MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING,

Tuesday 9th December 2025.

Start time 7pm, at The Fitz, Fitzroy, New Plymouth.

PRESENT: Paul Feltoe (via phone), Kim Treweek, Brendan Roche, Daniel Hancock, Mariano Garcia Nani, Louisa Parker.

APOLOGIES: none.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN: no further update.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of November 2025 were read and accepted.

Daniel/Brendan **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: none

POLICIES/GOVERNANCE:

Sponsors/Funders Policy for review as attached was approved and adopted.

Daniel stressed that we should thank our sponsors who have supported us throughout the year and promote them as much as possible.

TO ACTION: Louisa to add a page on the website to say thanks to all this year's sponsors recognising their contributions publicly.
Louisa to upload the Sponsors/Funders Policy to the website.

Paul/Daniel **CARRIED**

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Financial report (Profit & Loss) as attached

Long Course Meet invoice from Bell Block Pool for the 8th November 2025 arrived today so a financial summary of this meet will be available for the next meeting.

Div 2, Dunedin 2026

It was resolved that Helen Louisa Parker will apply to the Bobby Foundation for funding towards accommodation costs for all the Taranaki clubs with swimmers competing at the 2026 Division 2 Swimming Competition in Dunedin at Moana Pool from the 20th – 22nd March 2026.

We have received quotes for accommodation booked to the amount of $7744 (inclusive of GST) and $8925 (Inclusive of GST) from 2 clubs. The total less GST is $14,494.78.

Declaration of Consent was signed by Daniel and Kim.

Move that the financial report as circulated is taken as a true and correct record and passed and approved.

Daniel/Brendan **CARRIED**

Technical Report

Rowan Williams (Technical Director) asked about local meets available for swimmers between now and the Taranaki Summers in mid-February 2026.
Aquabladz has nothing scheduled. Hawera has a Long Course meet on the 1st February.
Stratford is not currently active with no coach at present.
Daniel noted that the beginning of February is a difficult time to hold carnivals with school starting back and surf competitions at their busiest.
Mariano raised the possibility of a twilight or sprint meet. Mainly 50's and 100's.
Daniel said this would be an initiative by the clubs rather than ST. He stressed the importance of getting more officials on board from the current pool of parents. Many of the officials we currently have listed no longer have swimmers participating and are no longer active.

Records Officer Report
Tracey is waiting to hear back from Hawera as they haven't loaded the TM file for their carnival in November yet.
TO ACTION: When we have the file, Louisa to pass this onto Mariano.

TARANAKI EVENTS

Flannagan Cup
Bayleys have paid for radio advertising time and free marketing because they are the main sponsor. Other sponsors are being promoted through social media.

Abi is working well and will get in touch with Louisa soon with contact names of clubs to approach for participation.

Flannagan Cup entries are steady.

Junior/Intermediate Swimming Camp in 2026

We now have Isabelle Roche, David Riley and Paul as leaders/parent help. David and Paul have applied through SNZ to be police vetted and Isabelle is already cleared.
The camp will be for swimmers of below Div 2 level and the cost will be $100 per swimmer.
We will need a BBQ, 2 x crock pots and small portable oven. Louisa had a meeting onsite with Paul and Isabella this afternoon to show them the facilities.

TO ACTION: Louisa to contact the clubs/parents of swimmers attending the camp to ask for help with BBQ, crock pots etc.

The Summer Series

The dates and venues for these events are now being advertised. Rowan is able to attend each one.
It was discussed about the possibility of holding one of these events at the Aquatic Centre but everyone felt that 4 of these events (Opunake, Okato, Waitara and Inglewood) were enough and any more might detract from the successful attendance currently at the smaller rural pools.

NATIONAL EVENTS

North Island Showdown

This was the largest 'away meet' for Aquabladz in a long time and which Stratford also attended. Since juniors made up most of the team it was a good opportunity for team building. Taranaki had the largest teams in the competition but unfortunately this attendance is not reciprocated by the Rotorua region attending our events.

NZSC & SNZ AGM at the end of September

This AGM was very short. It was said that both Taranaki and Otago had increased in numbers, but one critic commented that Taranaki have more officials than swimmers. SNZ stressed that there had been a significant reduction in funding and consequently there were cutbacks in staffing. Dale Johnson is leaving SNZ in January 2026.

Daniel suggested that as a region we should focus more on the Manawatu region which is geographically closer with Manawatu frequently attending Taranaki events. Mariano is keen to put Palmerston North on the calendar for 2026 and build a relationship with them.

TO ACTION: Louisa to get a list of officials from the website for Daniel and Rowan to update.

Wellington Long Course

This Long Course Meet used to be much bigger. Next year they want to run it as a Short Course. There were noticeably more visitors attending than Wellington swimmers.

Open Water Swimming Events in Summer 2026

Paul not attending the Taupo Open Water event this coming summer due to other commitments.
Mariano will be attending.

TO ACTION: Louisa to liaise with Mariano and to provide t-shirts/caps.

SNZ have made changes to membership categories as attached.

Transfers

Mr L W Cook from Whanganui to Hawera
This is waiting for approval from Hawer and when it does, Louisa can give more details.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Taranaki Masters Swimming 2026.

No further updates from Sport Taranaki who are running this event.

The Hawera Carnival - Stacey Kennard's email.

There were approximately 40 entrants to the Hawera Carnival. Skins are usually male and female events. Robbie and Beth provided sponsorship personally and held 'mixed over 12 years' and 'mixed under 12 years' skins events.
Stacey's comment was that females will always be faster than males.
As it was not a Swimming Taranaki carnival, Hawera can hold whatever events they choose and can decide the criteria. Despite not being the norm, it did include all the youngest swimmers and holding 4 skins races at such a small event would take a lot longer.

TO ACTION: Louisa to reply to Stacey Kennard telling her that while it is Hawera's prerogative to hold any event, we tend to agree that males and females should be kept separate. It may have seemed unfair, but the board understand why it was run like this.
Louisa to contact Hawera with an email to let them know that this issue had been raised.
The SNZ policy is;
"All individual races should be held as separate events"
There is no specific comment on skins races.

Patea Swimming Pool suggestion from Taranaki Foundation.
This pool is open during the summer season from 8.12.25 to the end of January from 12-7pm. Christina Stiler is the person responsible at South Taranaki District Council). Louisa waiting to hear back from Christina.
This pool is a recreational pool, as are many others in South Taranaki. We would need to find out if there are swim clubs in these areas.
TO ACTION: Louisa to contact Christina again or if no success then to contact James Philipps/Beth/Robbie Low who will have more information about South Taranaki pools.

Steve Venables Resignation
We have received a resignation letter from Steve. Due to work and family commitments, he is unable to continue on the Swimming Taranaki board.
TO ACTION: Louisa to contact the clubs to notify them that a position is available on the board and if anyone knows someone who might be interested to let us know asap.

Meeting closed at 8pm
The next meeting will be held in February 2026 (no meeting in January)

Date: **11.12.25**

Signed as a true and correct record:

