MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING,

Tuesday 5th August 2025.

Start time 7pm, at Safety Solutions, 121 Molesworth St, New Plymouth

PRESENT: Paul Feltoe, Daniel Hancock, Mariano Garcia Nani, Steve Venables, Paul Rust (via teams) Louisa Parker.

APOLOGIES: Kim Treweek.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None to anyone present.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 2025 were read and accepted.

Daniel/Paul F **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: none

POLICIES/GOVERNANCE:

Draft policies and the SNZ amendments were presented to the board for amendments/considerations.

- Tech Suit Policy

Swimming Taranaki Board reconfirmed that they do not support 12 and under wearing tech (bonded) suits. It was noted that it is difficult to identify these suits during a swimming event. The difference to performance at this age is minimal and the board strongly recommend that younger swimmers do not wear them. This rule is included in the Terms and Conditions that every swimmer must sign before entering a Swimming Taranaki event.

The Tech Suit Policy was reviewed and accepted.

Mariano/Paul F **CARRIED**

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Financial report (Profit & Loss) as attached
Taranaki Winters Financial Summary attached.

Marsh Limited invoice attached for the renewal of our **Liability Package Insurance** **$701.50**
ACC Levy **$306.64**
Medals order - Quote for 200 gold, 100 silver. **$1017.75**

Toi Foundation Funding

We applied for **Projects & Events Funding**:

- 2026 January Junior/Intermediate swim camp $6778.70 (based on swimmers contributing a minimum of $50 each)
- 2026 Pool hire for Summer Series $508.71
- 2026 Masters Pool Hire $350
- 2026 Taranaki Summer & Winters Champs in $3840.00

This came to a total of $11,477.41

Swimming Taranaki received **$10,000 for our Projects & Events grant**

TARANAKI EVENTS:

Taranaki Summers: When Louisa enquired into the availability of Stratford Pool for the Taranaki Summers, she was told that it was not available on the Saturday morning due to a spin class. The Board is not really keen to split the event between 2 venues. The general opinion is that the Stratford pool is in better condition and a faster pool. It would be desirable for Taranaki Winters to be held in Stratford. Daniel will speak to the Council having already spoken with the new bookings manager. Mariano suggested a letter to Stratford Council.
Steve suggested the outdoor pool in town although this largely relies on good weather which is not guaranteed in Taranaki.

TO ACTION: Louisa to draft a letter outlining the benefits of holding the summers at Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Junior/Intermediate Swimming Camp in 2026
Bell Block Pool and the accommodation for this camp have been booked. Because we no longer have Paul Rust to assist as camp leader we will advertise for interest in this role. The camp will be for swimmers of below Div 2 level. The cost will be $100 per swimmer.

TO ACTION: Louisa to put a flyer on FB inviting those interested in being camp leaders to contact us.

NATIONAL EVENTS:

The 2025 AGM + Regional Forum will be held in Auckland at AUT Millennium on **Sunday, 21 September**.This is being held at NZSC and Mariano will be able to attend on behalf of Swimming Taranaki.

TO ACTION: Louisa to let SNZ know and see if there any costs that can be reimbursed.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Steve will replace Paul R working on the Strategic Plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hawera Swim Club
A letter has been sent in response to Hawera's concerns about the Taranaki Winters.

Stratford Flyers
This club would like to add another carnival in August/September to assist swimmers trying for times to NZSC. Aquabladz has a meet on the 6th September. These dates were confirmed:

24th August 2025 – Stratford
6th September 2025 – Aquabladz

Daniel/Mariano **CARRIED**

Visitors' Medals
From now on we will change the way we award visitors' medals. This will be run manually at Taranaki Winters and Summers and the Long Distance Meet. We will use the same medals for both visitors and Taranaki swimmers.

LTS communication

Louisa spoke to Brendon Smith at School of Swimming on Puni St. who gave very positive feedback and is keen to have any brochure/literature available. He would also be keen to attend if we arrange a meet-up between the schools and clubs and is interested in attending the Summer Series.

Louisa shared the 'club detail cards' with the Board and it was suggested that Opunake and Waitara club details be included. The board also suggested a large poster with the same details as the card on it, possibly with a pocket to put the cards inside that could be put on a noticeboard or foyer area.

TO ACTION: Louisa to amend the card and create a poster/pocket for the cards and to investigate advertising on their newsletters.

Opunake

Louisa has spoken to both Debz at Opunake and Steve Johns. Going forward to reinstate as a club and affiliated with SNZ, Opunake would need to write to Swimming Taranaki formally requesting membership. Should Swimming Taranaki approve the membership, we would then need to write to SNZ to inform them and request that SNZ approve their membership. Once that is completed, SNZ load them into the database, and invoice.
Debz was not concerned about paying the $187.50 fee for club affiliation.
Louisa waiting to hear back from her and as soon as she does Louisa will let the Board know. There is still the option of joining another club in the region.

TO ACTION: Louisa to notify the board when she hears back from Opunake.

Jaiah Otene

When Jaiah Otene and Meila Gwiazdzinski were intending to compete at Opens, we applied for and received funding from TET. Jaiah was the only one who received funding because he lives in the catchment area and Meila did not. We have since been given permission to reallocate this funding ($500) as assistance for Jaiah to compete at the NZSC.
However, Swimming Taranaki have already applied for funding for the Stratford Flyers and Aquabladz to attend NZSC and in this situation this could be considered 'double dipping'. Therefore, the board have agreed that we should decline the offer of this funding as it would advantage only one swimmer – not the other swimmers in the team from Stratford travelling to the competition which all agreed is unfair.

Steve/Mariano **CARRIED**

Flannagan Cup Administration Support

A part-time administrator, Abi King from East End Surf Club has been appointed to this position. She has signed a contract and sent Louisa her details. She has officially started with ST undertaking 80 hours of support which includes working on the Flannagan Cup Day itself.

TO ACTION: Louisa to send her a time sheet.

Springs Accommodation

This has now been sorted out with Kaia Prince's mother and sister to book accommodation at AUT Millennium independently.

Nominations for board member and volunteer awards

Need to keep reminding the clubs to get these entries in as soon as possible.

TO ACTION: Louisa to make contact, particularly focusing on the smaller clubs.

Online gambling

A letter has come through to Daniel requesting Swimming Taranaki, (identified as benefiting from community grants), write a submission letter to request that the new online gambling organisations should be contributing to the community as other NZ organisation are required to do.

TO ACTION: Louisa to draft a letter using the template that the organisation has sent.

AGENDA ITEMS

From now on there will a deadline for agenda items to be received. This will be the week before the meeting on the Thursday at midday.

Meeting closed 8:11pm

Next Meeting will be Tuesday the 9th September

Signed as a true and correct record: **Date:** 9/11/2025