

**MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**  
**Start time 7pm, at Safety Solutions, Molesworth St., New Plymouth**



**PRESENT:** Daniel Hancock, Paul Rust, Paul Feltoe, Carol Powell (via phone), Louisa Parker

**APOLOGIES:** Kim Treeweek, Mariano Garcia Nani

**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:**

Paul F suggested forming a working group to translate the draft SWOT analysis into a draft strategic plan. Mariano, Paul Rust and Paul Feltoe have expressed interest in forming this working group. They will gather all comments on the draft SWOT analysis with Paul F to update this document before the next board meeting in May. The aim of the working group is developing a draft strategic plan over 2-3 months and reporting back to the board on progress with the board to view and finalise the draft in August/September.

**POLICIES:** None

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Financial summary for summer champs

Updated Flannagan Cup Financial Report

Monthly financial report

Quote for Pool Hire for Winter Championships at Stratford Pool (2 quotes)

It was noted that ST is being charged for the hire of the club rooms as well as the pool entry for swimmers at this event. Daniel commented that he is hopeful that there will be a change to the pay structure in the future. ST are still waiting for an updated invoice which contains the remainder of the pool hire as well as swimmers' entry for the Summer Championships.

Move that the financial report as circulated for 13<sup>TH</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> April is taken as a true and correct record.

Daniel Hancock/Paul Feltoe

**CARRIED**

Medals Quote for Winter Championships

Louisa to investigate what the Whangaui medals look like and where they are sourced with the view of possibly changing the ST design for next order.

Agreed to proceed with quotes for Medals for the coming year.

**CARRIED**

**TECHNICAL REPORT:** None to report

Rowan Williams

**RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT:** None to report

Tracey Knockloff

## TARANAKI EVENTS

### Masters Games 5-7 April 2024

This was a successful event with 32 entrants. Everyone involved enjoyed the event in general. Sport Taranaki are keen to run this event next year and would like to make it even bigger. DH commented that to make it bigger an increased pro-active approach with more direct advertising and better use of social media would be essential. This year, there was a delay to the swimming component in the Masters due to the discussions over cost for the hire of the pool. The pool hire was eventually brought down to \$300 for the entire event. There were a lot of other sports events split over a few weeks which was not ideal.

Unfortunately, Sport Taranaki (who supplied all the medals) underestimated how many medals were needed and were short of 50 gold medals. Since the bronze medals were very similar to the gold these were swapped. First place winners were invited to hand their bronze medals back and Sport Taranaki would exchange them for gold medals however this would take approximately 8 weeks. One person has since contacted Louisa to get her medals changed. Some swimmers asked about recycling medals and were put in touch with Chloe Wilkinson from Sport Taranaki. This could be looked at being an option in the future.

Next year, it was suggested that we look at changing the age groups from 10-year groups to 20-year groups or combining some age groups which would reduce the number of medals required.

## NATIONAL EVENTS

We will put a resolution forward to apply for funding from New Zealand Community Trust for our Regional Administrators wages for 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 for \$27,040.

**A Consent to be Audited** will need to be signed by Paul Feltoe and Daniel Hancock to accept accountability for the application and any resulting grant.

Moved Daniel Hancock/Seconded Paul Rust

**APPROVED**

## NAGS/OPENS

Opens was a good experience for the Taranaki swimmers. It was disappointing in respect to the numbers with only 160 swimmers attending whereas this week at NAGS there are between 500 and 600. DH spoke of how being around other OPENS swimmers with all their experience made going to Opens worthwhile and this exposure to a different level of competition has been reflected in the swimmers now going on to compete at NAGS.

CP pointed out that having experience from wherever you can is always really important however she felt that both events being so close together doesn't seem to work very well. A document being put together by SNZ was discussed, that suggests NAGS be held in July 2025 and next year Div 2 will not be open to anyone with ANY NAGS times.

CP said it would be ideal if swimmers could choose what they wanted.

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 looking at National Age Group competitions to other regions meets to compete.

