

**MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING,
10th September 2024.**



Start time 7pm, Paul Rust' house, 193 Carrington St., New Plymouth

PRESENT: Kim Treewee, Carol Powell (via phone), Daniel Hancock, Paul Rust, Louisa Parker

APOLOGIES: Paul Feltoe, Mariano Garcia Nani.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held were read and accepted.

Paul/Kim

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: None

POLICIES: None

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

Governance/ Strategic Plan:

SNZ Plan Governance Working Group Update to be discussed when Paul F is back.

Interesting the comments that came out of the last SNZ meeting. In line with what ST group were thinking.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly financial report attached.

Taranaki Winters financial summary attached. Toi funding of the pool hire is not included in this summary.

Quote for Summer Series ribbons \$552.00

Funding of \$650.00 applied for from Taranaki Foundation for ribbons and spot prizes for this event.

Move that the financial report as circulated for 13th August – 10th November is taken as a true and correct record and payment for Summer Series ribbons approved.

Kim Treewee/Paul Rust

CARRIED

Technical Report:

Records Officer Report: Jackson Rowlands broke Zac Reid's 400 Free Taranaki Record.

Carol asked that once this is confirmed by Tracey could the Taranaki website be updated with a blurb (Louisa to do).

AGM/Financial Report

Entity Information and Statement of Service Performance for the AGM attached. This will be sent to VBW who compile our financial report. They do not charge us for this service and they do not audit this report. In the past we have had CMK do a 'review' of our financial report and service performance. Jane Gadsby, a contact through Cath Tippett might be able to provide this service for us. If we were to get a full audit it would be in the region of \$5-6k but a review can be \$2,500 or less. We would not need an accredited auditor as this requirement is not included in our constitution.

Accountants are hesitant to do reviews, so we were fortunate to have CMK in the past. If this can't be done before the AGM, we will get it certified at a later date.

Entity and Performance Statement approved.

Kim Treeweek/Carol Powell

CARRIED

NZSC

Carol noted that there were some concerns around teams not wearing Taranaki uniforms. Kim said that this only happened once on the Tuesday morning of the event in the morning because the clubs weren't sure of protocol. From Wednesday onwards the swimmers wore ST gear in the morning and club gear in the afternoon.

It was clear that the expectations need to be clarified and suggested that something be put in writing and sent out to every club before a national event.

Kim pointed out that whilst you are a member of Swimming Taranaki, as a swimmer you also belong to a club.

It was decided that in the morning Swimming Taranaki clothing (caps and clothing) should be worn and in the afternoon/finals club gear should be worn.

Daniel confirmed that before each swimmer's appearance at their first national meet, they are given a hoodie, t-shirt and cap. The team managers need to keep us updated as to who requires this gear.

Kim said that Craig Elliot, the Stratford coach had brought up the issue of basketball shorts being worn in the evenings which is not acceptable, and it should be black shorts although Daniel pointed out that this is a club issue.

Carol suggested that in the reminder regarding protocol for wearing ST and club gear we need to also remind clubs that dress needs to be smart and please could any shorts/pants be black.

Louisa to draft a letter.

Kim/Paul

CARRIED

Transfers: Simone Cameron from Hawera to Stratford.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Junior Festival/Taranaki Summers dates

Carol said that the date for the Junior Festival one week after Taranaki Summers is to close. It was suggested that the Taranaki Summers be moved to a week earlier, swapping with one of the Summer Series dates. This needs to be revisited next meeting.

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Aquabladz' accommodation was fully paid by ST which fully met the requirements of Aotearoa who gave us \$5000. We didn't receive funding for Stratford (as there were no gaming machines in this area) but did for Hawera, however, their receipts for accommodation were not accepted and so consequently we had to return some funding. \$5000 less the money returned (\$739.16) divided between 11 swimmers around the region is \$387.35 per swimmer.

The board agreed to give retrospective financial support for this event to the Hawera and Stratford clubs. This will be \$774.70 (2 swimmers) to Hawera and \$1239.52 (3 swimmers for 5 nights plus one swimmer for one night) to Stratford.

Kim/Paul R

CARRIED

New blocks at Todd Energy Aquatic Centre

New blocks have been installed in the outdoor pool at Todd Energy Aquatic Centre which opens up the long course pool for swim meets. It would be good to have a long course pool to race in but this will depend on the cost that the Aquatic Centre charges for pool hire which has previously been expensive on a daily rate.

Louisa to get a price for pool hireage for one day (Saturday or Sunday) for a LC meet. The dates would need to be between October and March due to this being an outside pool but this could attract 'out of town' swimmers looking to get LC times.

ST Caps

Carol commented that Aquabladz were complaining that the new ST caps were not fitting well and slipping off the swimmers' heads. Louisa contacted Craig at Stratford Flyers to see if his swimmers had experienced similar issues, but he said that his 'swimmers had been wearing them without any real issues'. He did mention that the caps need to be worn a few times before they are 'grippy' and often slide off conditioned hair which is normal for any cap. Carol to get more details of the problems experienced at Aquabladz and to discuss with Louisa.

Methanex Blocks

Paul R said that he had been in contact with Jason, the pool manager at Methanex Bell Block. Jason said he had been really pleased with how the Taranaki Winters went but had been trying to get funding from the board for new blocks for years.

Could ST write a recommendation that new blocks would enhance the performance for all competitive swimmers to Bell Block Pool Board? The cost is in the region of 22k for 6 blocks. Louisa to speak to Jason and draft a letter for the Bell Block Pool Board.

Kim/Carol

CARRIED

Daniel told the board that Stratford Pool's prices seem to have reduced for the Stratford Flyers events with \$600 in total fees for full pool hireage (no extra for swimmer entry).

Daniel suggested Tracey Knockloff be put forward for the Gayton Award – this is an award nominated by ST Board Members. Tracey is very involved in swimming in the region and regularly donates her time to swim meets, officiating, Summer Series and most recently helping Louisa in her role.

Kim/Paul

CARRIED

We need another member for the Blazer committee. Daniel to approach Tracey to see if she would be interested.

29th September AGM – Carol attending this event. Flights booked and paid.

Meeting Closed: 8:07pm

Next Meeting:

8th October 2024

Safety Solutions, Molesworth St.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Date: