

**MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Start time 7pm, at Sport Taranaki, Field #2 Yarrow Stadium Maratahu Street,**  
**Westown, New Plymouth**



**PRESENT:**, Daniel Hancock, Paul Rust, Kim Treweek, Mariano Garcia Nani, Paul Feltoe, Louisa Parker.

**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:** brainstorming ideas postponed until the next meeting.

**POLICIES:**

**HEALTH & SAFETY:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** As attached

DH queried the entry fee for swimmers at the Taranaki Championships on top of the pool hireage. He will speak to Kate @ the Council on Friday when he meets her and Louisa to hold payment until after this discussion. He and other board members felt that the number of swimmers should be counted after the event to calculate the actual numbers attending or those swimmers who have season passes etc. Also, if we don't use the pool for the entire period of the hireage do we get refunded, or a discount for hours not used?

Part payment was proposed with ST to pay for the hire of pool with the remainder post event. Swimmer admission and hours occupied confirmed afterwards.

Daniel Hancock/Paul Rust

**CARRIED**

**TECHNICAL REPORT:** nothing to report.

**RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT:** No records to report.

**TARANAKI EVENTS**

**Flanagan Cup:** PF said that the numbers were up on previous years. 160 + entrants. Really well set up course by Courtney. Additional costs (St John).

KT asked about trophies – is there just one trophy for winning The Flanagan Cup?

PF confirmed that there is a winning cup for both female and male entrants.

Stratford have cups available for those swimmers who swim in the FC. Coaches need to push this event so we can get more kids involved.

Will possibly be losing Ian McCallum on the Committee next year.

Louisa to present a financial summary for the Flanagan Cup next meeting.

**Sumer Series:**

We had 50 swimmers at the Waitara Summer Series on Saturday. Ribbons were given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> swimmers in each race. Louisa to order more ribbons asap. There was a BBQ going and spot prizes given. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The event at Okato on

17<sup>th</sup> February brought in about 50 swimmers as well. Once again, a great day. The last one is at Inglewood on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **The Taranaki Summer Champs**

Need to get this flyer out to clubs around the country. Louisa to contact Gemma/Sonia/SNZ and get this out to the recorders.

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

We will put a resolution forward to apply for funding once quotes have been received from the coaches to Aotearoa Gaming Trust for funding to Div 2 in April 2024.

We have received partial funding from The TAB for the NZ Open Champs – we requested \$4,214.35 and we received funding for **\$3,915.22**.

Daniel Hancock/Paul Rust

**CARRIED**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Masters Games:** These are being held 5-7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

At the meeting there were issues around the price that it was going to cost to have swimming at The Mastersz. TET are not funding the hire of pool anymore and Sports Taranaki are now running this event.

*Kate from Council contacted DH since this meeting and a much more reasonable price has been agreed upon.*

*Swimming events will now be included in The Masters Games and Louisa to liaise with Chloe Wilkinson.*

### **Relay Championships**

The Relay Championships were cancelled last week. It would have been ideal to have these events held at The Taranaki Summer Championships on the Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) but unfortunately Parafed have the pool booked that afternoon.

We looked at holding them on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March during the Taranaki Championships but there were issues with LC and also new records and travel for the swimmers.

It was agreed that they will instead be held on the Saturday afternoon the Winter Championships.

Louisa to send out email to coaches in the area advising them of this change and also look at funding for this event since the hire of Stratford pool is currently so expensive.

There could also be the opportunity for sponsors of this event – paying for trophies? We need to look into options that are available.

### **Highlands Swimming Club:**

Mariano and Louisa have found out some background information and need to arrange a meeting with the club to forge a relationship and see if we can help.

### **Coaches Luncheon/Club relations and activities**

This time was changed to 1pm after the Stratford Meet so that people didn't have to return to Stratford.

### **Club Relationships**

Good relationship with this club/Manawatu

Pirates visit was a success. Needs to be followed up to maintain this relationship.

Craig (the coach at Stratford) has lots of contacts (from when he was at Capitol). Be good to nurture these relationships where possible.

Louisa to ask all the coaches in the region if they have any swimmers going to Div 2.

## **CAMPS**

**Mentoring** Craig and Carol. – this will be discussed at the next meeting when Carol is present.

## **Disability Clinics**

Mariano, Carol and Ollie attended the Disability Clinics organized by Hannah at Swimming NZ. These are 'have a go' days for beginners and a technique lesson for the more advanced swimmer and open to ages 7-24 years. SNZ pays a local swim school and local coach to taken an hour pool session. It was mainly for those with mental disabilities/autistic/vision impairments etc. The organisers had 10 registrations with 7 attending on the day and commented that the coaches were great with the kids. They are looking at running 4 clinics each per year in different pools where possible. Louisa to look at the area that each of these are held in and contact local schools (with children with disabilities) to gauge any interest when the dates are set.

## **Parafed**

This organisation is having its "Whanau Day" in the afternoon of the Taranaki Summer Championships. They have invited ST to be involved on the day. Louisa to make contact to see in what capacity.

## **Aquabladz Carnival**

There have been complaints about this event because there were not many swimmers from Aquabladz that attended. 13 timekeepers from Stratford out of 18 timekeepers in total.

DH understanding was that there was a camp going on at same time for Aquabladz with an out-of-town swim club – why couldn't this be combined?

MG Said that only 12 swimmers from Performance were tied up with this camp as this Pirates camp was only for NAGS swimmers.

Other juniors should have been encouraged to attend. Also Rowan struggled to get officials. It was pointed out that this event had been in the calendar for a long time – and should have been amended if there was not much uptake from swimmers.

MG suggested not running carnivals in January.

Kim suggested combining camps with this event.

**The Wheelhouse training** is an organisation that offers a mentoring program for upskilling/personal development. Should anyone wish to use this or know more please contact Louisa.

## **Calendar**

ST need to start looking at dates for the 2024/2025 calendar year. We need to be asking the coaches which National events they are looking at going to and also asking the surf club dates their preplanned dates for National events. We will work around the large National events i.e. NAGS, Div 2 etc. and try and factor in meets before these major events to enable swimmers to get times.

There are 10 designated meets in Taranaki a year with 2/3 events per area (2 x Taranaki Champs, LD, LC meet, Relays, Hawera, Stratford and Aquabladz meets and 2 others).

## **Trophies:**

For the next "Services to Swimming Trophy" (given to Andrew Wood & Aimee) DH requested that the trophy be re-worded.

Instead of this reading "10 years' service to swimming" he would like it changed to "Services to Swimming". The recipients of this award frequently give much more than 10 years helping out with swimming.

### **EXPENSES**

Louisa requested that both Sonia O'Connell and Tracey Knockloff be given vouchers. They have spent many hours of their own time helping her learn the Administrator role and continue to do so. DH recommended vouchers for \$150 for each of them.

It was also agreed that \$100 would be put towards the Flannagan Cup De-Brief BBQ.

Paul Rust/Kim Treweek

**APPROVED**

### **The ST Website**

This needs to be updated urgently. Louisa has no instructions on how to do this but has been in touch with someone from SNZ so it hoping to get some help asap.

### **Police Vetting**

The issue of Police Vetting was raised. The rules state that the Technical Officials need to be police vetted but not the timekeepers.

**Meeting Closed:  
8:30pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. O'Connell", is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.