MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING,

Tuesday 18th August 2026

Start time 6:15pm, Safety Solutions, New Plymouth.

PRESENT: Paul Feltoe, Kim Treweek, Brendan Roche, Daniel Hancock, Ali Hickford, Louisa Parker.

APOLOGIES: No apologies. Daniel welcomed Ali to the board. No objections were made after an email was sent to the clubs advising she had applied to fill one vacancy on the board and inviting feedback.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Going forward a new group is required to be set up to discuss the Strategic Plan. Paul will send Louisa the updated version that the group (Mariano, Paul Rust and Paul Feltoe) presented to the board last year so this can be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2026 were read and accepted.

Paul/Daniel **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: none

POLICIES/GOVERNANCE:

Louisa updated the STO20 Code of Conduct Policy and updated the policy to include the SNZ Code of Conduct (2020). This is now live on the website under Policies.
There were no changes made to the STO18 Membership Transfer which was reviewed by the Board.
TO ACTION: Louisa to send an email to the clubs highlighting that the Code of Conduct has been updated and is now online and that clubs need to ensure that they have their own Code of Conduct. Also to make clubs aware that SNZ have adopted the SNZ Sport Integrity Code which covers all members of SNZ.
Louisa also to investigate Margaret Higgison transferring to Inglewood.

Ali/Paul **CARRIED**

HEALTH & SAFETY: None to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Profit & Loss and budget variance attached along with budget update
Through these new reports we can now track how Swimming Taranaki is performing.

- A thank you letter has been sent to Toi (where we received $8000 and $4000 in grants)
- NZCT have finally closed off the accountability for wages funding, and a new application has been submitted.

Applications open at The Taranaki Foundation between 1-30th September. It was agreed that ST will apply again for spot prizes and ribbons, the cost of which will have increased since last year.

Invoices to Pay:
Marsh Renewal of Liability Insurance 2026-27
Co Premium *$550.00*
Admin Fee *$50.00*

Total GST Excl *$600.00*
GST *$90.00*
Total GST Incl **$690.00**

Resolution to NZCT for Salary Funding

It be resolved that a request be made to New Zealand Community Trust for funding for our Regional Administrator wages for 12 months from the 24th August 2026 for the amount of $32,240.00.

Kim/Paul **CARRIED**

Move that the financial report as circulated for June is taken as a true and correct record.
Brendon /Paul **CARRIED**

TECHNICAL REPORT

The drive to increase Technical Officials is now delivering positive outcomes. Throughout the Taranaki Winters, there were no issues in ensuring a full complement of officials for every session.

This has enabled valuable training opportunities for new Inspector of Turn (IOT) trainees, as well as development opportunities for existing qualified Judges of Stroke (JOS) and IOT officials who are progressing towards Starter and JOS accreditation. Once all requirements have been completed, applications are submitted to Swimming New Zealand (SNZ). These requirements include online learning modules, the Code of Conduct, and Police Vetting.

As a result, the Technical Officials Register will be updated, and a revised register will be presented at the next Swimming Taranaki Board meeting.

In addition, this was the first championship meet where lap counters were utilised for the 400m events. Together with the continued use of backstroke ledges, these initiatives were well received and strongly supported by swimmers.

Rowan Williams

The board agreed that this is a positive outcome and we need to get them signed off by SNZ and build these people up towards refereeing.

RECORDS OFFICER.
nothing to report

TARANAKI EVENTS

The Taranaki Winters 2026
Clubs selling raffle tickets at championship events was approved by the Board however, we may need to balance the number of clubs doing this depending on demand.
It was good to have Chris from SwimHub on site during the event. He normally doesn't attend a meet with less than 200 people. Stratford Pool is not charging him to have a stall and there is a demand in Taranaki because there is nowhere else to purchase products in person. Overall, the event went smoothly with no concerns.

Paul/Brendon **CARRIED**

AGM & Prizegiving 2026 - Sunday 11th October 2026.
The venue of Fitzroy SLS Club rooms has been booked. This will take the place of the 13th of October ST Board meeting.

The individual trophies and all the club relay trophies have been taken to the engraver with only the top prizes (Taranaki swimmer/coach etc. of the year) still to be calculated. The award to the top swimmer this year changed coaches but the Fina points (which were the highest of anyone else) were from NZSC (Springs) where Craig Elliot was the coach.
The board agreed that Craig Elliot is to be recognised and his name engraved on the trophy.

