

MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING, 14th May 2024.
Start time 7pm, at Paul Rust's house, 193 Carrington Road, New Plymouth



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

APOLOGIES: Carol Powell

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

STRATEGIC PLAN: Update at next meeting. Mariano and Paul R to look at the SWOT analysis.

POLICIES: None

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Profit and Loss (attached)

The quote for ST hoodies was approved. It was agreed that parents/swimmers would be asked to pay \$30 for a new hoodie. ST will ask for the used one back in the form of a donation if it is in good condition.

The ST Caps quote was approved with a quantity of 200 to be ordered. These are for new swimmers and replacements.

Louisa to get a price for the ST t-shirts and as with the hoodies to ask parents to pay half the price for the t-shirts and return used t-shirts to ST that are in good condition.

Zen at Merch Pro in Stratford is looking at printing names/logos on swimming caps in the future. 6 new Div 2 swimmers missed out on getting hoodies in time for the event this year. After the templates are made up, if we need more hoodies then we can order them one at time. Louisa to put the order in ASAP.

Agreed to proceed with quotes for Hoodies and ST Swimming caps for the coming year.

Mariano/ Paul Rust

CARRIED

Move that the financial report as circulated for 16th April – 14th May is taken as a true and correct record.

Daniel Hancock/Paul Rust

CARRIED

RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT: None to report

Tracey Knockloff

TECHNICAL REPORT:

Rowan Williams

The Technical Committee have not met over the last month and so there is no formal and minuted report.

At the recent Aquabladz designated meet officials from Stratford Swimming and Aquabladz focused on transitioning from IOT through to JOS and Starter to IOT with Cath and Trace taking trainees on

rotation. Progressing through the Officials pathway is critical to Taranaki Swimming to ensure we plan well for succession at all levels.

At the upcoming Taranaki meets it would be fantastic to see new interested parents and spectators stepping up to ensure a steady number of trained officials are always available particularly both in Taranaki and at away meets when assistance is requested.

On another note the information provided on Swimming NZ website is regularly updated. Of note is a training brief for timekeepers. Louisa to circulate to all clubs.

DH noted that we are always looking for new parents to be starters and refs. Cath Tippett is often away which only leaves Rowan and Daniel. We are struggling for referees and short of IOT's. To become an IOT parents need to pass a test which Cath oversees – a similar procedure as for becoming a JOS. Cath is qualified to sign people off as certified.

TARANAKI EVENTS None to discuss this month.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Epic Swim in Taupo.

This is an invitational meet with approximately 1000 entries. There are a dozen swimmers from the Taranaki region who compete. It is also an opportunity for swimmers who don't compete at other national events (such as Div 2, NAGS etc.) to compete.

Anyone interested should contact Paul Feltoe.

Louisa to contact Paul to offer ST caps for the event and discuss promoting the Epic Swim to clubs and coaches and to find out about prices for plain black t-shirts with ST logo on them which could be used for the event and then handed back to ST afterwards.

DIV 2

Mariano heard from Carol that at Div 2 the swimmers took the competition very seriously and had a good time. DH pleased that everyone sat together, got along well and wore both their club and ST gear. They were all supporting each other as well as their own clubs. It was a good start to uniting the clubs at a national competition. The coaches are keen to share accommodation in the future.

At both Div 2 and NAGS they seemed to be short of officials.

DH added that it is important to push Div 2 to continue as this is an important competition. The timing of Div 2 is bad, being during school time instead of the holidays. DH suggests Div 2 and NAGS are held during the school holidays and Open's held outside of the holidays. This would allow the kids to choose which competition they enter and wouldn't disrupt important exam times.

There is a definite need for events for swimmers who won't make NAGS or Div 2 times. Goals for swimmers in this bracket are needed to keep them involved and stimulated in swimming.

DH said that this is a good reason for why ST should be looking at taking groups of swimmers who aren't competing at National Age Group competitions to other regions meets to compete.

TRANSFERS: Lila Eager to Aquabladz

GENERAL BUSINESS

Wellington Short Course Champs

This meet is for 12 years and over. There is good accommodation at the 'Nunnery' which Louisa will find out about accommodation for ST swimmers.

Senior Camp

The Senior Camp will take place before the winter champs. Since Stratford pool is too expensive, we are looking at Bell Block. This is problematic though as accommodation is hard to find in Bell Block. Louisa to see if the Bell Block Holiday Park would be available. Also to look at Sentry Hill accommodation. Accommodation with 20 approximately beds would be needed.

This camp will be held from Friday night (12th July) until Monday (15th July) during the middle of the school holidays. The Taranaki winter champs are scheduled for the 19th – 21st July at Bell Block Pool (end of the last week of the holidays).

Volunteering New Plymouth

ST nominated Ali Hickford for the volunteer of the year in the Volunteering New Plymouth Community Awards and she is being recognised. The ceremony will take place at 10am on the 15th June at the NP council offices. Daniel and Louisa to go to the ceremony as ST representatives.

Dietician

Mariano has been investigating resources for teenage athletes to inform and educate them on healthy habits, fuel for training and performance etc. He has secured a dietician, Thomas Shand, who is a registered dietician to give a talk specialising in sports nutrition, diabetes and healthy eating habits. There is a limit of 20 athletes who can attend and the cost is \$19 per person. This will be held on the 25th May at 10:30am at the Sport Taranaki offices.

Lea Stening is another nutritionist who has contacted ST and Mariano will follow up. Lea does not charge for giving a talk about nutrition, but asks she be allowed to sell copies of her book at the event. This sort of information would be beneficial for the entire team.

DH commented that Nutritionists being at the senior camp would be ideal.

Parafed/disability Clinics update

SNZ replied about trying to run a programme for disability swimmers at Stratford pool. There is access for wheelchair use there. Funding is being discussed. This is a 5 week programme on a Saturday morning (starting at 10:30am) using the big pool. Currently Mariano is in discussions with SNZ which are going well. 4 swimmers so far are interested.

New Accountant for ST

DH asked if anyone knew of an accountant who would like to do some work for ST? There could be the possibility of getting advertising on swim caps for an organisation who might like to donate their time and be the ST Accountant and oversee the books. Ideally it would be an organisation or person involved in swimming.

Louisa to send an email to clubs asking if they know someone who might donate their services as soon as possible.

Taranaki Winter Champs

Bell Block pool has been confirmed to be the venue for the Taranaki Winter Championships. Stratford Pool has been cancelled. Paul has spoken to Jason and the chairs coming from Bell Block school to be used for the spectators.

Arena will be at the event with a staff.

Funding Expo

Louisa attended a funding expo with Ali Hickford and Tami Cave recently. It was very useful and Ali, Tami and Louisa are planning to get together soon to discuss funding organisations and applications to eliminate any risk of 'double dipping'.

Highlands Swim Club

No response has been received from Highlands despite calls, emails and visits to the school. Peter Carroll, the Finance Manager at SNZ has contacted Louisa saying that he has heard nothing from this club so can only presume that they do not wish to have any affiliation with SNZ or ST in the future.

Meeting Closed: 8:15pm**Next Meeting: 11th June 2024
Safety Solutions,
Molesworth St.****Signed as a true and correct record:****Date:**