

**Minutes of Swimming Nelson Marlborough
Meeting held Tuesday 19th of June, 2012
7.00p.m.
Nelson Swimming Club, Riverside Pool, Nelson.**

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

Apologies: Margaret Young

Brent welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of the Last Minutes:
15th of May, 2012.

**Jim Sinner/Stephen Fryer
Carried**

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Review of Summary of Tasks:

Jos, Margaret and Hamish have met to review the SNM Trust Document.
This will be discussed under General Business.

Brent noted that CLM had not hired a new coach to date and would organize a follow up meeting once this situation had changed.

Hamish still in receipt of ideas from coaches in setting up a coaches forum. Ongoing.

SNZ released their proposed dates for the 2013 SNZ Championships which has enabled the SNM Calendar to be completed. This is discussed in detail under General Business.

The Board agreed to defer organising a sub-committee for the South Island Championships, 2013 until the next meeting, given the time required to discuss the Review into SNZ at tonight's Board meeting. An email has been received from Andrew McFarlane expressing an interest in the positions of Meet Director and to be a member of the sub-committee for the 2013 SI Championships. Andrew will be notified that the planning of this will be covered in the July Board meeting.

Jim will prepare a flyer for the Winter Meet in the next couple of days.

Administrator's Report:

The Administrator's Report was tabled. The date for the AGM of 29th July was confirmed by the Board after discussion about the fact that a SGM for SNZ will be held in Wellington on the 28th of July. It was agreed this would create a good opportunity for prompt feedback to our membership re the decision regarding the SNZ Review.

IT WAS MOVED that the Administrator's Report be accepted

**Brent Cheyne/Jim Sinner
Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Brent advised that the Annual Financial Statements were currently with the auditors.

Registrar's Report to Swimming Nelson Marlborough

There was no report. However, Jim did comment that the issue with the cost of the Team Manager software had been resolved in our favour.

Publicity/Communications Report

No report.

Funding Report:

No report.

Technical/Coaching:

No report.

Events:

No report.

General Business:**SNM Competition Calendar:**

The Draft Calendar was updated with the proposed SNZ Competition dates released today. These dates were different from those anticipated in the original draft document. New clashes were discussed. The only impact of the new dates was that the proposed Nelson South Swimming Club Meet on 2 March, 2013 would clash with the National Age Group Championships and under SNZ Rules, the Nelson South Meet was removed from the Calendar. Nelson South is to be asked if they wish to furnish another date which would be available for their meet. Discussion then followed on the timing of the SNM Winter Meet that had been scheduled for mid-September. It had been pointed out that this date clashed with NCEA exams and the Board agreed that it was not appropriate to have the swimming meet on this date. After discussion and a check on pool availability, it was agreed that the SNM Winter Meet would be held in Blenheim on the 18th and 19th of August, 2012. The venues for the SNM Meets was discussed and entered on the Calendar. Jim will check with Nelson South Swimming Club to determine if they would be happy to host the 2013 SNM Country and Town Meet at Hampden Street Pool.

The full Calendar, as approved by the Board, is as follows:

Swimming Nelson Marlborough
Swimming Meet Dates for 2012/2013

29-30 June 2012	South Island Secondary Schools (Invercargill)
14 July 2012	BSC Opening Season Meet
04 August 2012	Nelson South Winter Meet (ASB)
11 August 2012	BSC Ribbon Meet 5-7pm
18-19 August 2012	Swimming Nelson Marlborough Winter Meet (Blenheim)

**31 August –
2 September 2012 South Island Swimming Championships (Timaru)**

8 September 2012 BSC Meet 5-7pm

7-9 September 2012 NZ Secondary School Championships (Hamilton)

**30 September –
4 October 2012 NZ Age Short Course Championships (Wellington)**

13 October 2012 BSC Ribbon Meet 5-7pm

27 October 2012 Nelson South Hot 100s (HSS Pool)

10 November 2012 BSC Meet 5-7pm

17 November 2012 Nelson South Young Guns (HSS Pool)

1 December 2012 Nelson Swimming Club – Nayland Long Course Meet

7 & 9 December 2012 BSC Champs

8 December 2012 Motueka SC Ribbon Carnival

15 December 2012 Nelson South Club Champs (HSS Pool)

12 January 2013 Swimming Nelson Marlborough Country and To (HSS Pool)

18-21 January 2013 Wellington Championships LC (Wgtn)

23 January 2013 Swimming Nelson Marlborough Time Trial (ASB)

2 February 2013 Swimming Nelson Marlborough Long Distance Champs (Blenheim)

4 February 2013 BSC Ribbon Meet 5-7pm

9/10th February 2013 Swimming Nelson Marlborough Age Groups (ASB or Nayland)

16/17th February 2013 NZ Junior Championships – Hamilton & Wellington

16 February 2013 Waimea SC Ribbon Carnival

23-24 February 2013 South Island Country & Town (Timaru)

**26 February -
2 March 2013 NZ Age Group Championships – Wellington**

5/7/9 March 2013 Waimea SC Club Champs

16 March 2013 Motueka SC Club Champs

16 March 2013 BSC Meet 5-7pm

17/23 March 2013 NZ Open Championships (Auckland)
21/24 April 2013 NZ Division 2 Competition (Invercargill)

Review of SNZ

The final report from the Working Group had been released and Board members had reviewed this prior to the meeting. Brent had issued a discussion paper to the Board with a number of points he had identified. Notification had been given today that the SNZ Board will stand down at the SGM in July, regardless of the vote into the acceptance of the Review.

Brent spoke on the document sent to Board members, and on the discussion he had had with Swim Auckland Executive Officer, Brian Palmer.

After robust debate, it was agreed that the Board would review this further once the Draft SNZ Constitution had been released on June 25th. Specific items we would look for in the Constitution would be the ability for members to amend the Constitution in the future, and the power of SNZ to generate regulations outside of the said Constitution. It was also agreed that Brent would contact Brian regarding his view on the issues raised by our Board.

Brent has asked Jim to commence a discussion by email regarding the draft SNZ Constitution on June 25th. Other Board members will then comment by Tuesday evening and, if need be, the Board will meet Wednesday lunchtime (June 27th).

IT WAS MOVED THAT Steve and Brent would attend the SNZ SGM on 28th of July in Wellington on behalf of Swimming Nelson Marlborough.

**Phil McMath/Sue Malthus
Carried**

SNM AGM Planning:

The Annual Report is well underway. Recipients of Representative pockets have been determined and recommendations have been received from the Awards Committee. Pockets have been ordered and will arrive shortly.

Meeting with CLM:

This has been deferred until a new coach has been appointed for the Academy.

Committee for Pool Arrangement:

Jos raised the issue, again, of forming a Memorandum of Understanding with CLM and TDC regarding the use of, and pricing of, lane space at the ASB Aquatic Centre. Jos pointed out that approximately \$30,000 had been spent by swimmers for winter water space. Hamish commented that the majority of this was with Riverside and not ASB. This issue would be further discussed under the Submission to Nelson City Council.

Submission to Nelson City Council re LTP:

Hamish and Brent spoke to the SNM Submission to the NCC Long Term Plan Hearing where the following issues were raised:

- For 32 weeks of the year, Nelson has six lanes available to cater for underwater hockey, kayaking, swimming, tri-club, and the masters club.
- The need for water space for Water Safety Programmes
- Councillor Rainey asked if NCC should have a Memorandum of Understanding with TDC on the use of the ASB Aquatic Centre.
- Other Councillors also asked various questions regarding the ASB Aquatic Centre. They asked what the approximate cost would be for covering Nayland, and if such a retractable system already existed in New Zealand.
A committee of all user groups could be set up to look at any development of Nayland Park.

Generally, the NCC were receptive to our Submission and asked a good number of questions. The overall feeling was that this had been a productive meeting.

The Board agreed that we should take the issue of an M.O.U. between NCC and TDC further with both Jos and Hamish to contact Pete Rainey for further discussions on this topic.

Brent reminded the meeting that SNM was going to be part of any M.O.U. and we should still look to pursue this.

South Island Secondary School Championships:

SNM have been advised that we may be able to hold the SISS Championships in either 2013 or 2014. The Board agreed that this was a great opportunity to promote swimming at Secondary School level and we would definitely welcome this event. Jim had determined, from last year's competition, that approximately 150 swimmers were involved and the Board further agreed that this number would not fit into the ASB Aquatic Centre. The only other option was to run this meet in Blenheim, and as the 2013 SI Championships are already being held in Blenheim, NM would request the 2014 event, but would still accept the 2013 event if this became our only option.

South Island Championships Planning:

Planning on this has been deferred until the next Board meeting.

Submissions on Commerce Commission – Select Committee on Gambling:

Jim mentioned that he was concerned at the amount of lobbying that the Gambling industry was putting on sporting organizations. After some discussion, the Board agreed that we would not put forward a submission on this as we do not want to be seen as promoting gambling.

Update to Rules re SNM Swimming Trust Funds:

Jos, Hamish and Margaret had met to discuss the Trust and have presented their recommendations for a remit to the Board for its consideration. Brent pointed out that under the SNZ Review, this topic may not form part of the new Constitution, but may flow through to regulations. Any changes to our Constitution may only be for a short period. Brent also commented that to protect the position of the Trustees, it may be a good idea for the remit to include a minimum capital amount that must be retained in the Trust at all times. The Board discussed the recommendations and after making a couple of additions, will present this in a remit form to the AGM for approval. The remit will propose that (a) funding will only be available for travel, except for SNZ camps, for which reimbursement of fees may also be sought; (b) the Trustees maintain capital of at least \$18,000 and; © other minor wording changes to be made to improve clarity.

The Board also discussed the possibility of a portion of entry fees for NM events being transferred to the Trust. The Board agreed that this best be discussed by the Board from time to time, as opposed to being included in the remit.

IT WAS MOVED THAT a remit be put to the SNM AGM updating the Fourth Schedule regarding the Rules of the Swimming Trust Funds

**Jim Sinner/Jos Pattison
Carried**

Board Time:

Phil presented to the meeting a copy of the Blenheim Swimming Club's Strategic Plan covering the period 2012 to 2016. He commented that the BSC would be happy for any other club to use this when formulating their own Strategic Plan.

The Board were reminded that nominations for President and Board positions should be with Kay by June 30th. Kay has already sent the Nomination/Proxy forms out to clubs. Jim will place a copy of the SNM website. A number of clubs still need to advise Kay of their delegates attending the SNM AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.28p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 17th of July at Nelson Club Rooms commencing at 7.00p.m

SUMMARY OF TASKS:

Brent to organize a follow-up meeting with CLM.

Hamish to collate ideas from coaches on the setting up of a Coaches Forum.

Swimming Camp for Murchison, Kaikoura and Golden Bay to be organized for early summer.

Board to set up a sub-committee to organize the 2013 South Island Championships.

Brent and Steve to attend SNZ SGM in Wellington.

Jim to complete a flyer for the SNM Winter Meet.

Kay to notify Andrew McFarlane that planning for the SI Champs will take place at the next Board meeting in July.

Brent to email Brian Palmer for further discussion on the SNZ Review.

Jos and Hamish to contact Councillor Rainey regarding MOU between NCC/TDC.

Brent to email J Hermsen re SISS.

Kay to complete Remit form re SNM Swimmers Trust Fund.