

**Minutes of Swimming Nelson Marlborough Incorporated**  
**102nd Annual General Meeting**  
**Tasman Recreation Centre, Cambridge Street, Richmond, Nelson**  
**Sunday 29th of July, 2012**

**Present:**

Stephen Fryer	President	Brent Cheyne	Chairman/Treasurer
Wendy Fryer	NLS	Sarah Woodhouse	BLN
Phil McMath	BLN	Andrew McFarlane	BLN
Ivon Clemett	BLN	Hamish Neill	NL
Jim Sinner	NLS	Martin Anderson	NLS
Tanya Roberts	MOT	Sue Malthus	WM
Jos Pattison	NLS/WM	Lindie Nelson	NLS
Nigel Rukuwai	NLS	Tim Loach	NLS
Fiona Lulham	NLS	Gail Pope	Nayland Park
Chris Fellows	Nayland Park		

**Apologies:**

Ross Bragg, Margaret Young, Regional Administrator, Murchison SC, Eric Peterson.  
John Doran, Stephen and Wendy Fryer (late arrival).

**Phil McMath/Hamish Neill**  
**Carried**

**The meeting commenced with a one minute silence for Ted Hockey, Helen Doran and Jill Heath.**

**Proxies:**

No Proxies.

**Roll Call of Delegates:**

Motueka	Tanya Roberts	2 votes
Nelson South	Nigel Rukuwai/Fiona Lulham	2 votes
Nelson	Hamish Neill	2 votes
Blenheim	Phil McMath	2 votes
Golden Bay	No delegate	-
Waimea	Sue Malthus	2 votes
Kaikoura	No delegate	-
Murchison	No delegate	-
Nayland	Gail Pope	2 votes

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**Moved that the Minutes be taken as read and a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**Andrew McFarlane/Sue Malthus  
Carried**

**Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**Tabling of Annual Reports from Clubs:**

Reports were tabled for the following clubs:

Nelson SC; Nelson South SC; Blenheim SC; Motueka SC; Waimea SC; Nayland Park SC; Murchison SC; and the Kaikoura SC.

**Moved that the Annual Reports from Clubs be accepted.**

**Phil McMath/Gail Pope  
Carried**

**Consideration of SNM Annual Report and Balance Sheet:**

**Financial Report:**

Brent presented the Financial Report for the year commenting on the results and financial position. He commented that the surplus for the year was due to funding received for the Blenheim starting blocks. Without this, it would have been a “break-even” year.

**Moved that the Financial Report be accepted**

**Tanya Roberts/Nigel Rukuwai  
Carried**

**Election of Board Members:**

Prior to electing the new Board, Brent commented on the Swimming New Zealand Review. He provided a background of events leading up to this. A number of regions, (referred to as “The Coalition”) of which Nelson Marlborough was one, had issues with the Swimming New Zealand Board and the ongoing operational issues, to a lesser degree, as these were dealt with directly with the staff at Swimming New Zealand. The main point of contention our region has had over successive Boards was Project Vanguard and Brent drove the argument

against this. He believed it was divisive and that the whole process was compromised from the beginning. This reached a point whereby the regions in the coalition invited SNZ to mediation. This day-long mediation ended in agreement on the current review of SNZ. A Steering Group was set up and Nelson Marlborough nominated Jim Swanson as a member of this group. The Steering Group organised the Working Group that undertook the review. This was headed up by Chris Moller who was supported by Sue Suckling. After obtaining all the information, Chris Moller held meetings to share the draft findings and recommendations. Brent and Steve attended these meetings.

Considerable Board time had been spent on Project Vanguard initially, and then on the SNZ Review. It eventually reached the point where a Draft Constitution was released. This was accepted by most regions for various reasons. Our Board reviewed the Constitution thoroughly and then asked for feedback from clubs. We made comments to the SNZ Review Working Group, which included our concerns regarding the provision that any surplus assets would be vested in SNZ upon the winding up of a club. There were a number of provisions in the Draft Constitution that our Board was simply not comfortable with, which also included the ability for SNZ to charge any fees they wished. SNZ could essentially ask any region to do anything SNZ wanted. The only power left for the regions, under the new Constitution, was the ability to call a SGM and, with enough support, remove the SNZ Board.

