

**Minutes of Swimming Nelson Marlborough
Meeting held Tuesday 21st of February, 2012
7.00p.m.
Nelson South SC, Hampden Street, Nelson**

Present: Brent Cheyne, Hamish Neill, Jim Sinner, Steve Fryer, Sue Malthus, Jos Pattison

Apologies: Lynn Anderson, Phil McMath

Observer: Margaret Young

**Brent Cheyne/Steve Fryer
Carried**

Brent welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of the Last Minutes:
24th January, 2012.

**Jim Sinner/Steve Fryer
Carried**

Matters Arising:

Brent confirmed that the meeting with the clubs to discuss the Nelson Marlborough submission for the review of Swimming New Zealand had gone well confirming some changes to the draft document. All in attendance were in agreement with the final form of this submission.

Review of Summary of Tasks:

SNM Trust review to be carried forward

Jim had confirmed with Phil that a Meet Director for the SNM Age Group Champs had been appointed and that the planning was well underway.

Lyn had applied to CCT for permission to spend the remainder of the funding on the purchase of medals for up and coming meets. This had been accepted by CCT.

Kay has emailed Mike Byrne – copying in Ross Butler – re the possibility of leasing touch pads. Mike has replied that he will follow this up with Kent Stead. Kent's initial reply was that of non-commitment and essentially, touch pads were not available from SNZ.

Kay did advise clubs that National assessments would be carried out at our SNM Age Group Championships.

Administrator's Report:

The Administrator's Report was tabled and discussed. It was noted that the Waimea Club was the only club to furnish their minutes The SNM Rules state that these should be supplied The main reason for receiving minutes from clubs is that they are reviewed by the administrator and if there are any issues arising that the Board may be able to assist with, these are noted on the agenda for the SNM Board meetings. At times a number of clubs have similar queries and these can be dealt with globally.

IT WAS MOVED that the Administrator's Report be accepted.

**Brent Cheyne/Jim Sinner
Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

IT WAS MOVED that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Jim Sinner/Steve Fryer
Carried**

Registrar's Report to Swimming Nelson Marlborough

1. SNM Records

The times listed on the attached page, swum at various meets, are faster than existing SNM records. Note these include one new Open record set in August last year. I have now figured out how to correctly identify Open records, so I hope to report these more promptly in future.

I recommend that the times listed in the attachment be confirmed as SNM records.

2. Software updates

The license for our copy of Meet Manager expired on 17 February 2012, after Hy-tek granted us a 3-week extension in order to run the Age Groups meet in February. We are still waiting for the results of our grant application.

If the grant application is not successful, I recommend that we update the Board's license for another year and strongly encourage Blenheim and Nelson South to upgrade their licenses to MM4.0. We will then all be on the same version and will have the option next year of not renewing the SNM license.

I recommend that the Board discuss this matter.

3. SNM Age Group Champs 2012

The Age Group Champs was hosted and run by Blenheim Swimming Club, and attracted about 95 entries including swimmers from Wharenui and Greymouth, and Josie Kydd from Ashburton. We had some hiccups with the semi-automatic timing gear but resolved these without major disruption and the meet went smoothly. SNZ Technical committee members complimented officials on the running of the meet. All trophies and awards were announced at the conclusion of the meet and reports were submitted to local papers by Linda Lloyd and Hamish Neill. The visiting swimmers added to the competitive environment, taking home a number of visitors' medals.

Issues and questions that arose at the meet-

1. **Times for lead-off legs of relays** – I would like to be more organised next year and ensure that we capture on stop-watches the splits for the lead-off leg of all relays.
2. **100 IM** – This event was a time trial again this year, but it remains a very popular event nonetheless, with 41 swimmers entered. I suggest this event could be made a formal part of the championships, meaning it would be scored and counted for age group and Marie Saul cups.
3. **Shirts for officials** – The Board is asked to consider sponsoring appropriately designed shirts for SNM officials once they have achieved their certification. This would recognise their contribution to our sport and raise the image and profile of Swimming Nelson Marlborough.



