

SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

7.00 pm Wednesday 13 November 2013

Crowe-Horwath Board Room, Oxford St, Richmond

Present: Steve Fryer (Chair), Jim Sinner, John Elder, Hamish Neill, Phil McMath (until 10 pm), Brent Cheyne, Sue Malthus

In attendance: Margaret Young, Christian Renford, Jos Pattison, Lindie Nelson (minutes)

1) **WELCOME** -- Steve welcomed everyone and introduced Christian Renford, the CEO of SNZ

2) **APOLOGIES** -- Susie Foster Phil/Jim/carried

3) **APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Moved to appoint John Elder of Nelson Swimming Club to SNM Board Steve/Hamish/carried
Steve confirmed that John now has voting rights.

4) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (10 September)**

Moved that the minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2013 be approved as a true and correct record Steve/Jim/carried

5) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The only matter arising is the proposal from Jenni Gane which is included in general business.

Tasks

- ASB booking for SNM Long Distance champs and Time Trial not done yet. To be discussed later in the meeting.
- Mayoral Debate on Sport was attended by Hamish and Jim. They noted that Rachel Reese provided the best response, inviting SNM to put forward a business case for a 50m covered pool for council consideration.
- Banking options for new trophy carried forward
- All other tasks completed

6) **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's report was pre-circulated.

Discussion

Inclusion of NM swimmers competing in the Zonal Meet and their results in the SNM Annual Report was discussed. It was agreed to list the NM swimmers participating and include all their placings to maintain consistency with the reporting of top 10 placings for other national meets.

Moved adoption of the Secretary's report

Phil/Sue/carried

7) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Susie has pre-circulated her reports.

Reconciliations for winter meet and SI champs

Moved to approve the reconciliation of the Winter Meet and payment to Nelson South SC

Jim/Brent/carried

Moved to approve the reconciliation of the SI Champs and payment of to Blenheim SC, subject to confirmation that there is no unrecorded expense for ribbons and medals

Jim/Brent/carried

Cash report

Moved to approve the cash report as at 10 Nov and payments to SNZ and ASB, subject to the Regional Team Manager confirming the SNZ fine

Jim/Brent/carried

Hamish noted that he had discussed a number of no shows with the SI champs Meet Director and wished to ensure that the SNZ fine was not for one of these.

Update on registered swimmers

Jim reported on behalf of Susie that the number of registered swimmers is up compared to the same time last year. There are nearly twice as many girls as boys. Christian noted that he had observed this today around the pools. Across NZ the ratio is more like 60/40. John noted that at ASB there is even an imbalance among LTS swimmers.

8) REGISTRAR/RECORDS REPORT

Jim spoke to his report drawing attention to outstanding issues regarding the C&T meet, time trial, long distance champs and venue for Tasman Secondary Schools. Hamish spoke to the C&T meet, time trial and long distance champs issues on behalf of the coaching group.

C&T meet

Hamish reported there are two issues: 400m events and trophies. He has discussed these with coaches and Kirsty. There is broad agreement to follow the format for the South Island C&T meet, so no 400s. But there is also a desire to have more 400 events in the SNM calendar.

There has also been discussion about how to better recognise country club swimmers achievements at this event. The suggestion is that we award two sets of medals for age group winners: top 3 overall plus top 3 CC swimmers.

Brent noted there will be need for a definition of CC. With Nelson Club moving its home pool to ASB it may technically be a country club. It was agreed that within the region all clubs except Blenheim, Nelson and Nelson South are country clubs.

Moved to award medals at the NM C&T Champs to top 3 CC swimmers in each age group (as well as to top 3 overall swimmers in each age group)

Jim/Hamish/carried

Time trial

Hamish noted that the Time Trial used to be last opportunity to qualify for National Juniors and another chance for NAGs swimmers after Wellington Champs. With NM Summer meet earlier and inside the qualifying period for Juniors, and NAGs now held in late April there is an opportunity to add in a full LC meet in late February. He suggested adding a LC meet in early March (within the qualifying period for NAGs) and dropping the Time Trial. Steve sought everyone's views. Following discussion it was agreed to make this change.

Moved to add a LC meet (400 down) on 1 March at Nayland and drop the NM Time Trial from the 2013-14 SNM Meet Calendar, subject to 1 or more clubs running the LC meet

Hamish/John/carried

Distance events for age group champs

The coaches group prefer to run this in a LC pool. At present our swimmers only do distance events in SC pools. There will be a higher cost to running this meet at Nayland.

Agreed that Hamish and Jim will investigate how to price the meet and report back on options to hold the long distance age group champs at Nayland.

Tasman SS venue

Jim reported that the date has been discussed with Sport Tasman and agreed for 14 May. Disabled swimmers prefer their events to be all in one session. Still need to confirm a venue.

Options discussed included rotating between Blenheim and Nelson or always holding it in Blenheim since C&T meet is usually held in Nelson. Following discussion it was felt that rotating the meet was fairer to the swimmers.

Moved that the Tasman SS champs be held in Nelson on 14 May, and that the meet venue rotate between Blenheim and Nelson Jim/Sue/carried

Jim noted times that had better existing NM records (attached).

Moved to adopt the Registrar's report, including approval of new NM records Jim/Phil/carried

9) PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATION REPORT

Jim spoke to his report noting that publicity concerns seem to have settled down. His proposal for media guidelines for clubs was carried forward to the next meeting.

10) FUNDING REPORT

Sue noted that we will have to order a few medals and some ribbons for the C&T meet and some medals for the Age Group meet but not as many as last year. The cost of these should be covered by the swim meet budgets, but it was agreed that she should look into making an application for medals for the Age Group champs to maintain stocks.

11) TECHNICAL

- Phil and Stephen introduced the new FINA rules at the Hot 100s
- 4 new officials have been approved
- Hamish noted there were lots of DQs due to incorrect breaststroke touch

12) COACHING REPORT

Hamish reported that the coaching group would like to see more 400m events and LC meets. We have some swimmers in the region looking to go to the Australian Age Groups champs and the qualifying times must be obtained in a LC pool.

Donna Bouzaid is coming to Nelson 5-7 December. She will spend time with the coaches and would like to meet after 1st session of Nayland meet with coaches and key club representatives involved in meet decision-making (such as recorders).

Christian noted that SNZ (Donna) is working to get better alignment for swimmers aiming to national level, and to support coaching development. SNZ is working on a Youth Development HP strategy, but inevitably there will be gaps where Donna cannot touch base.

Moved adoption of the coaching report Hamish/Jim/carried

13) GENERAL BUSINESS

- *ASB and the NM Winter Meet organisation*
At the winter meet ASB did not allow swimmers in before 7.45 am, other than those doing regular training. Hamish has spoken to ASB about this and worked it out.

- *Proposal from Jenni Gane*

Moved that the Board will offer 1 hour session prior to a Blenheim meet and a 1 hour session prior to a Nelson meet
Brent/Phil/carried

Phil will talk to Jenni about possibility of 25 Jan (BSC) and 8 Feb (LC champs).

- *Nelson Club extraordinary meeting (12 Nov)*

Steve attended an extraordinary general meeting of the Nelson Club which approved a motion to change its name to Tasman SC Inc and add lime green to its club colours. John outlined the background to this proposal – the club is now based at ASB pool rather than Riverside, the majority of swimmers are not from Nelson, and there is some confusion with Nelson South.

Steve noted that SNM must request SNZ to confirm that these changes will not cause confusion with other clubs in NZ. He confirmed that proper notice was given of the club's extraordinary GM.

Moved that SNM takes note of the request from Nelson Club and forward it to SNZ

John/Jim/carried

Steve will send a copy of minutes of SGM to Linde. Lindie will draft a letter for Steve to send to SNZ.

- *Meeting with Christian Renford, CEO SNZ*

Steve handed the chairing of the meeting to Brent. Brent invited Christian to talk to Board. Christian thanked the Board for moving the meeting date to accommodate his timing.

SNZ Organisation

Christian provided a brief update on SNZ organisation structure. There are 3 primary areas: HP, Operations, Community Education (LTS).

In HP Donna Bouzaid is the new HP Development coach, Luis Villanueva new HPD, and have advertised 2 programme coaches (Auckland and Wellington) to provide continuity for high performance centres. Also adding admin support. Brent noted the excitement that we are seeing progress on a pathway for regional swimmers to HP. Donna's visit is the start. We appreciate that this is happening and it is consistent with the email sent to SNZ and the regions on our views on the WOSP.

In Operations (Competitive Swimming) Kent Stead leads a team of 4: Event Manager, Sport Development Officer (new role to support clubs), Communication and Marketing Officer (Melissa Ingram), and IT Support Officer (Becki Erkhens).

IT project: Database needs enhancement to provide flexibility and functionality. SNZ are looking at new system which integrates with TM. The project has an advisory group with members from regions, clubs, and technical specialists. The new database will require a thorough roll out.

Discussion and questions

Christian then offered to answer any questions or discuss comments.

Questions were raised about:

- the influence of Sport NZ (answer: minimal)

- future of zonal competition: Christian noted that good feedback has been provided on the meet and SNZ now needs to consider how it fits with HP pathway. He also passed on his congratulations to the regional swimmers in the SI Makos – well done!
- Regional constitutions: Brent outlined past events and noted that for SNM only 3 substantive issues remain regarding the draft regional constitutions: board size limit, the ban on club committee members being on the board (conflict can be managed), and WOSP process. Options were canvassed. It was noted that SNM would be happy with 8 members 4 of which are not club committee members. There remains a strong view from SNM that the WOSP should be developed through a workshop involving the regions to create ownership.

Jim also noted our submission on the option of amending the regional constitution “subject to approval by SNZ”, rather than with “prior approval”. This would be more practical.

In closing Brent noted that an objective of this meeting was to build better relations with SNZ. This objective has been well met: we really appreciate having Christian visit the region, and attend this meeting to gain a perspective on how we operate and to hear and discuss our views. We look forward to working more with SNZ and having a closer relationship.

Christian thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and engage in a frank and constructive discussion.

