

SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.

SNM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7.00 pm Tuesday 10 January 2017
Cawthron Institute, Nelson

Present: Stephen Fryer, Melinda Baigent, Mandy Thomas, Susie Foster, Hamish Neill, Jim Sinner, and Mandy Bishop and Steve Malthus (from 7.30 pm).

In attendance: Kareen Howes (on behalf of Margaret Young)

The Chair welcomed all and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

1. APOLOGIES: Lorraine, Steve Fox, Jos, Margaret Young

Jim/Susie/*carried*

2. STRATEGIC PLAN/KPI IMPLEMENTATION

- Primary schools email (regional final proposal)

Mandy B has circulated a proposed email and will make some revisions to take into account comments received. The Committee supported sending out the email.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (6 December)

Moved to accept the minutes of 6 December as a true and correct record

Jim/Susie/*carried*

4. MATTERS ARISING AND TASKS

- Jim to circulate timing gear policy to Blenheim and Tasman

- Insurance claim has been paid. Need to finalise a decision on how many buttons to buy.

Moved to purchase 6 new buttons

Jim/Susie/*carried*

Melinda will order the buttons

- Starter blocks mounting: Melinda has spoken to Vaughan at the Richmond Aquatic Centre. Agreed to split the costs 3 ways: SNM, Tasman, & CLM. CLM will invoice us.

Moved to approve SNM paying 1/3 of the \$1200 cost for mounting the new starter blocks at RAC

Melinda/Hamish/*carried*

The starting blocks can also be used at Hampden Pool: just need new holes drilled in the plates.

Moved that SNM pay for protective coating plus cost of drilling plates to fit at Hampden Pool

Stephen/Jim/*carried*

- Touchpad handling procedures – Mandy Thomas and Steve Fox have taken lots of photos of how everything is assembled: use this to prepare a booklet to keep with the equipment.

- SNM LC Champs

Mandy T following up with Brightwater School regarding use of sound system. We could look into buying a wireless speaker system (cost is about 5k). Mandy and Melinda to bring information on options to next meeting, for a potential grant application.

Sponsorship form – Jim will email to clubs. Add to the flyer that the sponsorship funds will be used for the swimmers fund

- Hamish has contacted coaches about bringing a top level coach or swimmer to the region.

5. SECRETARY REPORT

The report was received.

6. CLUB UPDATES

As a result of the earthquake Kaikoura SC is not training or competing this year.

Moved to waive the club fee for Kaikoura for 2016-17 and to request that SNZ waive their portion as well
Susie/Melinda/*carried*

Susie to email Peter Carroll at SNZ.

7. TREASURER REPORT

Moved to accept the Treasurer's report
Susie/Jim/*carried*

8. REGISTRAR REPORT/MEETS MANAGEMENT

Country and Town meet went well. Hamish consulting with coaches about alternative date for decathlon. LC Champs tasks discussed.

Moved that the Registrar's report be adopted and the following results be confirmed as SNM records

Nelson South Club Champs - 2 Dec 2016

800 Free	SC	10 & U	M	13:26.28	Adam Barton	NLSNM
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Tasman SC Christmas Ribbon Meet – 10 Dec 2016

800 Free	LC	10 & U	F	14:35.74	Brooke Swan	TASNM
100 Breast	LC	18	F	1:16.57	Caitlin Delany	TASNM
200 Breast	LC	18	F	2:43.91	Caitlin Delany	TASNM

Jim/Hamish/*carried*

9. PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATION REPORT

Press release on C&T meet submitted and published in the Nelson Mail and on Stuff website.

10. FUNDING REPORT

Re-start application for officials' shirts. Melinda to get new quotes for 60 shirts.

11. SNZ LIAISON REPORT

Nothing to report.

12. TECHNICAL

Nothing to report.

13. COACHING REPORT

Nothing further to report.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Trophy criteria for LC Champs

Mandy B has received feedback from some trophy donors, Nelson South and Andy Adair. Of those who responded, there seems to be general agreement to change but unclear what!