Swimming Auckland obtained legal advice on two key points. The first being the legitimacy of the SGM. The second issue was that the new SNZ Constitution was forcing regions to adopt a new Regional Constitution that had not even been drafted. The legal advice said that the Auckland Regional Constitution did not allow for this to happen. Our Constitution is similar to that of Auckland and required 60% of members to agree to any change in our Constitution. We, as a Board, decided we could not force this on our members in the same way it was being forced on us.

Our Constitution also states that we have to do everything we can to stay affiliated with SNZ. If our clubs did not agree to this new Regional Constitution, then we would no longer be affiliated to SNZ.

The Review came back with three legal opinions arguing against Auckland's legal advice.

Our Board had agreed, prior to the SNZ SGM, that it could not accept the new Constitution and would abstain from voting. We prepared a statement to be read to the SGM which read as follows:

“Swimming Nelson Marlborough will support the decision made by the regions at this SGM. If the new Constitution is adopted, we will work positively with Swimming New Zealand and all other regions to see that the sport moves ahead positively under the new structure, and that the transition is as effective as possible.

Swimming Nelson Marlborough has supported the Review from its inception, but feels very strongly that the process adopted to create the Draft Constitution was inappropriate. No Constitution, for a sport or any other organisation, should be totally rewritten without any input being allowed from its members and stakeholders. Regions were given the

opportunity to make comment once the Constitution was drafted, but clearly no changes were to be accepted, except for the one error.

Swimming Nelson Marlborough is not comfortable with a number of provisions in the Draft Constitution which was communicated to the Review Team. One of these core concerns still has the lawyers disagreeing. We urged the Review Team to offer genuine consultation with regions, even if it meant delaying the SGM, to prepare a document that gave comfort to all regions. This was all to no avail.

We fully understand the importance of this decision, but due to the above concerns that we have spent considerable time battling with, we have come to a unanimous decision that we cannot vote in favour of the motion, but will, instead, abstain from voting.”

Brent and Hamish attended the SNZ SGM on behalf of Swimming Nelson Marlborough. This meeting started with Chris Moller stating that if any region either abstains from this vote, or votes no, then no representative from their region will be welcome on the Swimming New Zealand Board, or the Appointments Panel. Moller then commented “here is your chance to show real leadership for your regions and vote for this resolution” implying that if you did not vote for it, you were not well led.

Auckland stated that they had received a legal opinion advising that they could not vote at this SGM and would have to abstain. There was then a five minute break to give Auckland the opportunity to change its mind. When the meeting reconvened, Brent stressed again that Swimming Nelson Marlborough would support the decision of this SGM.

The vote went ahead with Auckland and Nelson Marlborough abstaining. All other regions voted in favour of the new Constitution.

Chris Moller then readdressed the meeting and stated that he was happy, but also very disappointed with the outcome. He felt that the Auckland Board should all resign immediately, along with its C.E.O.

Brent commented that these final comments were totally inappropriate and left the whole meeting feeling flat, even though they had voted in the new Constitution.

Hamish gave his comments on the SGM which were all consistent with the above.

Brent stated that we will work with this new Constitution and that the Board members who were about to be re-elected were the right people to be dealing with this. He also stated that he would withdraw his nomination, but would allow re-nomination only if all delegates present at the meeting were in support of this. All delegates agreed.

Jim Sinner supported Brent’s statement and thanked Brent for his excellent and open leadership style. He stated that he hoped Brent would remain on the Board. All delegates agreed.

**The following nominations were received for the Board:**

Stephen Fryer, Brent Cheyne, Hamish Neill, Phil McMath, Jim Sinner, Jos Pattison,

Sue Malthus, and Lynn Anderson. All were elected unopposed.

**Nomination for President:**

Mr Stephen Fryer

Steve was elected unopposed.

**Life Membership and Awards Committee:**

Margaret Young

Ivon Clemett

Jos Pattison

President/Chairman of SNM Board

Jos confirmed that the current committee consisted of Ivon, Margaret, himself, and either the President/Chair. By rotation, it was Margaret's turn to restand and she was happy to do this.

**Moved that Margaret Young be re-elected to the Life Membership and Awards Committee:**

**Phil McMath/Gail Pope  
Carried**

**Consideration of Remits:**

The following Remit was discussed and it was considered appropriate to vote on this even though our Regional Constitution was going to be replaced, as it showed a record of our intentions for either the new Constitution, or supporting rules to that Constitution. Jos spoke to the Remit giving reasons for the changes.

