2014 be approved as a true and correct record
Hamish/Susie/carried

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Due to a recording issue, minutes of 11 Feb were not captured, but all decisions will be recorded in this month's minutes.
- *Submission to SNZ on Draft WSOP and Regional Constitution.* At Feb meeting, the Board discussed points to be included in a submission on the draft WSOP and draft Regional Constitution, and asked Brent to prepare and circulate a draft submission to the Board. This was done and the submission was sent to SNZ.
- *Adam & Eve towels.* Hamish has spoken to Karen Borrell to get quotes for towels etc. Hamish will follow up with Karen.
- Tasks from January meeting all done, except for Technical Committee query re lead-off leg times (carried forward).

5) SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Starter box and lap counters. *Moved* that we approve Tasman SC request to use these and direct them to contact Steve Fryer to arrange. Phil/Sue/carried
- Nutrition seminar evaluation. *Moved* that we circulate Jenni Gane's evaluation and asked the Secretary to action and to collate responses to send to Jenni and the Board. Brent/Hamish/carried

Moved adoption of the Secretary's report
Jim/Susie/carried

6) TREASURER'S REPORT

Susie presented a reconciliation for the SNM Country & Town meet and a comparison with 2013, which had a high number of entries and hence more profitable.

Moved that the Treasurer pay invoices from Stadium 2000, NZ Post, SNZ (Juniors fees), Swim Southland (SI C&T), Nayland Pool (pool hire), SNZ (registrations), Maier and Toy (medals), Jenni Gane, Satin Textiles (ribbons)
Susie/Jim/carried

7) REGISTRAR/RECORDS REPORT

- Review of programme for SNM Age Groups meet

Moved that all events 200m and up should have the same age groups Hamish/Jim/carried

Moved that 100 IM be included as a standard event and count for points and the Marie Saul trophy calculations, whenever the meet is held in a SC pool Jim/Hamish/carried

Moved that the Board prepare a remit for the 2014 AGM to change the rules regarding the Buchanan and YMCA cups to allow relays to score points at the SNM Age Groups, and that Jim investigate how many points are awarded at National and SI and SIC&T

Jim/Brent/carried

- Late entries. Accepting late entries can sometimes be done by the Registrar but can put club recorders in a difficult position, although it may become a non-issue with the new SNZ database. The Board agreed in principle to support a 100% surcharge for late entries to be accepted at registrar's discretion for all NM meets. Jim to include wording in draft flier for next year's meet and bring to Board for approval.
- Tasman Secondary Schools Meet. The host club should provide meet director and officials, and keeps profits less a donation (to be determined) to be paid to Sport Tasman. Jim to ask clubs for expressions of interest. Hamish to confirm rate at ASB/talk to Shanine Hermsen about negotiating with ASB.

Moved that new records since 17 January 2014 be confirmed Jim/Hamish/carried

8) PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATION REPORT

Jim spoke to his report. He has included the swimmers' schools in media releases. It was noted that there was a misleading & inaccurate article in a Marlborough paper about Tasman SC swimmers competing in Australian Age Groups. Jim to follow up.

Moved publicity report

Jim/Susie/carried

9) FUNDING REPORT

- Caps: Grant application to Trillian Trust was unsuccessful. Agreed to apply to other charities.

Resolved to apply to Pelorus Trust for \$3080 (GST exc) for 1000 representative swimming caps Sue/Brent/carried

Moved that the Board contribute 25%, up to \$1000, toward the cost of new caps

Hamish/Susie/carried

For future consider adding a charge to entry fees for caps.

- Touchpads: We received a grant from CCT for \$20,000 towards the cost of touchpads. The minimum we need is \$66,215 (for 10 FINA touchpads and no display equipment). Agreed to make a further application for remainder of full amount originally applied for. Other funding options are for clubs to contribute, apply to local authorities, and apply to the entities that own Stadium 2000 and ASB Aquatic Centre.

Resolved that an application be made to NZCT – New Zealand Community Trust for \$98,319 (excluding GST) to purchase touchpads and scoreboard

Sue/Phil/carried

10) TECHNICAL

No report.