Paul/Daniel **CARRIED**

After the success of the Flannagan Cup 2026, where there was a profit of $7000 Paul Feltoe outlined a plan for supporting Open Water Swimming and to use some of this money to encourage non-performance level swimmers who get minimal attention from clubs or awards. He suggested that each swim club in Taranaki that has swimmers who are not performance level (i.e. not Div 2) can award 2-5 certificates, selected and awarded by their coach (i.e. for Aquabladz this would be Fiona). This certificate would acknowledge their efforts, attendance etc. and give them a "free" entry into the Flanagan Cup (any event). Paul suggests that coaches of these swimmers hand out the certificates and free entry to F/C at the AGM & Prizegiving.
TO ACTION: Louisa to contact the development coaches to run this idea by them and to give us names of swimmers they think worthy and deserve recognition. Then to print out appropriate certificates.

Kim/Brendon **CARRIED**

The George Sibsten and Aquabladz Taranaki Club Cup (Max Cave won in 2025) **& Clive Wheeler Trophy still missing.** These were awarded to Aquabladz last year.

TO ACTION: Louisa to email Tami Cave and Mariano to see if either have these missing trophies. Also to keep chasing the clubs for their nominations for service awards.

Marion Prince (Maz) from Aquabladz
Marion would like to donate a trophy/ cup to be for girls 13yrs and over for Backstroke because there is currently no backstroke trophy for girls in this age group.
She would like to combine all distances of backstroke for both Summers and Winters and get top points overall for these.
This will be called the Prince Family Backstroke Trophy/Cup.
The Prince family will purchase the trophy or cup. The way this is calculated will mean that 2 swimmers will jointly win the trophy this year. The way that Maz decides on the points is her decision because this is her trophy.

TO ACTION: Louisa to notify Maz that the decision on how the recipient is calculated is up to her since it will be her trophy.

Items for AGM
Any items the board would like to be discussed at the AGM and put on the agenda will be discussed at the next meeting.

NATIONAL EVENT
NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Competition. Taranaki had 27 swimmers from our region attend with Taranaki Diocesan, Sacred Heart, FDMC, NPBHS, NPGHS, Spotswood & Stratford High School all represented. This year was a large event and enjoyed by the swimmers because there are no coaches present.

TRANSFERS
None

GENERAL

Ice Swimming
Emma Iceton (Year 12) competed at the NZ Ice Swimming Championships in Alexandra, Central Otago. This was Emma's first time competing in ice swimming winning all her four races in her age group and setting two age group world records in the 50 and 200 breaststrokes (although these are yet to be ratified by the International Ice Swimming Association).
Emma has been selected in the NZ Frozen Ferns team to represent her country in Romania next January, where approximately 48 countries will race for world championship medals.
TO ACTION: Louisa to keep socials updated of the progress of Emma's Ice Swimming.

Flannagan Cup – Abi is unable to help this coming year, so Paul is looking for someone once again for this role. Ali suggested asking Stacey Kennard who is particularly good with social media and ask her if she is interested in this part-time position of 80 hours (paid) overall.
TO ACTION: Louisa to contact Stacey and if she is not interested, then to put another advert on socials for this role.

F/C Trophies
The title for the two new Flannagan Cup trophies will be:
Swimming Taranaki Female Open Water Trophy
Swimming Taranaki Male Open Water Trophy
This will be awarded to the first male and female swimmers over the finish line at Flannagan Cup who are members of a Taranaki Swimming Affiliated Club. Paul will bring the Flannagan Cup Trophy to the AGM & Prizegiving which is in a glass case and not often displayed.
Louisa to purchase trophies for the F/C open water swimming winners.
Kim/Paul **CARRIED**

SNZ Election.
There is one (1) vacant Elected Board position on the SNZ Board with 2 applicants for consideration: **Tim Bowen** (incumbent) and **Peter Drew.** Each region is entitled to one vote. Paul and Brendon recommended the Taranaki Board vote for Tim Bowen;
"Stronger financial acumen. I don't think domain (i.e. sport/ swimming) expertise needs to be bulked up on the current board (plenty of swimming background there). Diversity is good."
TO ACTION: Louisa to vote for Tim on behalf of the ST Board.

SNZ Update
- The NZ Open Water rules are under review.
- SNZ have adopted the NZ Sport Integrity Code from 1st September 2026
- We are waiting to hear back from Steve Johns about attending one of our board meetings.
- We are putting Rowan Williams forward for a distinguished service award (this closes Friday).
- Swimming Taranaki have completed the Regional Satisfaction Survey.
- Swimming Taranaki have put Mariano forward for funding to attend the SNZ AGM in Christchurch during Springs. One delegate is entitled to have their air fares paid by SNZ for this.

Meeting closed at 7pm

Next meeting to start at 6:15pm on 8th September – Louisa to send a reminder by text.

Signed



Date: 15/9/26.