SNM Records set since last report

| Event | LC/ SC | Age | M/ F | New time | Swimmer | Club | Previous record holder | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|---------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Wgtn LC Champs 2012 | | | | 20-Jan-12 | | | | |
| 50 | Free | LC | 15 | F | 28.03 | Skye Eden | Nelson South | Amaka Gessler NAGs 2006 |
| 50 | Fly | LC | 15 | F | 29.80 | Skye Eden | Nelson South | Amaka Gessler NAGs 2006 |
| 200 | Back | LC | 16 | F | 2:34.90 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Hannah Saunders NAGs 2002 |
| 50 | Fly | LC | 15 | M | 27.57 | William Z. Borrell | Nelson | Chris York 1994 |
| 50 | Fly | LC | 16 | M | 28.23 | Kaiori McGuinnety | Nelson South | Leighton Riley Canterbury A's 2004 |
| 50 | Back | LC | 17 | M | 30.60 | Nick Kerry | Blenheim | Brendon Ferguson NAGs 2008 |
| 50 | Fly | LC | 17 | M | 28.39 | Nick Kerry | Blenheim | Darren Perano NAGs 2001 |
| 100 | Fly | LC | 17 | M | 1:02.16 | Nick Kerry | Blenheim | Darren Perano NAGs 2001 |
| 200 | Fly | LC | 17 | M | 2:29.87 | Nick Kerry | Blenheim | Darren Perano NAGs 2001 |
| SNM Time Trial | | | | 26-Jan-12 | | | | |
| 200 | Back | SC | 14 | F | 2:30.58 | Sally M. McMath | Blenheim | Danielle Tribe SNM Winter meet 2009 |
| Short Course NAGs | | | | 6-Aug-11 | | | | |
| 50 | Back | SC | Open | F | 31.73 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Amaka Gessler at 2006 Wharenui Junior Olympics |
| SNM Age Groups 2012 | | | | 4-Feb-12; 11-Feb-12 | | | | |
| 800 | Free | SC | 16 | F | 09:42.9 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Standard |
| 1500 | Free | SC | 15 | M | 17:06.4 | Fraser Neill | Nelson | Standard |
| 800 | Free | SC | 17 | M | 9:26.53 | Kaiori McGuinnety | Nelson South | Standard |
| 100 | Back | SC | 16 | F | 1:07.56 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Amaka Gessler at 2006 Jasi Xmas Cracker |
| 200 | Back | SC | 16 | F | 2:23.76 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Grace Woodall at SNM C&T Jan 2012 |
| 100 | Back | SC | Open | F | 1:07.56 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Grace Woodall at Combined Clubs 2011 |
| 200 | Back | SC | Open | F | 2:23.76 | Grace Woodall | Nelson South | Cher Black 1998 |
| 50 | Back | SC | 13 | F | 0:32.33 | Samantha Trevurza | Motueka | Ellie Rukuwai at NZ SC Champs 2011 |
| 50 | Breast | SC | 13 | F | 0:35.26 | Sara Gane | Blenheim | Sara Gane at NZ SC Champs 2011 |
| 100 | Breast | SC | 13 | F | 1:15.63 | Sara Gane | Blenheim | Sara Gane at NZ SC Champs 2011 |
| 400 | I.M. | SC | 13 | F | 5:24.73 | Sara Gane | Blenheim | Ellie Rukuwai SNM Age Groups 2011 |
| 200 | Back | SC | 14 | F | 2:33.75 | Sally M. McMath | Blenheim | Danielle Tribe SNM Winter Meet 2009 |
| 200 | Breast | SC | 14 | F | 2:45.50 | Ellie Rukuwai | Nelson South | Kylie Hunter 2000 |
| 200 | I.M. | SC | 14 | F | 2:31.61 | Ellie Rukuwai | Nelson South | Standard |
| 200 | Back | SC | 15 | F | 2:29.07 | Caitlin Abbott | Nelson South | Grace Woodall Combined Clubs 2011 |
| 400 | I.M. | SC | 15 | M | 4:51.66 | Fraser Neill | Nelson | Standard |
| 50 | Free | SC | 17 | M | 0:25.21 | Kaiori McGuinnety | Nelson South | Michael Kendrick 2004 |
| 100 | Back | SC | 17 | M | 1:04.07 | Nick Kerry | Blenheim | Brendon Ferguson 2002 |
| 200 | Fly | SC | 17 | M | 2:23.61 | Nick Kerry | Blenheim | Jonathon Page at Div II 2010 |
| NZ Juniors | | | | 18-2-2012 | | | | |
| 50 | Free | LC | 12 | M | 28.33 | Sam McKenzie | Nelson | Fergus Strickland 1998 |

IT WAS MOVED that the above records be accepted.