The easiest option is to set qualifying criteria for swims and then use points. Mandy has circulated a proposal by email. It has to be manageable for the recorder.

Kareen talked on behalf of Margaret Young (trophy donor for 10 year olds) and has also talked to Jos:

- Align with Junior Nationals – bring in all the 200s except 200 fly
- Canterbury, Wellington do not use FINA: they use meet points
- Opposed to longer swims for younger swimmers.

Jim reported that he had spoken to Jos Pattison about a week ago. Jos was ok with the proposal to require 12 & unders to swim at least 3 strokes plus an IM, but did not think this should be extended

to all four strokes plus an IM and a long distance swim for the older swimmers. He was indifferent to whether FINA points or meet points were used, and he opposed to allowing swimmers 10 and under to count points from 400m and longer swims, feeling that they should not be encouraged to swim those distances until they are older.

Hamish noted that, because SNZ now discriminates against swimmers using short course qualifying times for national meets and our swimmers have few opportunities to get long course times, coaches for Nelson South and Tasman are looking to use the LC Champs to get NAGs qualifying times. Also want the younger swimmers to swim all strokes.

The committee discussed each of Mandy's proposals and took an indication of support for each (with Kareen's views included):

1. Age groups 12 and under, swimmers to enter 3 strokes plus an IM for their age group (200 IM for 9-11 year olds, 200 or 400IM for 12 year olds) as a minimum
Agreed unanimously
2. For 13 and overs, at least X strokes plus IM, plus long distance event 800 (F) or 1500 (M)
3 strokes plus IM -- 4 *in favour*
4 strokes plus IM – 5 *in favour*
Revised proposal:
For 13 and overs, all 4 strokes plus IM, plus long distance event (800 (F) or 1500 (M))
7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstain
3. Points: Use either FINA or current meet points
Agreed unanimously to use current meet points (no change to points awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc)
4. Allow 9 and 10 year olds who are swimming in 12 & Under events to count points toward the trophies?
7 agree, 1 against, 1 abstain
Kareen was strongly opposed to having this apply to Margaret Young Trophies for 10 year olds, but will talk to Margaret about the option of allowing points for 400m swims to be counted and email Lindie with response. Email response to Lindie to circulate.
5. Cap the number of individual events that can be entered at 10
Agreed unanimously

Moved that the trophy criteria for SNM Long Course Champs be:

- (i) age groups 12 and under must enter at least 3 strokes plus the age appropriate IM (i.e. 9-11 must enter 200 IM, 12s may enter 200 or 400 IM)
- (ii) age groups 13 and over must enter 4 strokes plus IM plus long distance event (800 for girls, 1500 for boys)
- (iii) use current point system
- (iv) cap entries at 10 individual events per swimmer
- (v) 9 & under and 11 year old swimmers will get points for longer distance events if they choose to swim them and earn placings

Jim/Steve Malthus/carried (unanimously)

- Country and Town Meet debrief

Meet went well but the sessions are getting longer so not much time between. Could run three sessions (i.e. one on Sunday) or start earlier? Eg 8:30 am. Fiona suggested that a 30 min warm up is sufficient.

Warm up procedure was not adhered to. Suggest talking to the coaches first to ensure they are aware of warm up procedure. Use signs on the starting blocks. Appoint Warm Up Marshall.

Use bins for gear – flexi tubs. Hamish will check whether there are any at Nelson South, otherwise Tasman willing to provide theirs for the LC meet.

OK to have swimmers in relays who have not entered the meet.

Melinda queried why fee is \$7: Has been the entry fee for a couple of years now and was approved by Management Committee at an earlier meeting; covers additional costs: medals, ribbons and trophies engraving.

Visitors: Should get old medals for placings.

- Ngawhatu pool: Steve Malthus reported that the pool committee has decided to close this pool. Too difficult to meet the developers requirements.

NEXT MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14 February 2017, 7:00 pm Venue Nelson South (TBC)

Apologies: Jim, Hamish

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm