MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING,

Tuesday 11th February 2025.

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

PRESENT: Kim Treeweek, Daniel Hancock, Paul Rust, Paul Feltoe, Mariano Garcia Nani, Louisa Parker.

APOLOGIES: none

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None to anyone present.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2024 were read and accepted.

Paul R/Mariano Nani Garcia **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: none

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

Strategic Plan was discussed and DH essentially thought it was a good idea but questioned if the region would have enough staff to cope with the volume of schools we might potentially attract. He also questioned would we be able to initiate this plan immediately if we didn't.
MNG said that the link/relationship we have with the schools would be key.
PR said that as a board driving this, with Mariano as a coach on the board, might there be a conflict of interest? We need to be inclusive with opportunities for businesses all over Taranaki (not just with Aquabladz).
The board discussed how to go forward.
It was decided that when we have the strategic plan agreed upon and finalised, we will invite LTS businesses from around the region to a ST meeting to determine the direction and how we can bring more swimmers into the sport. We will also be able to gauge their capacity for growth at this time.

TO ACTION:

Louisa to get a list LTS businesses. Discuss with Guy Honor at Sport Taranaki to see if they have one.

POLICIES/GOVERNANCE:

As attached Policy for Taranaki Club Relay Champs to be finalised, confirmed and uploaded on website.
Louisa to bring copies of this for next meeting. (Fees will be at our discretion)

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

As attached.

Daniel/Paul **CARRIED**

TECHNICAL REPORT: None received

Cath no longer able to sign off officials. There are changes going on with SNZ. Rowan is keeping up with all these changes and is being included in discussions.

RECORDS OFFICER REPORT: None

TARANAKI EVENTS:

The Junior/Intermediate Camp Summary
Financial summary/funding info as attached.
Accommodation and facilities were great. Lots of parent help was offered with some of it taken up. Feedback from the swimmers and their parents was that it was a real success and when are we going to do this again. Swimmers from all over the region attended which made the event inclusive. Next year Mariano would be keen to bring in a nutritionist. Making chores for every swimmer worked very well and having no mobile phones was not a problem for anyone.
TO ACTION:
Louisa to send a letter to thank Toi and say no further cost to swimmers for the camp after we have contacted Toi and given accountability.

The Taranaki Summers
NT entries/Interclub event. 107 entries.
Paul to help with seating. Kim to bring the speaker system. Louisa to send out the seating plan.
Marshalling same as winters. We are using the indoor pool at Hawera.
Seating one side for kids.
NT entries won't be accepted for Taranaki Winters 2025.
LC converted to SC needs to be ticked on meets set-up.
TO ACTION:
Louisa to ask if we can use the Toi money for the pool hire of the summer champs.
Louisa to send email to clubs saying Parents might want to bring their own chairs.

Summer Series
The Summer Series has already been held at Okato on 1st Feb and in Opunake on the 8th of February.
Still have the 22nd of Feb – Waitara and 1st March Inglewood to go.
Ali Hickford, Paul Rust and Louisa Parker are unable to attend this event but Louisa going to drop off everything (ribbons, timecards, spot prizes etc.) for Val in Waitara next week.
Mariano can help out on the Waitara event.
The local paper attended the Opunake event and took photos.

NATIONAL EVENTS:

Div 2 Accommodation – we have 35 people booked into AUT Millennium. We get the result of our application for funding to The Bobby Foundation for accommodation to this event on the 4th March. We need to pay the deposit afterwards regardless of the result in funding.

NAGS – Aquabladz have 12 swimmers confirmed as going to this event with their accommodation booked.
Stratford Flyers have yet to come back to me with details of swimmers attending. They have accommodation booked which needs a deposit paid to hold their booking.
No **Hawera** swimmers are attending.

Resolution for Funding from Pelorus

It was resolved that Louisa will apply to Pelorus for funding towards accommodation & travel costs for the Taranaki clubs; Aquabladz and Stratford Flyers who have swimmers competing at the 2025 Apollo Projects National Age Group Swimming Competition at the Hawkes Bay Regional Aquatic Centre on the 13-17th April 2025.
The amount to be confirmed once we have received the details of all the swimmers who will be attending and the costs for their transport & accommodation

Paul Rust/Paul Feltoe **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Epic Swim

(financial summary not available yet as still paying invoices).
Epic went well. 20 swimmers. 10 master's as well. Leaflet dropped for the Flannagan at the Epic event. ST shirts and caps were given out to the Taranaki swimmers where a gazebo was set up.

Flannagan Cup

Flannagan went well. Feedback was that the course was a little confusing They tried a new low tide course. Issues with buoys and rocks being exposed. Baileys and Port Taranaki want to be involved next year.
An Auckland swimmer won with 15 more entries than last year. A new timing system was used which mostly worked out.
Vaughan Garratt tragically died last week. He had been involved very heavily in SLS.
Iain McCallum is moving to Perth so will not be on the board next year. There are still lots of offers from people to be involved in the organisation of the event.
SLS invoices – ST received 2 invoices this year, both substantial, because SLS realised that last years' invoice hadn't been sent out. ST encourage the organisers to go to other SLS clubs to get competitive quotes and trim that cost.

Luke Mottern

Fiona Lacey has asked that at any regional events we all keep eyes on Luke Mottern. He is diabetic and has not been well lately but continues to be as active as possible in swimming.
One person to monitor him on the side. This could be his mother.
Anyone with a medical condition needs to bring a medical cert/make the referee aware before the session starts. The Meet Director will make sure that the officials are aware of any potential issues for swimmers.

TO ACTION:

Luke's coach to tell parents they are to make contact with the meet director and referee each day and discuss the situation before each session.

Masters Games 2025

Masters Games 2025 will be held on 2-6th April 2025 We have registered by the cost of pool hire is $750. This was $300 last year. Sport Taranaki have indicated that they may be able to financially assist with the pool hire.
Renee has left Stratford Pool. Only one lifeguard needed. Lots of support from Fielding each year.

TO ACTION:

Louisa to book the pool in Stratford.

Incorporated Societies Act Workshop
There is a New Incorporated Societies Act workshop on Wednesday 19th February in New Plymouth. Kim may be able to attend if Daniel can't.

Volunteer Administrator of the Year – SNZ are asking each region for a nomination. Sonia O'Connell to be put forward.

Mariano/Daniel **CARRIED**

SNZ Regional Operations Meetings
If anyone can attend the Regional Operations Meeting that SNZ hold monthly on a Wednesday at 1pm please let Louisa know. She works at another job at this time of the week.

Revenue Generation Model
ST need to give a submission to SNZ as per the email sent.
Difficult to understand what is trying to be achieved. Also difficult to know how to use the calculator which was provided.
SNZ are changing the categories of swimmers. National meets will be primarily the ones affected.
Discussed and have no comments to add.
TO ACTION: Louisa to reply if required.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 11th at 7pm, Safety Solutions.

Signed as a true and correct record: **Date: 15.02.24**