**2012 REMIT PAPER SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH**

*Use this form for notices of motions to change the SNM constitution and for items of general business*

<b>Title</b>	Swimming Nelson Marlborough
	Fourth Schedule Swimmers Fund Terms of Reference
<b>Submitted by</b> (Include name/organisation/contact phone/email)	Swimming Nelson Marlborough Board
	Jos Pattison, Hamish Neill, Margaret Young
	<a href="mailto:hamish@flightcell.com">hamish@flightcell.com</a>
	03 5458652
<b>Background</b> – please include the reasons why the current Rule is unsatisfactory and include any other information that will assist members voting	The Swimmers Trust Fund had not been well utilised in recent times and required review to make it more accessible and to give some clarification as to what expenses a claim could be submitted for.

on this remit	
<b>Proposal</b>	The remit will propose that funding will only be available for Travel, except for SNZ Camps, for which reimbursement of fees may also be sought, and the Trustees will maintain a Capital base of at least \$18,000.00
<b>Recommendation to AGM</b>	<p>It is recommended that The Fourth Schedule for the Rules of SNM Inc. Swimmers Fund Terms of Reference and Application Form be amended to read as follows:</p> <p>See attached.</p>

**FOURTH SCHEDULE FOR THE RULES OF SNM INC.  
SWIMMERS FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE AND APPLICATION FORM  
SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.**

**Swimmers Fund Terms of Reference**

SFR 1 Applications are to be made to the Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Swimmers Fund in May each year for the preceding swimming season (31<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April)

SFR 2 Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> May **each year**

SFR 3 Applicants must be competitive swimmers **who were** registered with Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. **during the period for which funding is sought.**

SFR 4 One application per swimmer per year

SFR 5 Funding applications can be made for any of the following:

SFR 5.1 International Events – (Travel Only)

SFR 5.2 National Opens & Age Group Championships – (Travel Only)

SFR 5.3 Swim camps under the auspices of Swimming New Zealand.  
(camp fees & travel only).

SFR 6 A maximum of up to (\$500.00) per swimmer from the fund will be distributed each year. Any unallocated funds will not be carried forward.

**SFR 6.1 For applications from National Age Group competitors, priority will be given to the highest place getters.**

**SFR 6.2 The committee shall maintain a capital reserve of not less than \$18,000 in the Fund.**

SFR 7 The applicant will provide details of their accomplishments relating to their application **using the form at SFR 15.**

SFR 8 All applications to be forwarded to the Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Swimmers Fund Committee, P O Box 165 Nelson, and marked “confidential”

SFR 9 An application **must** be signed by the swimmer and **their** parent/guardian

SFR 10 An acknowledgement of receipt of the application will be forwarded. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> June

**SFR 10.1 Applicants are not to make contact with committee at any stage.**

SFR 11 There can be no expectation of payment of any money. Amount of payment will be at the sole discretion of the Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Swimmers Fund Committee. No further correspondence will be entered into

SFR 12 Applications will be returned if a self addressed postage paid envelope is provided, **otherwise.**

Applications will be destroyed at the completion of the funding allocation each year

SFR 13 Successful recipients (names only) of money from the Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Swimmers Fund will be noted in the following:

SFR 13.1 Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

SFR 13.2 Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Annual Report

SFR 14 The committee **for determining applications** is the **SNM** Life Membership and Awards Committee plus the SNM President **or, in his or her absence, SNM** Chairperson.

**SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.**

**SFR 15 Swimmers Application Form**

Applications are invited for some financial assistance as a reimbursement of travel expenses to International Events, National Opens & Age Group Championships and **travel and camp fees for Swim Camps** under the auspices of Swimming New Zealand.

**1 1 application per swimmer per year.**

**2 For National Age Group applications, priority will be given to highest place getters.**

*Please refer to the attached Terms of Reference for further details with regards to applying for reimbursement of expenses from the Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc. Swimmers Fund.*

**Applications Close 31<sup>st</sup> May each year) with:**  
Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc.

Swimmers Fund Committee (Confidential)

P O Box 165, Nelson

Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg  
number \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Details:**

Please clearly identify **the expenses for which reimbursement is sought.**

**(for travel costs, receipts must be attached)**

How much are you requesting for reimbursement (maximum of  
**\$500**): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your best **three** achievements in **the last 12 months:**

(e.g. Date/Event/Time/Placing of best swimming performance or performance  
achieved to reach a  
**SNZ Camp**)

\_\_\_\_\_

Please give details of NZ Squad status (if any) e.g.