11) COACHING REPORT

No report.

12) GENERAL BUSINESS

- SI Champs Meet records

Phil reported that it has been decided to start new meet records incorporating old records. No further decision needed.

- SI C&T Competition Rules – draft changes

The reasons for taking a different approach for Div 2 and Junior qualified swimmers was discussed, noting that Juniors has already taken place at the time of the SI C&T and that since swimmers may qualify for Div2 at SIC&T it is fairer to allow swimmers to compete in both events.

Agreed to support rule change with the caveat that Jim will suggest a change in wording to clarify an ambiguity. Also suggest that they consider a shorter qualifying period: 1 Sept to 15 Feb. Lindie and Jim to send Board response to David Prattley.

Jos suggested that we monitor the effect of the rule change for a 3 year period. How many records set? How many swimmers qualify for Div 2? How many shifting down to SI C&T rather than Div 2?

- Swim calendar 2014-15

Hamish and Jim have prepared a draft calendar for discussion and circulation to clubs for comment. The draft does not include a Time Trial because there are several opportunities to gain times at meets.

Agreed to seek club comments, especially re timing for long distance events at Age Groups: Session 5 on Sunday pm? Or week before? Prefer meet to be at Nayland or ASB or Blenheim? And whether we should have a regular schedule of summer champs at Nayland and winter meet at Blenheim. Jim and Hamish to draft message to clubs.

- Split times for 400m during 800m or 1500m events

Phil looked through the rules and could not find anything. Brent noted that fairness is a key issue for NM. Phil to take Sali's letter to the Technical Committee and report back. This can be added to the query re lead off leg times.

- Swim caps for SIC&T and Div II meets

Letter of complaint: In response to a letter from the regional manager at the SI C&T meet, the Board noted that it was disappointed not to have received funding and is also short of caps for swimmers at other national events. Hamish to prepare a response.

Agreed that we need a guideline re presentation of caps. Sue noted how important the caps are for SIC&T swimmers. Jos offered to make a donation to buy 50 caps. For the moment we will pursue further funding options.

- SI C&T 2015

Moved to accept proposal that SIC&T be held in Blenheim in 2015 Sue/Susie/carried
Lindie to respond to David Prattley

- New Tasman swimmer based in Australia

Jim reported on a message from Tasman SC regarding a new swimmer based in Adelaide, and outlined his queries and concerns regarding entry and transfer process and NM records. Agreed that Jim will email SNZ with queries re meet entry and transfer processes.

Moved that we add a Standing Order that NM records can only be broken by swimmers that are currently resident in the region or have resided here for at least 1 year and continue to be registered with the region Jim/Brent/carried

13) BOARD TIME

Susie asked whether we appoint a regional coach at meets. It was confirmed that this has been done informally and on a voluntary basis in the past. Difficult now with bigger clubs, but bigger clubs usually willing to adopt swimmers from smaller clubs for away meets.

14) NEXT MEETING

Tues 8 April at Crowe Horwath, backup Nelson South

Apology from Susie

Meeting closed at 9:36 pm

Tasks

- Hamish to follow up with Karen Borrell re quotes for Adam and Eve relay towels
- Lindie to circulate Jenni Gane's evaluation form and collate responses
- Phil and SNM Technical Committee to investigate lead off legs times and split times during 800 and 1500 events, and if necessary recommend that the Board establish a new Standing Order
- Jim to investigate relay points
- Tasman SS Meet. Jim to ask clubs who is interested in hosting the meet. Hamish to follow up re hire cost at ASB.
- Jim to follow up re article in the Marlborough paper.
- Lindie and Jim to prepare and send response re SIC&T competition rules
- Jim and Hamish to prepare and send message to clubs re 2014-2015 swim calendar
- Hamish to prepare response to letter re caps for SIC&T competition
- Lindie to reply re SIC&T 2015
- Jim to send query to SNZ re new Tasman swimmer
- Lindie add Standing Order re NM records to compilation
- Lindie to notify Tasman SC to arrange with Steve Fryer the use of starter box and lap counters