**Jim Sinner/Steve Fryer
Carried**

The Board discussed the issue of software updates now that funding from the NZCT had been confirmed at \$2000.00. Jim has further negotiated the cost of the group update with HY-TEK and has managed to secure a price of \$2154.00 (final price dependant on exchange rate). The shortfall from funding is now approx. \$154.00. This will leave SNM and five clubs with Meet Manager 4.0 and two clubs will have Team Manager updated to Version 6.

Jim will download the total package and distribute the upgrades to the relevant clubs.

IT WAS MOVED that the Board would cover the shortfall of approximately \$154.00 so that there was no cost to clubs.

**Steve Fryer/Brent Cheyne
Carried**

IT WAS MOVED that the Registrar's Report be accepted.

**Jim Sinner/Brent Cheyne
Carried**

Publicity/Communications Report

Newspaper articles had been submitted for the SNM Country & Town; SNM Age Group Championships (Nelson and Blenheim), and NZ Junior Championships resulting in good coverage in the local media. The newspapers are very receptive to our reports.

IT WAS MOVED that the Publicity/Communications Report be accepted.

**Jim Sinner/Hamish Neill
Carried**

Funding Report:

It was confirmed that \$2000.00 was received from NZCT for the upgrading of software and the remainder of the CCT funding was approved for the purchase of further medals.

IT WAS MOVED that the Funding Report be accepted.

**Sue Malthus/Jim Sinner
Carried**

Technical/Coaching:

No report.

Events:

No report. Margaret raised the issue that not all cups and trophies had been returned for the presentation and that some had required repair. She believed that all cups should have the word "Swimming" on them and that the Ton Boulton cup (missing for some time) should be replaced. There will be an article in the Nelson Weekly and the Waimea Weekly asking if anyone has seen this cup. It was agreed that the Board would discuss the replacement of the cup if the articles failed to elicit any response.

The Board discussed who the custodians of the cups should be. It was believed that the desired position would be that individuals hold the individual cups and either the region or winning clubs hold the club cups.

General Business:

Review of SNZ

Update. Brent, along with other members of the coalition regions, attended a meeting in Wellington with Chris Moller to discuss a letter that had been sent by the coalition to the Steering Group for the Review. Brent reported that the meeting went well with the content of the letter being discussed and the provision of background information into our region's submission. The Nelson Marlborough Submission was handed in at the meeting and also a submission from the Waimea Swimming Club which supported our regional

submission. It appears that the Working Group is not going to hold separate meetings with regions and clubs, but formulate its recommendation based on the submissions made in the limited meetings they have had. It is anticipated that the Working Group will come back with recommendations in late March/early April.

Review of recent swimming meets:

The three recent meets held – SNM Time Trial, SNM C&T and SNM Age Groups - were discussed. Brent thanked Jim for the considerable time he had put into organising these and also thanked all the other volunteers who had contributed to the successful running of these events. Steve raised the point that the SNM Age Groups had joint Meet Directors. The FINA, SNZ and SNM Rules state that one person shall be appointed Meet Director. The Board need to ensure that this role is undertaken by ONE person in future.

Jim raised a couple of points, the first being that he would try, in future, to organize the recording of the lead-off legs in relays by the stopwatch.

Jim also raised the fact that the 100IM had been run as a Time Trial at the last two Age Group Champs and asked if this could become a formal point-scoring event in the future.

This is not mentioned specifically in the Nelson Marlborough Constitution, so the Board was able to confirm that this would be included as an official event at next year's SNM Age Groups. Many of the trophies do list in the Rules which events are included. None of these will include the 100IM. Any changes to these would need to be carried out by Remit at the SNM AGM.

Hamish raised the point that some swimmers had had their 800m split times taken in the 1500m, but not all. Steve commented that this was done for those who had requested it.

After some discussion, it was agreed that in future the 800m split would be taken for all swimmers who were competing in the 1500m Freestyle event at the SNM Age Group Champs.

