

MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING, 12th March 2024.
Start time 7pm, at Safety Solutions, Molesworth St., New Plymouth



PRESENT: Daniel Hancock, Paul Rust, Kim Treweek, Mariano Garcia Nani, Paul Feltoe, Carol Powell, Louisa Parker

APOLOGIES: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None.

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

Paul Rust/Daniel Hancock

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: None

POLICIES: None

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

As attached financial summary for Flannagan Cup (Port Taranaki yet to pay for sponsorship \$1500). Paul to give Louisa a contact for Port Taranaki so we can chase outstanding funds. We already have an order number for this invoice.

Financial report for the month attached.

Louisa to hold off payment for Taranaki Summer Champs until Daniel has spoken to Stratford re. memberships for Stratford club swimmers and entry numbers.

Move that the financial report as circulated for period 13th February to the end 31st March is taken as a true and correct record.

Kim Treweek/Daniel Hancock

CARRIED

TECHNICAL REPORT: Cath Tippett assessed DANA SMITH (Stratford) as a JOS (Judge of Stroke) at the Stratford meet and found her suitable to be passed out as a Region JOS.

Work was also undertaken at this meet to mentor DAVID CAMERON (HAW) as a Starter and Brent Parker (AQN) as a JOS.

Stacey Kennard is also training as a JOS, Courtney as an IOT. This is great and it would be good to get even more parents trained as IOT's if possible.

We are still short of referees.

Timekeepers are always needed – clubs are putting the hard word out to the parents.

Officials were in good supply at Taranaki Champs.

Paul Rust/Daniel Hancock

CARRIED

RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT: Nothing to report – But a reminder that any potential records achieved should be brought to the Board's attention to ensure no records are overlooked.

TRANSFERS: Joel & Sam Rust to Aquabladz

TARANAKI EVENTS

Flanagan Cup: financial summary attached.

Taranaki Summer Champs

Good numbers at each event and the general vibe was good.

Teamline didn't come due to not big enough numbers of swimmers to make it worth their while but they are keen to come to the winter champs if there is an increase in swimmer numbers. Stratford Pool are keen to facilitate these vendors only if they are willing to pay a fee to be onsite.

CP asked if we were ever going to go back to using the podium at the Champs?

PR noted that it is not really suitable for the older swimmers as there are sometimes not many in their age groups. But might be good for the 12 and under's?

DH said it puts pressure on the recorders in the Champs current format. If we were to move to heats and finals, then this could be considered.

Masters Games 5-7 April 2024

Louisa to make contact with previous entrants and any other masters competitors.

This will be a relaxed event – 1 timekeeper (6 in total) per lane plus a starter.

Louisa to put adverts on ST Facebook and FC Facebook page and also asking for help with timekeeping on the Friday night of swimming.

Funding Applications/Accommodation/travel for teams going to National events

Louisa suggested that we look at booking accommodation as one group for National Events since all the clubs are enjoying better relationships nowadays. This would make bookings and funding more streamlined. If we do this, we must ensure that the accommodation suits all needs. We could also look at buses for all clubs together - although sometimes getting to and from the accommodation to the venue can be complicated.

There has also been some concern that clubs are individually applying for funding to the same organisations that ST is applying to for National Events. This needs to stop as it could be construed as "double dipping" and would jeopardise the region's opportunities for being eligible for funding.

Louisa to send an email to the clubs re. this issue.

ST will continue to apply for funding (accommodation and travel) to National Events whereas the clubs can apply for funding for interclub events i.e. BOP, CNI's etc.

Paul Rust/Daniel Hancock

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Police Vetting

After having a few issues with inappropriate and abusive language from a swimming parent, the issue of Police Vetting was raised.

Could being a timekeeper at an event be considered a form of 'vetting' by ST? And the question was asked whether our officials have been/should be police vetted?

Louisa to find out if we have a policy around police vetting. If we don't, we need to establish a policy in line with SNZ rules and regulations.

Highlands Swimming Club

Louisa has emailed the contacts for Highlands but has had no reply yet. She has a contact number so will also try this.

Louisa has been to visit Highlands School to see if they have a contact but was told by the school's 'Business Development Manager' that they have not had any contact from the club owners since early 2023 and can't get hold of them by phone. They would be open to hearing from anyone else interested in using the pool but obviously this would need to go to the Highlands School board.

Calendar for 2024/2025

The Taranaki Winter Champs have been penciled in for 19th, 20th and 21st July 2024.

An later start time of 4:45PM warm-up with 5:30pm racing.

On the Saturday (20th July) and Sunday (21st July) the **Club Relays** will be held after the morning session – combined relays. One and a half hours extra will be booked by Louisa for these to take place on Sat and Sun afternoons.

Summer Series Suggested dates 8TH, 15TH, 22ND February 2025.

LD Meet – 17th November 2024

Hawera Designated meet Long Course Louisa to check with Hawera for a suitable date.

Louisa to go to coaches of Hawera, Stratford, Aquabladz and get some designated meet dates that work for everyone.

The 11th May Designated meet at Aquabladz will be changed to 25th May 2024.

Louisa to update Website and coaches/recorders.

Junior Camps these school holidays

Mariano is keen to take a camp for the 12 and under's. Dates suggested 26th – 28th April at Stratford. He will be looking for people to assist. Carol will be at the sessions but now only to learn and upskill.

Louisa to see if the accommodation at St Mary's would be available on those dates. Mariano to set the structure of camp, talk to Craig and Robbie and see if they want to be involved. Utilize skills of the different coaches.

Affiliation Fees

With regards to a question from Beth in Hawera, asking about the ST component in the setting of affiliation fees it was confirmed that the ST component will be staying the same.

Paul Rust/Daniel Hancock

CARRIED

Disability Clinics / Parafed

Mariano and Louisa meeting with them on Friday

STRATEGIC PLAN: brainstorming:

Strengths

- General participation (noncompetitive events (schools, summer series, Parental support)
- Several facilities (LC, SC)
- Positive vibe from changes in coaching/committee/parent involvement

- Good funding options
- Improved communications from ST to everyone
- Improving parental support

Weaknesses

- Lack of Officials
- Retaining swimmers past 16 years
- Lack of promotion or no competition options for summer
- Lack of inter-club teamwork
- Coaches that shouldn't be there
- No top swimmers coming to the region for inspiration.

Opportunities

- Swimming camp growth
- Increase swimmers at ST events
- Iner-regional events
- Coach Ted opportunity (e.g. Mariano) for nonperformance swimmers
- Disabilities and Masters swimmers participation opportunities (advertising)
- Getting into the smaller clubs (e.g. summer series)

Threats

- Surf lifesaving (team, social) keeps people longer
- Total number of other sports available
- Time
- Costs
- Life commitment for a family
- Splinter off once again into our old clubs as the situation was 2 years ago

Meeting Closed: 9pm

Next Meeting: 9th April 2024

Signed as a true and correct record:

Date: