MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING,

Tuesday 10th June 2025.

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

PRESENT: Paul Rust, Paul Feltoe, Mariano Garcia Nani, Kim Treweek, Louisa Parker.

APOLOGIES: Daniel Hancock, Steve Venables.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None to anyone present.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2025 were read and accepted.

Kim/Paul F **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING: none

POLICIES/GOVERNANCE:

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

- Health & Safety
- Records (with amendments made by Tracey Knofflock, the Records Officer)
- Draft ST Constitution with more changes from SNZ in May 2025 highlighted in yellow (8.11)

Constitution – an amendment concerning a clause for removing board members was given to us by SNZ who suggested that this be inserted into our Constitution.

The Record Policy with amendments and the Constitution with further SNZ changes were reviewed and accepted. The new Constitution will now be sent out to the members and put on the agenda for ratification at the AGM in October.

Kim/Paul R **CARRIED**

TO ACTION: Paul F to review the Health and Safety Policy and return to July meeting with any recommended changes. Louisa will make the Records Policy with the approved amendments available to view on the Swimming Taranaki website.

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Profit and Loss Financials for the past month attached.
An invoice from MerchPro for 40 new ST tops has just been received $1800.00

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

Mariano/Kim **CARRIED**

TECHNICAL REPORT: Rowan Williams and Cath Tippett are running an IOT seminar prior to the Stratford Carnival on Sunday, 15th June. This will count towards the IOT qualification pathway.

RECORDS OFFICER REPORT: As attached from Tracey Knofflock. These include:

- Taranaki Long & Short Relay Records at National Events
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- North Island Showdown x 4 Relay Records
- Taranaki Club Relays x 8 Relay Records
- Aquaknights Junior Festival x 8 Relay Records

- SNZ Division II x 3 Relay Records
- SNZ NZ Age Group Champs x 10 Relay Records

Move that the attached records are ratified and accepted.

It was also agreed that ST will buy trophies for the 13 & O relays being held at the Taranaki Winters 2025. The 12 & U age groups already have trophies awarded.

Mariano/Kim **CARRIED**

TO ACTION: Louisa to update and make these available to view on the ST Website. Louisa to organise trophies for the prizegiving.

TRANSFERS: None

TARANAKI EVENTS:

Aquabladz Club Champs

Mariano said that this went well largely thanks to Sonia, the Aquabladz Recorder. Fastlane set up had proved difficult. 58 swimmers competed on the Friday with less on the Saturday. Generally, successful with lots of work behind the scenes taking place.

STRATEGIC PLAN: no further updates.

GOVERNANCE: Paul F will take Daniel's place at a Chair's meeting by SNZ on zoom on the 24th June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SNZ - Rollover of memberships has begun. The clubs have all been sent lists of memberships that need to be made financial or lapsed. The deadline for these is the 22nd June. The new financial year starts on 1st July 2025. Affiliation fees: ST for 2025-2026 season to remain at $15 and club fee at $187.50.

AGM

Saturday, 11th October confirmed for AGM & Prizegiving.

TO ACTION: Louisa to source a venue, with priority being in Stratford.

Board Membership

Everyone on the board indicated that they would like to remain.

Paul Feltoe explained that the board have an interested and skilled person that has an interest in joining (Brendon Roche). Paul F said we need to find a mechanism to capture these people immediately. He suggested that interested people attend board meetings in a capacity as an observer without voting rights.

At present, the number of board members is capped at 6 in our constitution. Paul F felt more numbers on the board enables renewal and allows us to tackle projects more efficiently. The Flannagan Cup needs core committee members (they currently only have 2) and he felt an increase in ST board members could help facilitate this process.

TO ACTION:

Brendon Roche will be invited to join the meetings but not have voting rights. Paul F to make contact.

Increasing the number of board members from 6 to 8 to be put on the agenda at the AGM.

Learn To Swim Schools

Louisa has approached all the LTS clubs in New Plymouth. 2 have come back with emails, both welcoming the suggestion for improved information. She is waiting to hear from the rest.

Mariano stressed LTS don't offer squad skills, they are more focused on learning to survive in the water.

Paul R commented that clubs giving assistance to new families and guiding them through the process of competitive swimming would be extremely helpful.

TO ACTION: Louisa to continue contacting the LTS schools and collating information which she will bring to the board. At this point a discussion can be had as to how to move forward.

SNZ Club League

At the SNZ Ops meeting last week the formation of a 'league' was suggested. This is to encourage swimmers to keep swimming at the pool when competitions are not available, holding meets would be short and sharp. The clubs would race each other regionally for club points with the winning club taking part in a national competition (team points) racing other clubs who are 1st in their regions, with those clubs coming 2nd facing other 2nd place clubs etc. SNZ is interested in feedback from the regions.
The board felt that as it is, we are struggling to make the calendar work for swimmers. Financially it would not make sense to incur more costs on swimmers to travel to another national event. As a small region the board didn't feel that this would benefit Taranaki.

Primary School Swimming Competition

At the SNZ ops meeting, primary school competitions run like a 'give it a go' meet were highlighted. Entries from primary schools were manually put into Meet Manager– swimmers competing from schools around the region. Louisa has spoken to the Wellington Region Administrator and discussed logistics.
It was suggested running separate races for competitive swimmers already on our database and races for school swimmers who had done well in their races at their school swimming competitions. This primary competition would need to be held during school hours and on a date in summer after the schools have held their own swimming sports days.
TO ACTION: Louisa to find out more information. Also to find out dates when most primary schools have their swimming sports competitions.

Competition Opportunities for Disabled Swimmers

SNZ discussed what opportunities were available at competition level around the regions for disabled swimmers – are they being including in regional competitions and are these accessible to them?
Mariano said that not many disabled swimmers are currently involved. Many only swim during summer, not winter so it is difficult to follow up on them. Halberg and Parafed are the organisations to contact. Mariano suggested starting with entry to a club night.
TO ACTION: Louisa to contact Halberg and Parafed to see if they have a database of members who might want to become competitive.

Meeting closed at 8pm

Next Meeting: 7pm, Tuesday 8th July at Safety Solutions.

Signed as a true and correct record: **Date: 08.07.25**