Andrew McFarlane provided a Meet Director's Report to the Board which highlighted the following points.

Andrew thanked Lorraine, Phil, Ivon and Jim for the hard work carried out in putting the SNM Age Groups meet together.

He also raised the question as to whether strapping of injuries should be allowed at a swimming meet. Steve commented that in the FINA Rules, it is only allowed to be FINA approved strapping.

The Board discussed this. It was agreed that we await SNZ's confirmation on this matter.

Once confirmation has been received, all clubs will be notified of strapping rules.

Andrew commented in his report that both Jo and Leslie from the SNZ Technical Committee will submit any suggestions for improvements in running meets in due course.

The following national qualifications were passed at the SNM Age Groups:

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| Andrew McFarlane | National Referee |
| Ivon Clemett | National Referee |
| Fletcher Kydd | National IOT |
| Phil McMath | National Starter |
| Sarah Woodhouse | National IOT |
| Alex Lloyd | National IOT |

The Board congratulates the above people on their success and their outstanding commitment to our sport. Andrew asked if he needed to notify the Board of each and every national meet he would be officiating at as a Referee. The answer is no.

Andrew also suggested that the Board seek funding for the design and making of shirts for our Technical Officials. The colour for these shirts was discussed. It was agreed that our Swimming Nelson Marlborough colours should be used along with our official logo. Steve recommended the SNM Logo without the square around it. Sue has volunteered to obtain quotes for fifty officials' shirts and apply for funding.

It was agreed that Sue should also obtain a quote for fifteen shirts for regional managers and include these

in the funding application. It was agreed that the shirts would have the logo on the front with the word "Official" or "Manager" underneath.

There was also some discussion as to whether we should be supplying whistles and lanyards to officials. After discussion, it was decided that these were personal items that would best be obtained by the individual.

Jos made the comment that the Nelson Marlborough region is doing a very good job in getting new officials registered. Leslie and Jo had commented to Steve that our region was currently one of the most proactive at this in the country.

Committee for Pool Arrangement:

Hamish reported back to the Board on recent developments in this area.

There had been a meeting yesterday with Vaughan Pope, the current Manager of the ASB Aquatic Centre, Hamish, and Nigel and Kirsty Rukuwai representing the clubs.

This meeting discussed a "wish list" for lane space at ASB after all possible options for the same had been booked at the Riverside Pool in Nelson. The ASB space would be to fill gaps and accommodate the Waimea Club. Confirmation could not be given by ASB at this meeting. They did comment that they would be flexible if the Academy was not utilizing all of their pool space allocation. Hamish is expecting a response on what will be offered next week.

Brent asked if the Motueka Club had been included in these discussions. Hamish commented that they would be looking to do their morning sessions and may have two swimmers who would join the evening sessions run by other clubs.

Riverside are also looking to add in an additional lane which may free up more space, simply by changing the placement of lane ropes.

Costs have not been finalized at this point in time, however, ASB are likely to charge similar fees to last year.

Timing Gear Update:

Nothing further had been received from Kent Stead regarding the availability of timing gear and touch pads for hire.

Proposed Changes to SNZ Regulations:

The proposed changes were discussed, the main regulation change being to the New Zealand Short Course Championships. Kent Stead had also put up for discussion a possible change as to how meets could be ratified for qualifying times to count.

SNM was signatory to a letter sent to Ross Butler stating that we did not believe SNZ should make these changes during the course of the review into SNZ. The Board still agrees with this position, but discussed the detail of the proposed changes in order to comment on these in our submission. The Board agreed unanimously that it was not in the interest of our region for any of these changes to occur. Brent is to complete the submission to Kent Stead on behalf of the Board.

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m. Next meeting Tuesday 13th March, 2012, Hampden Street, 7.00p.m.

SUMMARY OF TASKS:

Hamish to notify Board re progress on winter pool space negotiations

Jos, Margaret and Hamish to review the SNM Trust Document.

Steve awaiting reply from SNZ regarding Strapping Rules.

Sue to obtain quotes/ apply for funding for shirts – Officials and Team Managers.

Brent to complete submission on proposed SNZ Regulation Changes on behalf of SNM.