14) NEXT MEETING

Tues 10 December, 7 pm Crowe Horwath Boardroom

Agenda items held over from November meeting:

Media guidelines (Jim)

New regulations from FINA (Phi)

Touchpads: report on meeting Colin Robson of HTS (Phil)

Meeting closed at 10.29 pm

List of tasks

- Susie to investigate banking options for new trophy
- Susie to confirm if costs for Medals and Ribbons are to be added to the SI Champs P&L
- Hamish to book Nayland for March LC meet
- Hamish and Jim to investigate pricing options to hold long distance champs at Nayland
- Sue to look into funding options to replace medals
- Phil to talk to Jenni Gane about possible dates
- Lindie to draft a letter to SNZ re Nelson Club changes (for Steve to send)
- Jim to review draft regional constitution to assess scope for amendments to be varied by region
- Lindie to advise clubs of Donna Bouzaid meeting after first session of 7 December meet. (All coaches and 1-2 key club decision makers)

New SNM Records

The times listed below are faster than existing SNM records.

<i>Event</i>	<i>LC/ SC</i>	<i>Age Grp</i>	<i>M/ F</i>	<i>New time</i>	<i>Swimmer</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Previous record holder</i>
NZ Secondary Schools – 6 September 2013							
50 Free	LC	14	M	25.72	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Ryan Wilson at NAGs 2005
200 Free	LC	14	M	2:05.92	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Fraser Neill Canty Champs 2011
NZ Short Course Champs – 29 September 2013							
100 Back	SC	Open	F	1:07.43	Samantha Trevurza	Nelson South	Grace Woodall SNM C&T 2013
400 Free	SC	Open	F	4:31.91	Talya Harwood	Nelson	Lisa Jefcoate 1994
50 Breast	SC	Open	F	33.42	Ellie Rukuwai	Nelson South	Sara Gane 2012 NZ Short Course
800 Free	SC	Open	F	9:22.32	Caitlin Delany	Nelson	Amy Coulton 2013 SI Champs
800 Free	SC	Open	F	9:18.70	Talya Harwood	Nelson	Caitlin Delaney NZ SC 2013
100 Free	SC	Open	M	53.71	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	KA McGuinniety 2012 NZ SC
50 Free	SC	Open	M	24.43	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	KA McGuinniety 2012 NZ SC
50 Breast	SC	13	F	35.11	Clara Foster	Nelson South	Sara Gane 2012 NZ Short Course
100 Back	SC	14	F	1:07.43	Samantha Trevurza	Nelson South	Sam Trevurza at 2013 SI Champs
400 Free	SC	14	F	4:31.91	Talya Harwood	Nelson	Phillippa Dwyer at 2013 SI Champs
50 Back	SC	14	F	31.01	Samantha Trevurza	Nelson South	Sam Trevurza NSC meet July 2013
800 Free	SC	14	F	9:18.70	Talya Harwood	Nelson	Talya Harwood at 2013 SI Champs
100 Fly	SC	15	F	1:07.80	Sally M. McMath	Blenheim	Sally McMath at 2013 SI Champs
400 Free	SC	15	F	4:34.75	Ellie Rukuwai	Nelson South	Ellie Rukuwai SNM Age Groups 2013
50 Breast	SC	15	F	33.42	Ellie Rukuwai	Nelson South	Ellie Rukuwai SI Champs 2013
800 Free	SC	15	F	9:22.32	Caitlin Delany	Nelson	Amy Coulton 2013 SI Champs
400 Free	SC	16	F	4:38.15	Amy Coulton	Nelson South	Standard
800 Free	SC	16	F	9:39.10	Amy Coulton	Nelson South	Grace Woodall SNM Age Grps 2012
200 Breast	SC	17	F	2:49.26	Madisen Stanley	Nelson	Jas Bewley at SNM Winter 2008
400 Free	SC	17	F	4:34.56	Madisen Stanley	Nelson	Madisen K. Stanley at 2013 SSSS
800 Free	SC	17	F	9:24.37	Madisen Stanley	Nelson	Grace Woodall SNM Age Grps 2013
100 Fly	SC	14	M	1:03.29	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Fraser Neill SNM Age Groups 2011
100 Free	SC	14	M	53.71	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Sam McKenzie 2013 South Islands
400 Free	SC	14	M	4:21.32	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Sam McKenzie at SNM Winter 2013
50 Fly	SC	14	M	27.02	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Sam McKenzie 2013 South Islands
50 Free	SC	14	M	24.43	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Sam McKenzie 2013 South Islands
1500 Free	SC	16	M	17:02.81	Luke Kelly	Nelson South	William Borrell SNM Age Grps 2013
400 Free	SC	16	M	4:16.02	Luke Kelly	Nelson South	KA McGuinniety at SNM Winter 2011
BSC Allsorts Meet 12 October 2013							
100 Back	SC	11	M	1:17.49	Oliver Stark	Waimea	Standard
Nelson South Hot 100s Meet 2 November 2013							
100 IM	SC	14	M	1:04.69	Sam McKenzie	Nelson	Toby Lloyd NZ Short Course 2012