**TRANSFERS:** Lila Eager confirmed as transferred to Aquabladz by Louisa

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **The Taranaki Winter Champs Pool Hire**

The hire of Stratford Pool is becoming too expensive, and it is not acceptable to continue making a loss. Until the pool hireage is significantly reduced we should look at Bell Block or Hawera as other options although both have the issue of a lack of space for both competitors and spectators.

The board discussed the option of using Bell Block Pool instead – would it be available on the dates for the Winter Championships? What would the cost be? What is the capacity for the venue? Would it be possible to put a marquee outside, outdoor patio heaters, the hire some seats for spectators that could be placed outside the toilet area.

Paul Rust will make an appointment with Jason, the Manager of Bell Block to discuss the possibility of holding the Winter Champs (19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024) at Bell Block. We need to be mindful that we don't overspend creating a suitable environment for this event.

### **Senior Camp**

Senior Camp pre-Winter Championships is pencil booked at Stratford Pool and St Mary's is pencil booked for the accommodation the weekend before Winter Champs. When Mariano returns from NAGS, the cost of the pool hireage and accommodation for the camp will need to be discussed. Would funding be an option? And if so, how many swimmers would be interested. Stratford Pool have given ST a quote of \$3200 for the use of the facility for the camp training. They do not allow pool coaching without paying a hireage/booking fee.

### **Calendar**

Dates for Designated Meets/calendar – last designated confirmed (Aquabladz) meet for 23/24 year to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Hawera have approved their two dates on the calendar although the West Coast Champs are close to their meet in October. They might move this meet to the weekend before/after depending on when the West Coast Champs dates are confirmed.

We still have 2 designated meets not on the calendar but NAGS and Div 2 for 2025 have not yet been announced. We should be able to slot these into the calendar when the National events are confirmed so swimmers can make times.

Louisa to put these dates on the website, send the list to SNZ, put on FB and send out to coaches.

### **T-Shirts/Hoodies**

New t-shirts/hoodies/caps (Merch Pro/Campus Clothing)

Louisa has contacted both these places and is waiting for quotes from both. She will have more information next meeting. Need to get new gear for new swimmers going to National events for the first time i.e. Div 2. These numbers won't be known until after the last designated meet on Saturday for Aquabladz.

Looking at getting clothing made locally rather than Australia.

### **Police Vetting**

It was confirmed that all Officials, Administrators, Team Managers need to be Police Vetted. It was agreed that it would be too difficult to Police Vet timekeepers and would deter people from taking on this role.

Louisa to contact Cath to get a list of the Officials.

Louisa also to email club secretaries, to inform them that Coaches, Administrators and Team Managers also need to be Police Vetted.

### **ST Membership Fee**

Waiving the \$15 component for Membership from now until expiry end of June for Asher Hales was discussed.

This fee will remain at \$15. ST goes out of its way to source funding for all swimmers and this is not an excessive amount.

### **Parental Behaviour**

There has been some bad parental behaviour that has been directed at Louisa recently and towards Carol in the past from another parent. There is no need for anyone to accept such negative and derisive behaviour. Should this continue, Louisa to direct the parent to DH.

### **Swimming Taranaki Flag**

Mariano is keen to get a Taranaki Swimming banner/flag to take to meets. Daniel has one in Stratford and will bring this to the Aquabladz meet on Saturday.

### **RSL**

Sport Taranaki has engaged the company, RSL, to undertake the Taranaki Aquatic Facilities Network Plan. The purpose of the plan is to define what is required to improve the aquatic network of Taranaki to be sustainable and fit for purpose into the future. ST has been identified as critical to understanding the aquatic needs and considerations. They have approached ST to see if anyone would be available for one-on-one meetings during the period of late April to mid-May.

DH thinks this is a good opportunity to register ST views. DH and PR would be interested in meeting with RSL. Louisa to arrange a meeting with RSL for 30 mins before next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Volunteering New Plymouth**

We have been invited to nominate someone for Volunteering New Plymouth's Volunteer Recognition Awards. The closing date is 4pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

DH recommended that we put Ali Hickford forward for all her work in the community with Waitara Pool, Aquabladz, timekeepers, surf club.

Paul Rust/Carol Powell

**CARRIED**

**Meeting Closed: 8:30pm**

**Next Meeting:**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

At Paul Rust's house

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

**Date:**