Youth/National/Elite: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify your main targets/goals for the next  
year: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any financial assistance / sponsorship from any other source for  
**the activity you would like considered in this** application? YES /NO

If yes, please state how much received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature Parent/Guardian of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: Applications will be returned if a self-addressed postage paid envelope  
is provided, otherwise applications will be destroyed at the completion of the  
funding allocation each year.**

A motion was put forward to alter the Remit, changing SFR1 to show that the year  
would commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, not the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

**Moved that the Remit be altered so that SFR1 shows the  
commencement of the year as 1<sup>st</sup> of May, not the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.**

**Nigel Rukuwai/Tanya Roberts  
Carried**

**Moved that the amended Remit be accepted.**

**Hamish Neill/Nigel Rukuwai**



**Carried**

**Recommendations of the Life Members and Awards Committee:**

The Committee, represented by Margaret, Jos, and Ivon, presented the following: -

<b>Recognition:</b>	Helen Dwyer Lynn Anderson	Motueka Waimea
<b>Service:</b>	Lindie Nelson Jim Sinner Martin Anderson	Nelson South Nelson South Nelson South
<b>Honours</b>	Wendy Fryer	Nelson South

**SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH**

**Representative Blazer Pockets:**

Sara Gane	Blenheim
Toby Lloyd	Blenheim
Sally McMath	Blenheim
Sam McKenzie	Nelson
Cara Pearson	Nelson
Madisen Stanley	Nelson
Edward Neill	Nelson
Philippa Dwyer	Nelson
Samantha Trevurza	Nelson
Caitlin Abbott	Nelson South
Kea McGuinniety	Nelson South
Merekara McGuinniety	Nelson South
Paige Woodall	Nelson South

**SI Country & Town Meet Record Certificates:**

Annaliese Raemaki	11/12 yrs 100m Butterfly 50m Butterfly 200m IM
Lucy Kerry	12 & under 200m Breaststroke 100m Breaststroke
Tayla Harwood Cassandra Hagan	12 & under 200m Backstroke 11/12 years 100m IM

**SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL RELAY FINALISTS:**

**MAYFAIR POOLS 2011 NZ AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Girls 15 & Under 200m Freestyle Regional Relay – 7<sup>th</sup> place:**

Ellie Rukuwai	Kea McGuinniety
Madisen Stanley	Skye Eden

**Boys 16 & Over 200m Freestyle Regional Relay – 10<sup>th</sup> place:**

Fraser Neill	William Borrell
Nick Kerry	Kaiori McGuinniety

**Girls 15 & Under 200m Medley Regional Relay – 7<sup>th</sup> place:**

Samantha Trevurza	Skye Eden
Sara Gane	Ellie Rukuwai

**Boys 16 & Over 200m Medley Regional Relay – 10<sup>th</sup> Place**

Fraser Neill	William Borrell
Nick Kerry	Kaiori McGuinniety

**DIVISION II COMPETITION:**

**Girls 13-14 200m Freestyle Regional Relay – 5<sup>th</sup> place:**

Libby Gray	Oriana Houra
Ellie Gaging	Amy Coulton

**Girls 15 & Over 200m Freestyle Regional Relay – 8<sup>th</sup> place:**

Pippa Cornish	Zoe Borrell
Brittany Spencer	Alice Trengrove

**NEW ZEALAND SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Girls 15 & Under 4 x 50m Freestyle Regional Relay – 6<sup>th</sup> place:**

Skye Eden	Ellie Rukuwai
Sara Gane	Lydia Mossman

**Belsham Trophy  
2011-2012**

Sara Gane

Blenheim

Sara was also presented with an engraved cup to keep as she has won the Belsham Trophy for the last three consecutive years.

## **General Business:**

These fees were set at last year's SNZ AGM and Brent had confirmed with SNZ that these were still applicable prior to Jim advising the clubs.

**"That SNM affiliation fees be set at \$78.00 incl. GST for competitive swimmers and \$302.00 incl. GST for clubs".**

**Tanya Roberts/Phil McMath  
Carried**

## **SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH COMPETITION Calendar for 2012 – 2013**

This was read out to the meeting and is as follows:-

<b>29-30 June 2012</b>	<b>South Island Secondary Schools (Invercargill)</b>
<b>14 July 2012</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Opening Season Meet</b>
<b>04 August 2012</b>	<b>Nelson South Winter Meet (ASB)</b>
<b>11 August 2012</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Ribbon Meet 5-7pm</b>
<b>18-19 August 2012</b>	<b>Swimming Nelson Marlborough Winter Meet (Blenheim)</b>
<b>31 August – 2 September 2012</b>	<b>South Island Swimming Championships (Timaru)</b>
<b>8 September 2012</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Meet 5-7pm</b>
<b>7-9 September 2012</b>	<b>NZ Secondary School Championships (Hamilton)</b>
<b>30 September – 4 October 2012</b>	<b>NZ Age Short Course Championships (Wellington)</b>
<b>13 October 2012</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Ribbon Meet 5-7pm</b>
<b>27 October 2012</b>	<b>Nelson South Hot 100s (HSS Pool)</b>
<b>10 November 2012</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Meet 5-7pm</b>
<b>17 November 2012</b>	<b>Nelson South Young Guns (HSS Pool)</b>

<b>1 December 2012</b>	<b>Nelson Swimming Club – Nayland Long Course Meet</b>
<b>7 &amp; 9 December 2012</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Club Champs</b>
<b>8 December 2012</b>	<b>Motueka SC Ribbon Carnival</b>
<b>15 December 2012</b>	<b>Nelson South Club Champs (HSS Pool)</b>
<b>12 January 2013</b>	<b>Swimming Nelson Marlborough Country and To (HSS Pool)</b>
<b>18-21 January 2013</b>	<b>Wellington Championships LC (Wgtn)</b>
<b>23 January 2013</b>	<b>Swimming Nelson Marlborough Time Trial (ASB)</b>
<b>2 February 2013 (Blenheim)</b>	<b>Swimming Nelson Marlborough Long Distance Champs</b>
<b>4 February 2013</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Ribbon Meet 5-7pm</b>
<b>9/10th February 2013 (Nayland)</b>	<b>Swimming Nelson Marlborough Age Groups (ASB or Nayland)</b>
<b>16/17<sup>th</sup> February 2013</b>	<b>NZ Junior Championships – Hamilton &amp; Wellington</b>
<b>16 February 2013</b>	<b>Waimea SC Ribbon Carnival</b>
<b>23-24 February 2013</b>	<b>South Island Country &amp; Town (Timaru)</b>
<b>26 February - 2 March 2013</b>	<b>NZ Age Group Championships – Wellington</b>
<b>5/7/9 March 2013</b>	<b>Waimea SC Club Champs</b>
<b>16 March 2013</b>	<b>Motueka SC Club Champs</b>
<b>16 March 2013</b>	<b>Blenheim SC Meet 5-7pm</b>
<b>17/23 March 2013</b>	<b>NZ Open Championships (Auckland)</b>
<b>21/24 April 2013</b>	<b>NZ Division 2 Competition (Invercargill)</b>

**General Business:**

Nayland Swimming Club asked the question as to what the impact would be on their club with regard to the new Constitution and its requirement to have a minimum of 50 members.

Brent replied that this was one of the items our region had raised with Sue Suckling. We had been given her assurance that existing clubs would not be impacted on by this provision.

Brent also pointed out that under the new SNZ Constitution, we are now in a competition zone with the lower half of the North Island. Hamish and I had a meeting with these regions yesterday while at the SNZ SGM and commented that this group should be doing more than just running a single competition, but should be sharing tips and coaching advice to assist all swimmers in the zone.

We had also spoken to the Southland Region and stated that we would definitely want the South Island Committee to continue to run SI Events and that Nelson Marlborough should continue to be part of this.

Ivon asked the question “How many members are there on the Technical Committee?” He stressed that the number of officials was getting low which makes it difficult when major events are being hosted by our region. We need to look to train more officials at every opportunity. Brent commented that the Board would look at this at its first meeting.

The Technical Committee is allowed up to four members.

Brent advised the meeting that the Nelson Marlborough Board had put in a submission to the Nelson City Council Long Term Plan supporting the Council’s proposal for upgrading Nayland Pool and strengthening Riverside Pool. We had just received confirmation that the Council had accepted this and would be setting up a Working Group with affected parties regarding the development and use of Nayland Pool. They would also be looking at issues regarding access to pools and regional swimming, such as access to ASB Aquatic Centre, Richmond. They will follow this up with Tasman District Council.

**The meeting closed at 11.46a.m.**