

MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING, 5th December 2023
Start time 7pm, at Safety Solutions, Level 1, 121 Molesworth St., New Plymouth



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

APOLOGIES: None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None.

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

Moved Daniel Hancock/seconded Paul Rust **ACCEPTED**

MATTERS ARISING: None

STRATEGIC PLAN: The Swimming Taranaki Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 which had been put on hold by the previous Board was discussed. Questions such as "are we doing too much in this document" and "should we be delegating to other groups" were asked. Overall, it was agreed that the document was a bit wordy and should focus on ST intent over the next 5 or so years but was a good starting point for a Strategic Plan.

Paul F suggested we start with a PowerPoint analysis of our strengths to build a plan and include other people/organisations that we could involve.

TO ACTION: to run a brainstorming session for approximately 30 mins at the next meeting on finding ways to improve the strength of swimming in our region. Moving away from high performance to more focus on inclusion and simplifying the Strategic Plan.

Louisa to type up the resulting ideas/suggestions/brainstorming.

Paul to send out an email with suggestions for ideas.

POLICIES:

SNZ Governance Review (see notes attached)

Paul attended this meeting in Auckland.

Club levels will need to comply with the Act which is driving the change. Most of the regions supported the 'unitary model'.

There is an urgent need to get the governance right within sport and this needs to be decided before 2026. The consequence of this Act could be that smaller clubs are dissolved as being smaller their Boards will become liable making them more vulnerable.

In NZ there are 12 regions, 144 clubs – so this will not be a rushed process.

The next action from SNZ will be to map the financial environment and sort out how much money is involved in each of the clubs. A timeframe would be given to utilize the nest eggs of the larger clubs as the money in the more affluent clubs cannot be ring fenced. SNZ want to see this money spent on the sport.

TO ACTION: Contact the smaller clubs to find out if they understand the Act, provide information where they don't and stress that this is an important issue.

Use the summer series to build a relationship with the clubs and coaches with board members attending the summer series where possible.

SNZ are to convene a future meeting.

Moved Paul Feltoe/Seconded Daniel Hancock

APPROVED

HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing was presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Move that the accounts as follows be paid:

Medals: 3,222.88

Bell block pool hire for LC meet \$172.50

The Engraver 10 year service award \$133.80

The Engraver Taranaki Official of the Year/volunteer/club coach \$40.20

Flanagan Cup – Design Garage \$115.00

Hire of Stratford Aquatic Centre for Taranaki Summer Champs \$4,320.00

Quality Presentations order for ribbons for Taranaki Champs \$736.00

Moved Daniel Hancock/Seconded Paul Rust **APPROVED**

TECHNICAL REPORT: There is a need to get more people involved as officials and to keep IOT's coming through. Once the children finish with swimming the parents leave so it is important to identify people where we can.

RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT: No records to report

TARANAKI EVENTS

Long Distance Meet: taking place on Friday 8th December at Bell Block Pool. Approximately 15 entries.

Flanagan Cup: Paul will pass on registrations onto the Board and which Louisa to send out to other contacts including the club recorders. Aquabladz are doing a BBQ. Invoices will be coming to ST and we will be generating invoices.

Sumer Series: The following pools are booked: **Okato 3rd February, Waitara 10th February and Inglewood 24th February.** The pools are booked from 9-midday. Ribbons will be given for 1st – 3rd place.

NATIONAL EVENTS

We will put a resolution forward to apply for funding once quotes have been received from the coaches to Pelorus Trust for funding to NAGS in April 2024

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Moved Daniel Hancock/Seconded Paul Rust

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Aquatic Facility Users and Operators – Stakeholder Meeting 23/11/23

Daniel and Louisa attended this meeting where it identified that there is a glut of lane pools in Taranaki and a need to get more recreational swimming pools. Many facilities are not being fully utilized and this meeting challenged the stakeholders to find ways to get the full potential out of the existing recreational pools i.e. facility managers are looking at other ways of utilizing pools other than lane swimming.

Masters Games: These are being held 5-7th April 2024. Louisa has been in contact with Guy Honnor who is looking for expressions of interest. It was identified that ST would be keen to hold events at the Masters Games for a few hours on the Friday night. In the past there hasn't been a huge uptake of this event however we can follow up those we have participated in the past and gauge interest. Sport Taranaki will pay for the pools, but we need to book them. We retain the registration fees. Sport Taranaki covers the promotion and medals and ST provide the officials and timekeepers.

TO ACTION: Louisa to confirm our interest with Sport Taranaki.

Manawatu Swimming Club:

Paul F has a contact with someone from this club which he will pass onto Carol and Mariano. Icebreaker coaches to be approached by the coaches with Carol to discuss swim championships. Mariano and Carol have discussed taking younger swimmers south rather than having the pressure of going to the same events each year and being able to diversity

and branch out to other carnivals and regions. Carol and Mariano will also keep in contact with other clubs in Taranaki and the possibility of travelling with them.

Highlands Swimming Club:

Paul R noted that there have been many swimmers who came through Highlands which was a very successful club. ST has reached out to them in the past with little result.

Could we get a coach to move into that pool to establish a base as it looks like there is an opportunity for a level of swimmers between learn to swim and Aquabladz? Shouldn't be looked at as poaching-more of an amalgamation although a coach would be necessary to do this.

Louisa to find out where exactly Highlands is currently and find out what is going on with the club. To speak with Angie Whitehead and the Wheatleys.

RELATIONSHIPS AND MUTUAL ACTIVITIES

Paul F suggested funding from ST to pay for a dinner/evening/luncheon for all coaches. Carol suggested petrol vouchers, as ways to support coaches from the clubs getting to and from a function and also inviting the head coaches and their learn to swim coaches to come along to a lunch with a few discussion points, questions etc. The aim being to help grow ST, improve relationships with other coaches and clubs particularly in light of the new Act.

TO ACTION:

Carol to contact coaches in Taranaki and bring topics to the event.

Suggested instead of a New -Plymouth venue go to Inglewood.

Sunday 3rd March 2024 as a possible date for this lunch.

Louisa to source event venue.

ALL APPROVED

Meeting Closed:
8:45pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2024

Signed as a true and correct record:

Date: 18th December 2023

